



# **NORFOLK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC**

*106 YEARS OF SERVICE*

*JULY 1902 - JULY 2008*



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Annual Chief Report 2008

August 25, 2008

The Norfolk Volunteer Fire Department responded to One Hundred Seventy Nine (179) calls for service between July 1<sup>st</sup> 2007 and June 30<sup>th</sup> 2008. The incident types were as follows; 15 Building or mutual aid structure fires, 4 cooking fires, 1 vehicle fire, 2 brush fires, 5 boiler malfunctions, 4 Medical assists, 21 motor vehicle accidents, 2 high angle rescues, 5 Hazmat, 4 carbon monoxide, 38 power lines down, 2 service calls, 7 water problems, 1 animal rescue, 1 police assistance, 3 coverage assignments, 3 good intent calls, 53 alarm system activations, 6 severe weather or natural disasters.

The members of the department dedicated a remarkable 14,833 of documented fire, activity and training hours over the past year the hours have increased over last years due to improved record keeping. Included in these but not limited to be initial fire fighter training and continued to improve skills such as rapid intervention for fire fighter safety and rope rescue. The members continued to practice skills of fire fighting, pump operating and rescue techniques. The department continued its community activities on Halloween, with the Christmas tree lighting, Breakfast with Santa, Memorial Day parade and road race. This year we supported the Farmers Market with the use of the fire house for the patrons and assisted with the organization for the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the town of Norfolk. The membership has donated time to Litchfield County Dispatch by helping maintain tower sites with brush removal and to the town of Norfolk by standing by during the burning of the land fills brush piles as required by DEP.

On May 15<sup>th</sup> 2007 the Towns people approved the purchase of a new fire engine to replace the 1976 Oren. American LaFrance was awarded the contract to build the new pumper over the past year the company has been through chapter 11 restructuring causing a delay in the delivery of the new fire engine.

The department received grants and donations from the generosity of the town's people thru an appeal letter, The AKC fund, The Connecticut Department of Forestry and the William Kelley Memorial Road Race to fund the new engine, explorer training, air packs and rescue equipment. The department has raised funds thru donations and a raffle. The explorers thru recycling and 911 house number signs.

I would like to mention the parade activities which have been a source of pride for me and the department. A group of members have detailed the department's 1985 Pierce pumper

so pristinely that they have won over sixteen trophies taking best appearing commercial pumper at the State Convention last September 2007. Thank you your commitment to this department is noticed.

The Town of Norfolk has a in its midst a fire department that's membership commits it self to the preservation of life and property to all its citizens and visitors. We recognize that we serve in a position of public trust that imposes responsibility to use the publicly owned resources effectively. The department has seen this past year in increase in membership with the active, fire police and explorer post members. The fire house is busy almost every day of the week with members conducting business tasks and continuously maintaining equipment and apparatus.

Thank you to the members, staff and line officers for your service to the department and the Town of Norfolk this past year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daryl Byrne  
Fire Chief

## **Norfolk Volunteer Fire Department Annual Meeting August 25, 2008**

Meeting called to order by President Rowland Denny

Chief Daryl Byrne gave a report of department activities during the past year. (See attached) He also welcomed Norfolk Selectmen Susan Dyer, Jim Stotler and Leo Cowell, Jr., and visiting area Chiefs.

Department elections were held. The results are as follows:

**President** – Rowland Denny  
**Vice President** – Sandy Evans  
**Secretary** – Judy Ludwig  
**Treasurer** – Jim Hotchkiss

**Chief** – Daryl Byrne  
**1<sup>st</sup> Asst. Chief** – Matthew Ludwig  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Asst. Chief** – Jeff Towle  
**Captain** – Richard Byrne  
**1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant (Car 5)** – Tyler Marchi  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant (Car 6)** – Brian Hutchins  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Lieutenant (Car 7)** – Matthew Bell  
**Fire Police Lieutenant** – Ed Kelley

**Mechanics** – Vacant

**Purchasing Agents** – Dylan Mitchell  
Todd Miller

**Board of Trustees** – Leo Cowell, Jr.  
Jody Zeller  
Paul Padua

The meeting adjourned.

Submitted by,

Judy Ludwig