



Milford Fire Department

"Serving Our Community with Pride"



~ 2011 REPORT ~

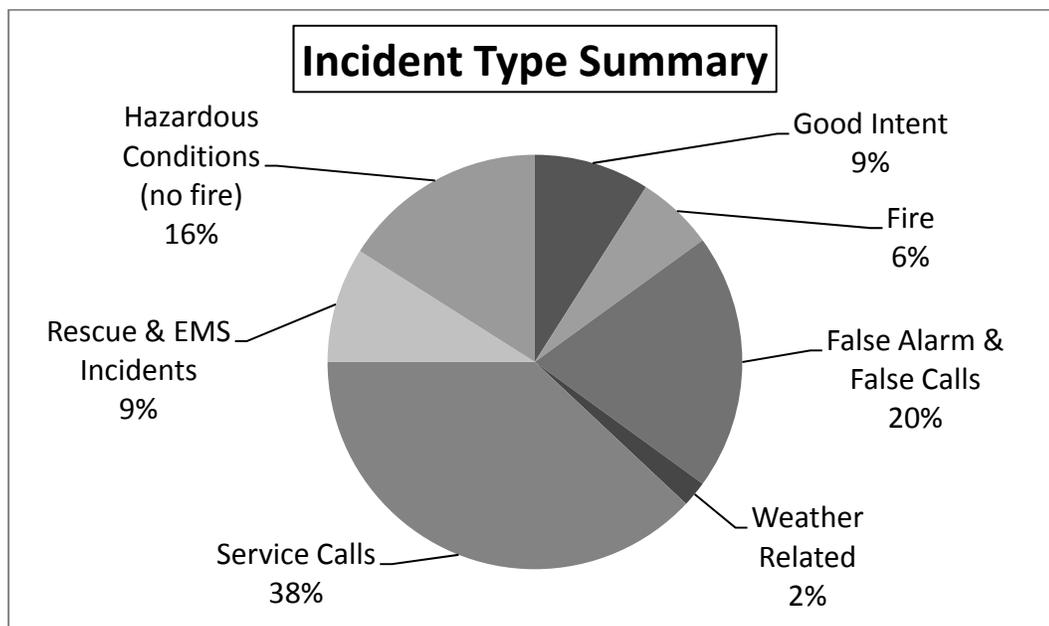
It is an honor and privilege to serve as your Fire Chief and lead the fifty two dedicated members of your Fire Department, where we truly embrace our motto, "Serving our community with Pride." This report highlights the department's activity for 2011.

Department Overview

The Milford Fire Department is a combination department consisting of a full time Chief, a Training Officer, Fire Prevention Officer, an Administrative Assistant, forty-eight call firefighters and two AmeriCorps volunteers. The department is housed out of one station utilizing four engines, one ladder truck, one heavy rescue, one forestry, a boat, 3 support vehicles and a special operations trailer.

Activity Level

The Milford Fire Department responded to 1,019 calls for assistance in 2011, which represents an increase of 46 calls over 2010. The members of the department provided more than 8,300 hours of service to the community and its neighbors through emergency response, training, and assistance.

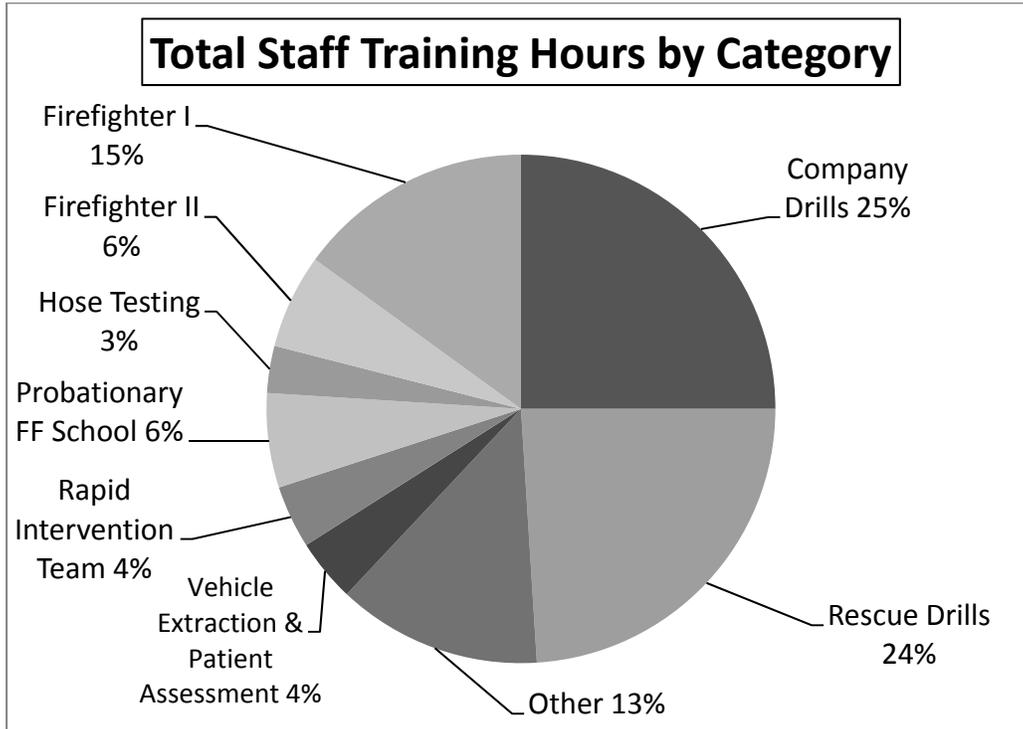


Training

The Milford Fire Department Bureau of Training is responsible for developing and implementing training programs for its members, tracking continuing education and ensuring our firefighters are on the leading edge of new training and education. In 2011, department members participated in over 4,800 hours of training, both in- house and at the NH Fire Academy.

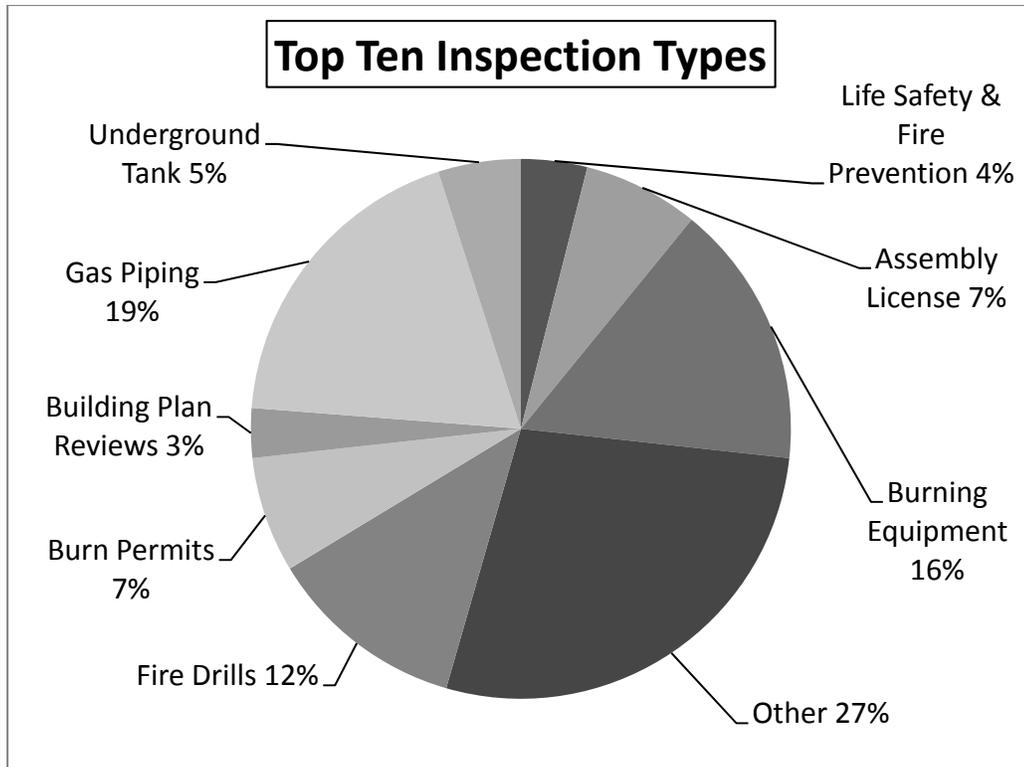
Most notably in 2011, members completed the following training:

- 2 members firefighter I (43 members certified)
- 2 members firefighter II (34 members certified)
- 5 members Rapid Intervention training (43 members certified)
- 2 members EMT training (14 members certified)
- 2 members pump trained (20 members certified)
- 5 members with advanced driver training for emergency vehicles
- 7 members trained in NHOEM WebEOC
- 43 members trained for traffic control
- 6 members came off of probationary status
- 5 new members were hired



Fire Prevention

The Bureau of Fire Prevention & Investigation is responsible for administration and enforcement of the State Fire Code, fire investigation and public education as part of our overall community risk reduction efforts. In 2011, the bureau conducted 591 inspections, plan review, educational and inspectional activities in addition to issuing over 368 alarm permits and 940 outdoor burning permits.



Administration

2011 brought many exciting new projects and initiatives to the department. In April we received a FEMA SAFER grant in the amount of \$88,700 to aid in the recruitment and retention of call force members. In September Deputy Chief Mark Britton was promoted to the rank of Assistant Chief, Capt. William Kincaid was promoted to the rank of Deputy Chief, Lt. Fred Solan was promoted to the rank of Captain and Firefighter Brian Charest was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant.

The Federal government restored the funding to the AmeriCorps Emergency Response Corps. Over the past 5 years, the department has received a grant from this program which funds two 900-hour positions which have greatly enhanced our response capabilities and our public education initiatives.

We have completed the first phase of our GIS project which, through a cooperative effort with the Community Development Department, will allow our personnel to access vital data via iPads in our apparatus.

In closing I would like to thank both our citizens and the business community for their continued support of our department. Without it we would not be able to maintain the vibrant and well trained call force we have today. In addition, I would also like to thank the men and women that make up your Fire Department. Your pride, dedication and commitment to your community and its safety are second to none.

Respectfully submitted,

John J Kelly, Jr.

Chief of Department