

MILFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT

2015 Annual Report

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Chief of Department

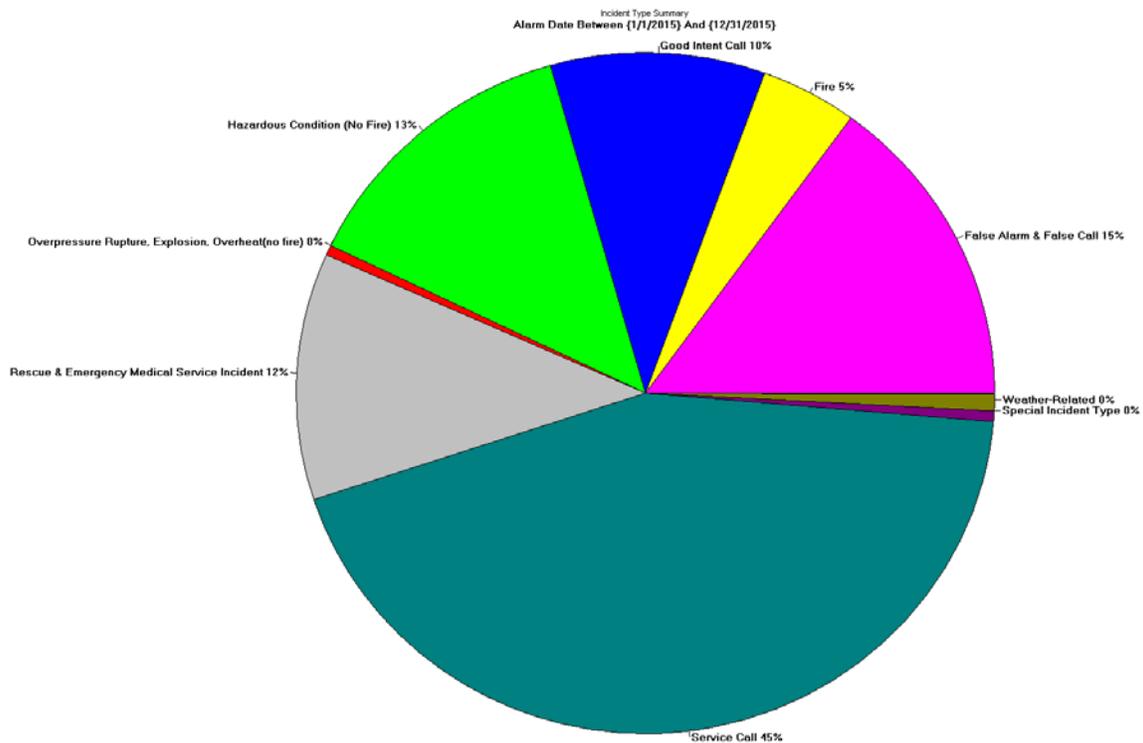
It is an honor and privilege to serve as your Fire Chief and lead the fifty-two dedicated members of your Fire Department, where we truly embrace our motto, "Serving our community with Pride". This report highlights the department's activity for 2015.

DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW:

The Milford Fire Department is a combination department consisting of a full time chief, training officer, fire prevention officer, administrative assistant and forty-eight call firefighters. 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 1,149 calls for assistance in 2015, which represents an increase of 115 calls over 2014. The members of the department provided more than 11,156 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 2015 department members participated in over 3,157 hours of training both in-house and at the NH Fire Academy.

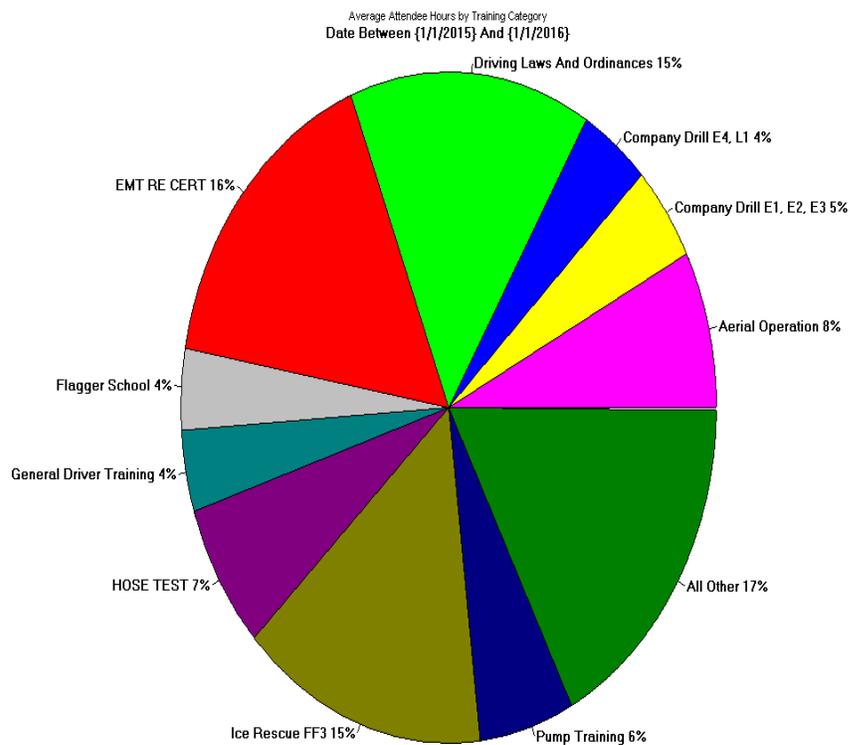
Most notably in 2015 members completed the following training:

2 Members certified Firefighter I (40 members certified)

4 Members certified Firefighter II (38 members certified)

2 Member Firefighter III (10 total)

8 Members participating in officer development



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 2015 the bureau conducted 604 inspections, plan review, educational and inspectional activities in addition to issuing over 409 alarm permits and 830 outdoor burning permits.

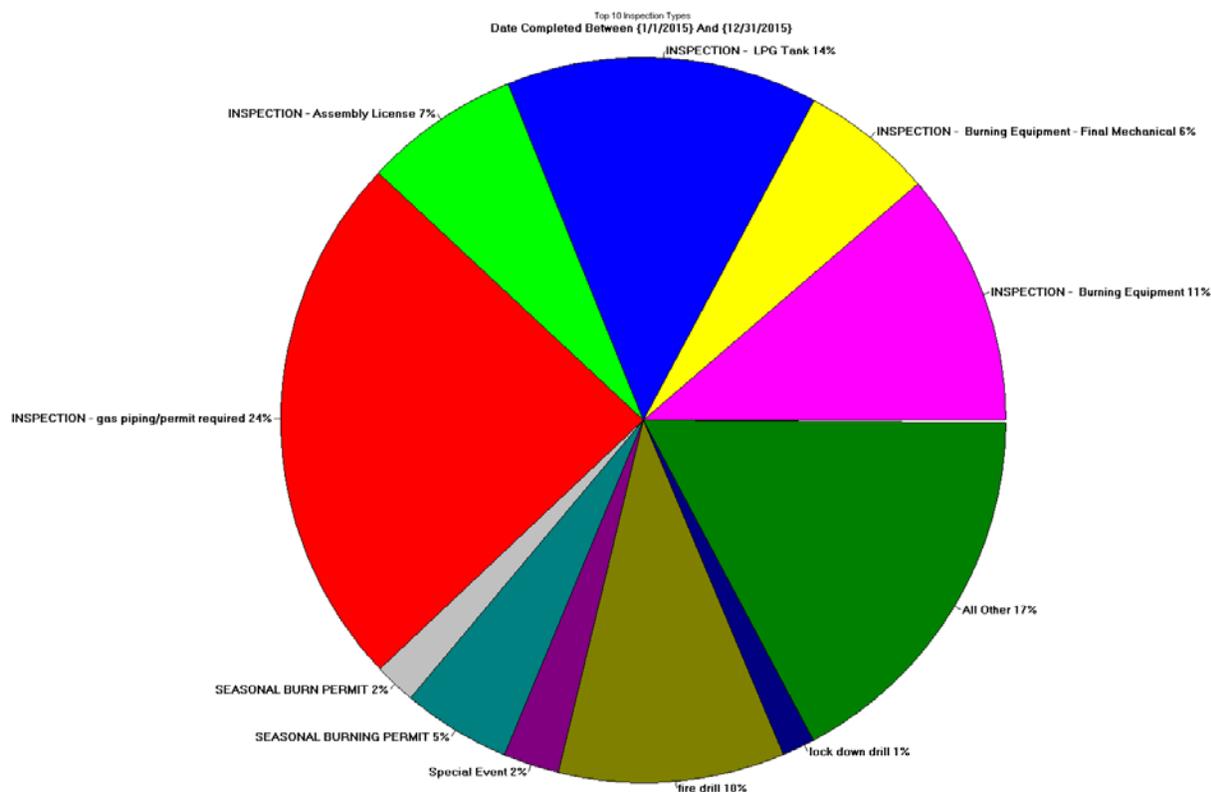
In addition the Bureau conducted the following activities:

38 car seat inspections

11 station tours

95 fire and lockdown drills

82 persons CPR certified



ADMINISTRATION:

2015 was a very productive year with many new accomplishments within the department. In June we took delivery of our new ladder truck which replaced the old 1991 Pierce. The new HME Ahrens Fox is the longest ladder in the fire service at 111 feet.

In June the Fire and Police Departments applied and received a grant from Kawasaki and Souhegan Valley Motor Sports for a four person side by side UTV. This vehicle will allow both agencies better access to wooded areas during search operations and brush fires.

This past year we saw the retirement of one of our long serving members. Lieutenant Kris Jensen with 27 years of service. We owe him a debt of gratitude for his years of combined service to the citizens of Milford and the surrounding communities.

Lieutenant Brian Charest was promoted to Captain of Engine 3. Firefighters Gary Williams, Jamison Mayhew and Jeff Brooks were promoted to Lieutenants of Engine 3 and Engine 4 and Ladder 1 respectfully.

In closing I would like to thank both our citizens and business community for their continued support of our department. Without it we would not be able to provide the quality of service you have come to expect from your department. In addition, I would also like to thank the men and women that make up your Fire Department. Your commitment to the community, its citizens and those of the surrounding communities help bring a source of pride and spirit to everyone.

Respectfully submitted,

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