



TOWN OF VERNON FIRE DEPARTMENT

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ANNUAL REPORT

2012





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LOCATIONS OF STATIONS:

Vernon Center Station, 720 Hartford Turnpike

Dobsonville Station, Birch Road

Talcottville Station, 100 Hartford Turnpike

John Ashe Station, 25 Nye Street

Fitton Station, Prospect Street

Public Safety Building, 280 West Street

RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES:

The Town of Vernon Fire Department is a volunteer service agency that provides fire, rescue, hazardous materials and basic life support transport emergency medical services to the community. The Department provides those services utilizing six stations and approximately 212 members. There are 150 firefighters, 11 special service members, 40 ambulance members, and 8 auxiliary members. The Department operates 7 engines, 2 heavy rescues, 2 aerial trucks, 1 mobile air unit, 3 ambulances, 1 command vehicle, 1 pickup with trailer, and 2 ATV units that are firefighting and EMS transport equipped. We also operate a special hazards vehicle and decontamination unit provided by the State of Connecticut. All 3 new Pierce Velocity vehicles are in service.

In 2011 - 2012 the Fire Department's budget was approximately \$1,143,819 of which approximately \$640,000.00 went directly to the Connecticut Water Company for the use and maintenance of all fire hydrants in the community.

In 2011 we were fortunate to have leftover funds from the 2011 FEMA grant. The funds were used to purchase an inflatable rehabilitation shelter.

The Vernon Ambulance is a division of the Fire Department. They are charged with providing Basic Life Support transport service for the community. Service is provided 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The service utilizes two state-certified ambulances that are available at the Public Safety Building. A third state-certified ambulance is available as a back-up at the Vernon Center Station on Hartford Turnpike. In 2011, the ambulance division's budget was approximately \$1,168,542. Income generated from billing for services was approximately \$1,000,000.00. The ambulance has been the busiest entity of the Department in that 86% of all calls are for EMS service. On most days, the ambulance is staffed full-time from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., and a second ambulance is staffed from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. These crews are paid hourly (non-benefited) for their time. Nights and weekends are covered with at least one ambulance fully staffed, and crews are also paid an hourly wage for their time. There are no full-time employees, and only the two supervisors are considered part-time Town employees.

This past year the Department in conjunction with the fire marshal's office has identified the major fire target hazards in Town. The numerous vacant mills have been identified and preplanning by the members will be ongoing as situations change.



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Office of the Administrative Chief

2012 Administrative Report

To: Chief William Call
From: Assistant Chief Stan Landry
Re: 2012 Administrative Report

The Administrative Report for the year 2012 has great emphasis on personnel; as it being a great portion of the job. To begin with, we had new promotions and also dealt with many unexpected changes to some of our supervisors which was backfilled with "Acting" officers through out the year.

Personnel Changes

Seven members were promoted in rank this year which were;

- FF John Bush to 2nd Lt of ET 141
- FF Kyle Botteron to 2nd Lt of Rescue 141
- FF Alan Arel to 1st Lt of Tower 141
- FF Ray Tautic to 2nd Lt of ET 341
- FF Dan Robertson to 2nd Lt of Engine 441
- FF Zane Pearson to 2nd Lt of Rescue 441

And finally FF Steve Augustus to Lt of Recruit and Retention

After Lt promotions were in place, over the next several months, we had Captain positions become vacant at ET 241, Engine 441, and then ET 341. Those positions were all filled by their companies 1st Lieutenants working as Acting Captains.

Recruiting and Retention

For retention purposes, the department hosted its first department wide picnic in several years. Attendance was more than expected and highly praised by the members and their families. The committee that was formed for the event highly recommend a repeat annually.

Statistics to note:

- 23 members had left the department.
- 2 members retired
- 34 new members joined the department
- 1 member rejoined the department
- 11 members were moved from probationary status to full membership
- 12 leave of absences were granted
- 7 members were promoted within the department.
- 4 members transferred within the department to another company.

- 35 blue light permits were issued this year.

Goals for the year 2013 include:

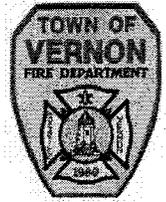
- **Strive to continue to improve moral of the members**
- **Come up with ideas to keep members and their families interested**
- **Recruit more members**
- **Implement Officer qualification and training program**
- **Continue to update department standard operating guidelines.**

Respectfully submitted,

Assistant Chief Stan Landry



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To: **William Call**
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From: **Stephen Eppler**
Assistant Chief – Training
Town of Vernon Fire Department

2012 Annual Training Report

Chief Call,

2012 was another successful year of training activities for the Town of Vernon Fire Department. Between the Target Safety software delivery program, in house instructors and a couple of outside training opportunities, we continue to meet the required training mandates required for the department. The Training Division continues to push forward to ensure the firefighters, engineers, officers and support staff has not only required training but also group specific training for each area.

Due to significant cutback with the state of Connecticut budget, there were no FY 2011-12 or FY 2012-13 LAH (Limited Access Highway) funds awarded. This is a large setback to the department as we have been using this funding for many years to cover the cost of our annual EMT/MRT refresher program for all medically trained members of the department as well as additional training opportunities at the Connecticut Fire Academy and National Fire Academy for classes. We were fortunate enough to have EMSI (EMT Instructors) within the town fire and police departments step up and offer training at minimal cost to the department. Without this we would have not been able to have the refresher training.

The Training Division Instructors (who are responsible for instructing the new recruit classes for the department) held two basic training classes for the new members coming into the department. These classes lasted approximately 12 weeks each and as in the past, the Recruitment and Retention officer (who reports to the Administrative Chief) assisted with the five week introduction curriculum for all new members as well. All companies assisted with the Junior Division by taking turns presenting a monthly drill on various topics for the Junior Division members. This was a great assistance to the Junior Advisors and allowed interaction between the Junior Division members and all the companies in the department.

We continue to use the Target Solutions (formally Target Safety) online training platform. The platform was upgraded successfully to the latest version. Target Solutions is being used to make assignments and quizzes for the New Recruit classes, distribute information to the membership and deliver on-line training.

Attendance to the Monthly Training Committee meeting continues to be very good with most all companies sending a representative to submit ideas, discuss current items and bring back information to their companies. Again, recognition needs to be given to all the Department instructors, company officers and company members who continue to step up and delivered excellent and effective training at both the Company and Department levels. Recognition also goes out to the Fire Police Company who always makes themselves available for crowd and traffic control as needed for the various Department Drills. Without everybody's help, training a department of this size would be difficult at best. Highlights for the year are broken down in the following sections:

2012 Connecticut Fire Academy Training (included):

- Connecticut Fire Officers Weekend in Emmetsburg, MD.
- Connecticut Fire Academy June Fire School classes
- Regional Fire School Firefighter I and II Classes
- CFA Smoke Maze Trailer.

2012 Town of Vernon Fire Department in-house training included:

- 2 sessions of New Recruit Training (for new department members) including introduction and overview to the department, basic firefighting skills and live fire evolutions.
- 2Q driver training
- EMT-R and EMR-R certification class.
- CPR and First Aid refreshers.
- Bloodborne and airborne pathogens refresher (OSHA requirement), delivered through Target Safety.
- DEF, Pump and foam training (on new apparatus).
- Teambuilding activities (presented by the Junior Company members).
- Electrical safety (presented by CL&P).
- BLS Protocol review for all EMT's and EMR's
- Mechanical haul systems for low angle rescues.
- Review of various trail systems in town.
- Natural gas and pipeline safety (presented by Yankee Gas).
- Struts and Cribbing (for motor vehicle accidents).
- Haz-mat Operational Level practical training.
- Hydrant booster valve and "pumping the hydrant"
- Refusal forms and documentation.
- Company cross training
- Officer specific training
- UTV trailering, securing the UTV.
- Emergency Vehicle Operations Training

2012 Town of Vernon Fire Department training statistics highlights include:

(Please note, training statistics are compiled from Fire House software and may not include any or all training hours or classes from the ambulance division, Executive Board, Office of Emergency Management, Fire Marshal's Office or Special Members.)

- Over 480 training sessions (both in-house and outside as coded in Fire House software).
- Over 10,000 hours of training (as coded in Fire House software).
- Over 2,300 hours of training by Town of Vernon Fire Department instructors.
- Over 250 hours were spent cross training between companies.
- Over 700 hours spent completing Target Safety on-line training

2013 Training Goals:

- Ensure all companies maintain the necessary annual training requirements as outlined in the Standard Operating Guidelines and set forth by ConnOSHA.
- Continue to ensure all companies are represented at monthly Training Committee Meetings in order to bring forward ideas and questions and bring back answers.
- Continue to improve on training documentation and the entry of training logs in Fire House software.
- Continue to expand upon the use of the Target Safety on-line training program.
- Continue to review and update as needed the SOG regarding Training.
- Work with the Department Health and Safety Officer to investigate any training related injuries in order to prevent future injuries from occurring.
- Continue to increase the number of qualified apparatus operators.
- Continue to work with the Department Training Instructors and the Recruitment and Retention Officer to ensure new members get the initial training they need.
- Keep the flow of information and the lines of communication open in order to best serve the members of this department.

Respectfully Submitted



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HEALTH & SAFETY OFFICERS REPORT 2012

February 01, 2013

2012 continued to challenge a volunteer department strained with a weak economic recovery. Overall the department's service delivery continues to be predominantly Emergency Medical Services delivery. (EMS) EMS Service delivery currently stands at about 81.6% of overall calls. Total calls for all services rose approximately 5.7% over 2010 and 2009 averages. (2011 was not included because of spikes in services for two severe storms in the summer and autumn of that year. 15 structure fires within town and mutual aid assistance were responded to. Local government has stepped up admirably with assistance in training and equipment budgeting.

Injuries and incidents involving EMS related services remain low. Fire suppression injuries remain low. A total of 22 injuries and 89 work days were recorded. Most injuries are a result of over excursion and precautionary report filings. Awareness is the key. Rehabilitation and measured work loads are vital to spreading the work over a great amount of members and a team concept of work load sharing should be fostered. Interventions in awareness and training with respect to lifting injuries have shown a definitive plateau and recession in this year's reporting period in spite of increased calls for service in EMS. Continued focus on awareness and prevention are vital to maintaining low injury rates. As financial resources become available additional equipment may be beneficial to keeping strains and sprains to a minimum. Back belts, employee training and awareness are areas to explore. It is too early to report whether our drop in injuries is a result of better awareness and training at this time Training injuries continue to plague us from time to time. As the Safety Officer, it is vital that we make our training officers and persons acting in training capacities more responsible for the safety of persons under their direction during training evolutions. In the past two years the Safety Officer has directed all persons involved in the planning of drills requiring psychomotor skills, to draft an outline of skills being taught, safety measures in place and measurements of performance success before undertaking the drill. This gives the Safety Officer time to review the plan, make adjustments and supervise the actual drill evolution to be both certain the outline if followed and free lance teaching is avoided.

Management of the LOSAP retirement plan for volunteers continues to be a time consuming program to both monitor and administratively manage. In an effort to streamline the plans administration on the fire department end the Safety Officer along with the Finance officer of the Fire Department put a system in place where stipend payments were correlated with LOSAP point accumulations. Now, stipend invoices are matched with the point system to show a more reliable system of bookkeeping for both stipends and point awards. After the finance officer reviews the stipend invoices they are forwarded to the Safety Officer for LOSAP point tallying and filed with the plan documentation. This new system is working to ease the administrative necessities of the plan overall and allows for better documentation of plan points and stipends overall.

The Safety office with considerable input from Emergency Management continued to exploit the 2010 FEMA AFG grant award by finishing equipment purchases of turnout gear, EMS defibrillators and other equipment awarded. Considerable cost savings were enjoyed from vendor competition leading to an overage in the grant account final tally. Approx \$18000 was left over. After contacting federal authorities we were informed that operating within the rules we could purchase up to \$5000 of additional supplies authorized under the grant. We did so. Within the rules the AFG program allows the grantee to apply for the balance of funding provided it falls within "Firefight health and fitness" Fire Prevention or "Training" We successfully applied for \$11,000 worth of CPR training mannequins and materials to support the CPR program delivery. We also successfully applied for \$8000 worth of rehabilitation equipment mainly in the form of an inflatable shelter for use at emergency scenes.

2012 saw delivery of three municipally funded fire trucks. ET-141 ET-541 and Rescue 141 were replaced with NEW 2012 Pierce Velocity trucks. Management of the finances, building out and safety systems required considerable time investments. All three trucks are in service at the writing of this report.

All combustible gas meters were brought up to current standards within local budget money in 2012. Standardization of devices throughout the department has been achieved. Everyone uses the same device and trains to the same standard.

Station 541, Prospect St was brought up to current lock standard within the department. Electronically assigned locking mechanisms provide a high level of security. Station 341 will be the next and last station needing locking mechanisms.

Several storms struck the Vernon area in 2012. Lessons learned and skills honed from 2011 with respect to emergency management and incident management team work locally has paid off. The local IMT component has worked well and continues to improve locally forming an efficient team for any emergency.

Academically the Safety Officer attended a number of classes and seminars for self improvement. Over the summer of 2012 Safety attended COMT training for emergency management purposes COMT's are communications technicians able to deploy with state resources to local or interstate emergency requests for communications assistance.

We continue our membership with the Tolland County Mutual Aid Fire Service Board of Directors in our continuing mission of building relationships with our peers and neighbors in the fire service for mutual benefit. We were selected this year to be a deputy county coordinator this year where we assisted in the Counties emergency plan update.

Our goals continues to be that we continue to strive to meet standards established in NFPA 1500 and access and manage risk to provide a safe working environment for our members tasked with providing emergency services for the Vernon Fire Department.

In closing, future concentration of procurement and replacement of SCBA breathing devices is going to be critical. The preferred method of replacement would be through grant monies either AFG or other state and national programs. Lacking that, local funding over time or through capital investment must be considered. This is our current priority.

Respectfully submitted,

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Annual Report for the Ambulance 2012

At the start of the year we had 46 staff members that responded to ambulance calls. We ended the year with 42 active employees. We have 22 part time employees and 20 that are per diem. We have two ambulances on line and are housed in the Public Safety Building as well as one ambulance that is at Nye Street. One ambulance has a paid crew 24 hours, seven days a week. The other ambulance was from 8 am to 4 pm seven days a week. We have Wednesday and Thursday nights also covered until 8 pm with a paid crew. The rest of the time we are on call. In the future we would like Monday, Tuesday, and Friday also covered with paid crews until 8pm.

The two newer ambulances are still having some mechanical problems. The third ambulance has been the primary ambulance for the majority of this year. We need to replace A541 this year. We depend on that ambulance to back us up when the newer ones go down. This Town cannot go down to 1 ambulance, as we are too busy. We are hoping to be able to use it for third calls that come into town instead of them going to other towns. We also use the third ambulance for standbys, such as football games, Battle of the Bands, Fire Works, Spring Break weekend and any other larger gatherings that require an Ambulance to be there.

Clint and I are still installing the child car seats. We educate the parents on car seat safety, and help them install them. We also explain the importance of the seat being installed properly. We explain how they know if the child is too big or too small for the car seat. We show them where the straps should be, and how secure they should be on the child. During the year of 2012, we installed over 100 car seats. We would like to have a clinic here in town where future parents can go to ensure proper installation. Nine out of ten car seats are not installed correctly. It's important for them to be secure, for the safety of our young. We continue to attend training for updates on car seat installation. We help the Vernon Police Dept. when they are conducting a seatbelt check point, we check the child car seats for safety and re install it, if it is not installed properly. We educate the person on the proper car safety and placement of the child. We have attended a few clinics this year to help out other towns. We will continue to train and be educated on the new car safety products and seats.

The Ambulance department has a blue card that is handed out to the family and or patient that we serve. This card has all the vital information that we need to help treat the patient if ever they are unable to provide us with the correct information. This card is a light blue in color and has everything from their personal information right to who they want to be contacted in case of an emergency. The day time crews assist me in the training of the use of these cards. We have been to the Senior Center, and all the housing for the elderly in the town of Vernon. We continue to hand out these cards to people that are in their own homes as well. We hope to continue with this program in the future. When we go in to a home that we have been to before, we will look for the card as do the Vernon Police department.

The crews and I also continue to have Fall Prevention education for the town people. We have a program that helps seniors stay in their homes. We explain the importance of proper lighting inside the home, how to get in and out of chairs, beds, and bath tubs. We also show them safety equipment that can be use inside the home so they don't fall. The program can take up to two hours if needed. We continue to have Public Education with the schools and pre schools in town. We help out with the Fire prevention program in town. We help out with Safety Town during the summer that is held every year by the Junior Women's club. And we continue to have Emergency preparedness talks with the seniors here in town.

I also regularly attend the Tolland County Ambulance Association that meets every other month in the different towns. This is headed by Bill Morris. In the year 2012 we hosted a meeting in which we serviced a nice meal.

A group of professional people in the town of Vernon that serve this area started a new group. Vernon Multi-Disciplinary Team. The mission for the VMT is to enhance the lives of Vernon residents through a collaborative effort of service providers who support the adults and senior population. Through the establishment of a forum where providers meet regularly to exchanges information, it is the Team's intention to cross-educate members on provider services and scope, to institute and maintain a multi-disciplined approach to case review difficult to solve client situations, to identify gaps in services and to inform the community about matters that affect their safety, security and stability. We have been working on this for two years now. We are working a public event that will be held in April at VCMS.

The on line training is still being used. This helps keep the staff trained and up to date on all mandates. We hold 2 informational meetings a year to keep the staff informed of upcoming events. Clint is always sending out administrator's memos and the minutes from the staff meeting. A department meeting is held the Monday after the staff meeting also to keep people informed of what is going on. This is not well attended, so the minutes are sent out by e-mail though the Fire Dept.

We are now compliant with the State and sending E-PCR's reporting by e-mail to them. They are still having problems with the printer at the hospitals. We are working on a way to have quicker turnaround time, by leaving a paper with the important information on it to the nurse that is taking over patient care. We have 3 computers that are on line with Fire house Software for patient reporting. We have 3 licenses so we have enough for each ambulance. There is a laptop that does not have a license in my office in case one of them breaks down. It is our goal to always have 3 laptop computers available at all times.

The scheduling is done every week. We are always working on shift coverage. It has been getting better. We have hired a few more people to fill the open shifts. Next is to fill the 1600-2000 shift Monday through Friday and have a 2nd crew on every Saturday and Sunday from 0800 to 1600 hours. This is a goal for the year 2013.

The Back- up shift from 0000 – 0600 hours are usually covered. We also have some back up coverage from 2000 to 0000. We are answering more of our own 2nd calls. Unfortunately we get a lot of 3rd calls, and we answer a lot of the 2nd calls for other towns. Generally we get more second calls between the hours of 6am to 6 pm Monday thru Friday.

Clint and I carry town cell phones so we can be reached at all times. We are on call 24 -7.

Clint received a laptop so he does not have to use his personal computer for work. This helps us to stay caught up with the runs and computer work. We are able to get in to Fire house and our work computer so that we can always be on top of things.

On July 30 and 31, 2012 we were involved in a state wide drill in which we utilized our skill and the NICS with the town, EMD and state. This was a good practice for the town key players to understand what happen in a true emergency in town and how the EOC works.

October 29, 2012, another storm came in, Storm Sandy. We set up the EOC and prepared for the worse. The EOC was set up and everything that we learned from the storms previously were put into place.

In the year 2012 we were being trained on how to use the Town of Vernon's new P-card system. During the drill I was able to see how well it works. Chief and I have the P-cards and are learning how to fill the proper paper work and on line system out. In July we went live with the P-cards. Most of our purchases are done with the P-card which makes it easier for me. I still have petty cash in case of emergency.

In November the Fire department / Ambulance joined the Vernon Police dept., the Rockville Rotary Club and Hockanum Valley Committee Council in a fund raiser for the Food Pantry in a challenge with the South Windsor, Manchester and Windsor. It was quite a challenge with the shape of the economy and all four towns came out winners. Vernon brought in the most money and most food product, Manchester the Turkeys, South Windsor along with Windsor brought in more food product for their food Banks. We hope to do as well next year.

The Ambulance and Fire dept were in a friendly competition with 2 other fire dept. in the area making soup to benefit the soup kitchen. Ellington Crystal Lake fire Department won the best soup and Tolland won the chefs pick and Vernon had 3 different soups in the contest. We hope to win this challenge next year!

We continue to working on a high collection rate. This is done by Clint being on top of all the paperwork and getting in to the billing company as soon as possible, making sure that the information is correct and that the forms are signed and completed.

This year we are doing a lot of the first aid training for the board of education. We held 5 classes for the first aid for the BOE and 3 classes for the CPR. This was for some teachers and the school nurses. We also helped with the training on the new AED's. We would like to train more town employees on first aid-CPR so that if something were to happen, someone could be able to start to help them on the scene.

This year a town safety committee was formed. These meetings are held every 3 months. We work on the first aid and CPR thru the town. Our main objective is to reduce the town injuries and make it a safer work place.

We continue to hold public CPR, for Friends and Family, Heart saver and Health care providers. We will be monitoring our progress. We are also working on becoming a training center for CPR. Assist. Chief Eppler, Kathy Call, Clint Marth and Jean are working on this project at this time.

We are a Heart safe community. We continue to train people in CPR and had AED's throughout the town. They need to be monitored on a monthly basis. We have replaced the AED's in the town building and a few of the Fire Trucks. The AED's we purchased on a grant for the fire trucks, and the town purchased the ones for the town building.

The paper work was submitted to the state of Connecticut Public health department to continue to be a heart safe community. We have received the Heart safe community award for 2 more years.

We had 6 people attend the Connecticut EMS conference but would like to see more attend in the future. We are still using Center Learn for training along with hand outs and power point materials for new medical equipment that is being used in this area for patients at home. This year we redesigned the FTO program and had training for those who wanted to continue being an FTO. We are hopeful that this program will fulfill the requirements for any new recruit.

I have attached this year's EMS report. As you can see we had about 3423 calls that were dispatched to us. This is only what we were dispatched for. TN just started to give us all the numbers so we can keep track of them. If they received a 3rd call they did not tone out and or assign a number to us. They are sent to Mutual Aid. We are hoping to be able to keep better track of the calls that we are passing over to other towns or agencies during the course of this year. This will allow us to be more proficient for the volume and accuracy of the calls in the town of Vernon. There were 694 other calls for some form of assistance with in the town.

Regards,
Jean Gauthier, EMS Coordinator, Town of Vernon Ct.



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To: John Ward, Town Administrator
Re: Monthly EMS Reports
Date: January 4, 2013

Here is the break down for the Call volume for the Year of 2012.

Total Calls	3423
Total call respond	3321
Total Transports	2926
Total BLS	2301
Total ALS	1020
Mutual Aid in	102
Mutual Aid Out	47
Refusals & Lift assist	694
Canceled	19



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From the office of Jack Fisher, Communications Officer

2012 TVFD Annual Communications Report

This past year again presented new challenges for the Communications Division as we moved forward to comply with the FCC Mandates for narrow banding of all our UHF and VHF radios and the preparations/planning for the three new pieces of apparatus.

All the non-compliant Fire Department radios were replaced or reprogrammed by the January 1, 2013 date which complied with the FCC mandate with the cost coming in at under the budgeted and approved cost.

The Department also prepared for a significant Town Fire Department move from the many years of radio low band usage to the Towns UHF radios system. The full transition date was scheduled for January 1, 2013 but was implemented on a trial basis for those companies prepared to move earlier. A prior training class was presented to all officers prior to the move and to date the transition has moved smoothly.

The Town has purchased a backup crossband radio package to further support our operations at Fox Hill. This system has arrived and will be installed shortly after the beginning of the year.

With the addition of the newest apparatus we will now have five of our first line pieces of apparatus equipped with radio headset/intercom systems as recommended by NFPA and OSHA. Hopefully we will be able to equip some of the older pieces with the systems in the near future.

The major weather related storms we have experienced in 2011 & 2012 stressed our communications systems to the limit. However due to preplanning and backup systems we managed to work through this significant event with very minimal issues.

FOX HILL TOWER CONCERNS:

As reported in the past, I still have significant concerns regarding the condition of our Fox Hill Tower site. This site is the principal communications site for our Fire and Ambulance services and it is aging. This facility, both the building and radio tower, are seriously lacking in proper environmental, lightning support and vermin control systems. The structural integrity of the aging tower is seriously in question and is currently at the limit for expansion.

As time moves forward, without corrections or replacement of the site facilities and equipment, failures of equipment will only continue to increase in frequency and cost.

We continue to move from the Tone and Voice paging system to the Alpha Paging system. Although the Alpha system has shortcomings the cost difference per pager over the Tone and Voice pagers are significant which is the main reason leading us toward the Alpha system. We currently have over 100 Alpha pagers in use today, or just over half our total pagers in use.

My thanks to the officers and members of the Fire Department for their corporation and support again this past year.



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From the office of the Fire Marshal

Fire Marshal's Office Annual Report Calendar Year 2012

The staff of the Office consists of 1 full time Fire Marshal and several part time Deputy Fire Marshals. The Deputies, together, provide approximately 6 hours of service per week including fire scene investigations, presentation of public education programs, the inspection of buildings, and assistance during special events such as the Town's July fireworks show. The Deputies allow the Office to provide 24/7 responses for 365 days a year. The Office also continues the inter town mutual aid assistance program with South Windsor.

The Office, in 2012, conducted over 1,350 inspections, investigated numerous fires including structures, motor vehicles, and dumpsters. There were no fire fatalities in 2012. This year continued the success of last year as several times the early warning of smoke detectors alerted occupants in time to escape and the operation of a single automatic sprinkler head during an apartment fire contained the fire to a small area of the kitchen and allowed the occupant to escape without injury.

A major emphasis of the Office in 2012 was to continue the multi family dwelling inspections. A second initiative was undertaken in cooperation with the Board of Education and that was to review and establish updated occupancy limits in the areas of large assembly uses within the schools.

An October storm that led to downed trees, closed roads, and a widespread loss of power was again responded to by the Fire Marshal's Office in cooperation with the Town's Building Dept. and the Town's Emergency Operations Center (EOC). Once again the built in interoperability with the Building Dept. and the Fire Marshal's Office helped allow the Office to support emergency operations and conduct day to day business during the several days of the storm's impact. During the storm period the Fire Marshal served as the Planning Section Chief at the EOC.

In 2013 it is expected that one or more major mill renovation projects will begin, several already approved commercial projects will start, and construction of multifamily apartments will continue. These projects will require extensive inspections, the review of plans, and the testing fire and life safety systems.



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RE: **Annual Report for FY2012 - Executive Summary**

MISSION / DESCRIPTION

The Town of Vernon, Office of Emergency Management's (OEM) mission is to plan, prepare for and mitigate the effects of natural, man made, or national security emergencies/disasters; educate the public on preparedness; coordinate and support responses to and recovery from emergencies/disasters; collect and disseminate critical information; and seek and obtain funding and other aid in support of the overall preparedness of the Town of Vernon. To fulfill this mission, the OEM recognizes and utilizes the four phases of emergency management:

PREPAREDNESS: Actions taken in advance of an emergency/disaster to develop operational capabilities and facilitate response operations. These measures include the development of plans, procedures, warning and communications systems, and mutual aid agreements and emergency public information.

RESPONSE: Actions taken during or after an emergency/disaster to save lives, minimize damages and enhance recovery operations. These measures include activation of emergency operation centers, plans, emergency communications system, public warning, mass care, shelter, search and rescue, and security measures.

RECOVERY: Actions taken over the short or long term to return vital life support systems to minimum standards or to return life to normal or improved levels. These measures include damage assessment, supplemental assistance, economic impact studies, and mitigation of damages sustained.

MITIGATION: Actions that can be taken to eliminate or reduce the degree of long-term risk. These measures include public education, hazard vulnerability analysis and consideration of zoning/building laws and resolutions.

In all phases, the OEM works with its Federal, State, and Local partners to ensure a **comprehensive emergency management system.**

The OEM insures the Town's state of readiness with the development and maintenance of the **Emergency Operations Plan.**

BUDGET COMMENTARY

Careful consideration was made in the preparation of the OEM FY2013 budget, utilizing the following business logic model:

1. Identify OEM emergency preparedness and response priorities;
2. Analyze the current and past budget year allocations and utilization of funds;
3. Align current budget year funds with OEM emergency preparedness and response priorities;
4. Prepare Fiscal Year 2012-2013 budget with a focus on supporting emergency preparedness and response priorities that are manageable within the current fiscal environment and existing Town government infrastructure, and that will produce measurable outcomes.

The Town of Vernon, Office of Emergency Management's (OEM) continues to pursue and secure grant funding and other aid in support of the overall preparedness of the Town of Vernon.

MAJOR OBJECTIVES ACCOMPLISHED

1. Developed and maintained the Town's Emergency Operations Plan (EOP).
 - a. Revised the town's EOP and secured the annual and statutorily required review and approval of the EOP by the State Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security.
 - b. Provided ICS educational and training opportunities to emergency response personnel, elected and appointed Town officials.
 - c. Completed required VFD Target Safety/NFPA online training courses.
 - d. Vernon Citizen Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.) in partnership with the Towns of Ellington and Somers:
 - i. Conducted recruitment and training classes.
 - ii. Monthly training conducted on various topics including joint training with the Fire Department.
 - iii. Provided public safety support to various local and mutual-aid events.
 - e. Activated Town EOC in response to major emergencies and provided operational support to Incident Command.
 - f. Worked in partnership with the American Red Cross to survey and evaluate town schools, churches and non-governmental buildings for their continued suitability as emergency shelters.
 - g. Worked in partnership with the State Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security and participated in the 2012 Statewide Hurricane Exercise.
2. Enhance emergency response capabilities in the following priority areas:
 - a. Public warning/information dissemination systems:
 - i. Conducted regularly scheduled public warning/siren system testing throughout the year.
 - ii. Received training on and utilized Everbridge Public Notification System (Reverse 911) in response to local emergencies.
 - iii. Participated on quarterly J-SMART satellite telephone/radio tests led by the U.S. Department of Justice.
 - iv. Participated on regular DEMHS Region-3 high-band radio tests.

- b. Purchased equipment utilizing grant awards to enhance the town's Fire and EMS response capabilities.
 - c. Purchased equipment utilizing grant awards to enhance inter/intra departmental/agency emergency communications.
3. Sought and obtained funding and other aid in support of the overall preparedness of the Town of Vernon by developing relationships with key public and private sector emergency preparedness and response organizations. The following grant awards were secured this fiscal year:
- a. Emergency Management Performance Grant in the amount of \$14,377.50.
 - b. Federal Emergency Management Agency Assistance to Firefighter's Grant in the amount of \$195,435.00.

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From the office of *John Mylek, Chief Engineer*

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2012 TVFD Annual Engineer Report

To: Chief W. Call

Jan. 28, 2013

The town has been updated with the purchase of two new Pierce fire trucks and one heavy duty rescue. The new fire trucks replaced ET 141 and ET 541. ET 141 is being kept to be used when one of the trucks go down for repairs or service. The old ET 541 was sold to off set the cost of paying for the mounting of tool brackets and new ones. R 141 was also sold for the same reason.

At this time all three new trucks are in full operation with the drivers going through hours of driving the truck on the road before taking it on a call.

At this time T 141 is still out of service dating back to Sept. 24, 2012. There are a number of items that need replacing and repairs need to put the truck back in operation. It appears that the town has no concerns about funding the monies needed. Until repairs are made we are down to using T541 which has limited reach and placement at setting up at certain calls.

At this time all ambulances are on the road. The two 08's are the biggest in cost for repairs and break down time. The oldest of the three is the most dependable but is very high in mileage and idle time. This unit needs to be replaced before it goes down for good. This truck is used a lot because of the two 08's that break down repeatedly.

The town needs to face the fact that it costs more to repair the trucks and not less.



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SCBA Maintenance and Repair Facility - 2012 Annual Report

2/4/2013

In 2012 Chico Parrett completed the Scott repair course. Since joining the shop his primary job has been Fit Testing. In 2012, 73 members were fit tested by Chico. Great Job! Also Steve Lavoie resigned from the Department and the SCBA shop. He was a dedicated member of the shop who worked hard to insure the department members always had serviceable and safe air packs.

- 73 members were fit tested
- 27 cylinders were hydro-tested (30 min.)
- no air packs were flow tested
- 4 air packs were sent out to various vendors for repair
- The shop repaired approximately 30 air packs for various problems i.e. batteries, air leaks, bad high pressure lines
- All air pack, cylinder inspection sheets that were received, were filed by unit designation
- Approximately 20 masks were repaired i.e. straps, inhalation valves, lenses
- 96.5 hours of man-hours for shop activities

What we want to accomplish:

- Fit Testing. Continue to test all members on an yearly basis
- Start a program to insure all packs are cleaned and inspected by our shop personnel on a yearly basis.
- A new in-house worksheet will be used in 2013 to record repairs and associated costs.

What we would like/need to accomplish:

- We will have to flow test all packs due to budget constraints
- We will have 30 cylinders for hydro testing
- Both Fit testing machines need to be sent out for calibration
- 4 Cascade cylinders for T541 and T141 need hydro testing
- 14 cylinders will be going OOS we will need to purchase more
- A cylinder vise

Because of limited budget in 2012, many items that were requested, were never ordered. In 2013, these items need to be ordered to replenish our supplies in the shop.

Captain Scott Shepard
SCBA Coordinator



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I.T. 2012 Annual Report

Date: 1/29/2013

Chief, a summarization of the IT work that was done in 2012.

- Bought 4 new desktops. Located at Stations 241, 141, 441 & 641
- Continued support of all Firehouse software issues for the membership
- Continued support of all hardware
- Numerous updates and fixes done to every PC in the network.
- Working with Vernon IT folks to get CAD system integrated with TN.
- Training class held with companies on how to use firehouse software
- Wireless AP's installed at station 141 & 441.
- Replaced old batteries on UPS at each firehouse. Still working on getting new UPS for the other firehouses.

Respectfully Submitted

Captain David Galley



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Central Supply Report for February, 2013

I just wanted to give everybody a quick update / status regarding Central Supply.

Dave Goric and I are in the process of "inventory reorganization". By mid to late February, we will be putting together a list for the Captains. We would like them to verify and/or update that we have on file for gear information (coat size, serial#, pants, etc.) for their company members.

We would like to leave the lists in the Captain's mailboxes-would like them back by March Staff meeting.

Gear piles: We have several "gear piles" that we reviewing for :

- Need to be Washed/nothing wrong- add to inventory
- Need minor repairs-and documenting the issue.
- Garbage gear (over 10 years old, badly ripped or not usable)

A new Central Supply form has been created for incoming requests. (See attached). Hopefully this will eliminate issues of people just dropping things off and us not knowing what to do, etc.

Thanks,

Tami Hahn



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Fremont Gauthier

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2012 Annual Inventory Report

During the past year, Field Service, Inc. completed asset tagging of all fire stations and the public safety building as has provided a CD with all the information regarding the assets to us. Included in this is all of the vehicles and property at each of the stations.

In 2012, the town purchased three new fire apparatus (R141, ET541, and ET141) and I am in the process of asset tagging all of the new equipment. ET541 is about 80% complete and R141 is about 50% completed. I am awaiting the transfer of equipment from the old ET141 to the new truck and will begin when labeling that truck once complete.

I have also completed an inspection of the public safety building and found numerous items that were missing asset tags due to being missed the Field Service Inc., or were recent purchases since he completed his services. All items missing asset labels have been labeled and recorded.

Regards,

Fremont Gauthier



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Recruitment and Retention Annual Report

January 31, 2013

To: Chief William Call

From: Lt. Steve Augustus

This past year was my fourth year serving in Recruitment and Retention. Statistics worth noting are as follows. Note missing numbers or further breakdown of numbers were unavailable at the time of this report.

A:	34	new joined the department
B:		new joined the department as full members
B		new joined the department as junior members
C.		new joined the department as fire police members
D.		were placed on leave of absence due to medical
E.	0	were placed on leave of absence for military service
F.	0	requested leaves of absence for personal reasons
G.	1	previous members re-joined
H.	23	resigned for various reasons.
I.	2	members retired

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP 12/31/12	<u>unavailable</u>
NET GAIN (LOSS) FOR 2012	<u>10</u>

Recruitment remains strong with more interest than I've seen since doing R & R. The department has gone from a net loss of 1 in 2011 to a net gain of 10 in 2012. Many more out of town applications were received than in past years, many with experience, but due to no connection to the town of Vernon, were rejected.

Training has continued to be a major role for R & R. New recruits are given six introductory classes including but not limited to: NIMS 100 & 700, station visits, TN visit, introduction and orientation, and sexual harassment. Also one departmental level drill was performed by R & R as well as numerous company level drills. This has had a positive influence for R & R to become very close to new members and acting as a mentor. All recruits have full access to R & R for any issues, problems, concerns during training. Training classes that are required and missed have had make up classes scheduled on an

individual basis at an off site location after normal training hours. Some time is also spent attending various company meetings. All this contributes to a strong familiarization with all department members.

The spring 2013 recruit class is due to begin in late February with a total of 15 (13 male, 2 female) full members and 1 junior member. Average age of new class is 27, some have previous experience.

Formal exit interviews were not implemented. Many issues are to be resolved before the process becomes standard department practice.

Various appreciation hand outs with TVFD logos have been handed out at times of company drills to members actively participating as well as at the annual banquet. Also hand outs have been distributed at various town functions to interested parties.

Respectfully submitted,

Lt. Steve Augustus
Recruitment and Retention Officer



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*From the office of the Quartermaster
Firefighter Cory LaFontaine - 695*

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2012 Annual Report – Uniforms

18 members have been fully outfitted in new Class A uniforms this year.

The “Class C” station uniform was proposed and approved by the executive board. Approximately 25 members of the department, including the entire executive board have purchased the new uniforms.

Approximately 30 members have received services such as adding hash marks, uniform alterations, new hardware Etc.

New cap straps have been selected and purchased for all ranks.

Priorities for next year will be to continue outfitting members in Class A uniforms and to continue upgrading member’s hardware as needed to ensure a consistency.



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Junior Division

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2012 Annual Report - Junior Firefighter Company

The year 2012 was a successful year for the company. Membership nearly doubled with an average of 6-10 members in attendance on drill night. The growth is a positive indicator for the program and the department. Most of The Fire Companies in the department have a senior member who moved up from the junior program. Therefore, the continued success of the Junior Program is of upmost importance to this department. Typically a junior has to be active at least one full year before he/she is ready to move to a fire company.

F.F. Chris Bifolk graduated to senior status this year on ET 541, thereby completing his role as a junior. Two more members may achieve senior status in 2013.

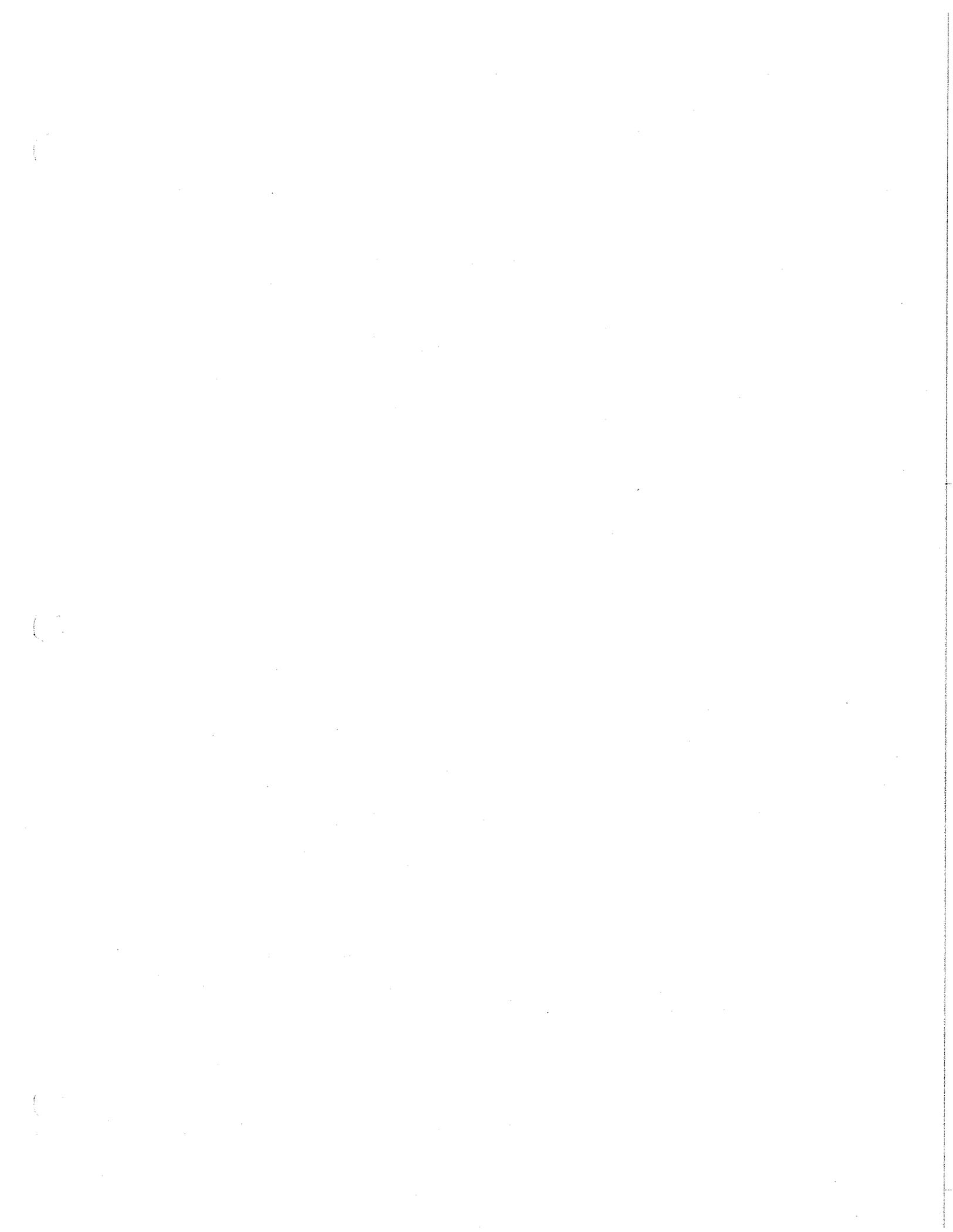
Junior member Julie Karliner attended a one week Fire School in New Hampshire. This program was geared to juniors from throughout the United States and was an intense 7 days of work night and day. Julie successfully completed the program.

The company became international with the addition of a German Exchange student Bianca Dorrenhaus who will work with the company until summer of 2013.

Other notable events for the company:

1. A behind the scenes tour of the cruise ship Norwegian Gem-The crew learned about shipboard firefighting systems and tactics.
2. The juniors ran a very well received department drill on team building. The two night drill was well managed by the members with little input from the advisors.
3. The fire companies conducted drills on the first Monday of the month covering, Hose Streams, Forcible Entry, Ventilation, Safety, Rope Rescue, Extrication, EMS Operations, Search and Rescue and SCBA. The companies put on high quality drills that were enjoyed by all. The goal in 2012 was to conduct more "hands on Training", which was achieved. In addition, the juniors participated in the two monthly department drills. When there were gaps to fill, often ET 141 and Rescue 141 stepped in to make a quality drill or exercise for the juniors.
4. Some members attended calls which reinforced the training.

The year 2013 is off to a strong start and we look forward to continuing and recruiting members and advisors.



Town of Vernon Fire

Incident Type Period Comparisons

Alarm Date Between {01/01/2012} and {12/31/2012}

Incident Type	01/01/2012	01/01/2011	01/01/2010	01/01/2009
	to 12/31/2012	to 12/31/2011	to 12/31/2010	to 12/31/2009
	1	41	3	0
100 Fire, Other	8	8	10	8
111 Building fire	15	16	16	16
112 Fires in structure other than in a building	2	1	1	1
113 Cooking fire, confined to container	18	10	12	19
114 Chimney or flue fire, confined to chimney or	8	2	4	6
115 Incinerator overload or malfunction, fire	0	0	1	0
116 Fuel burner/boiler malfunction, fire confined	0	1	2	5
118 Trash or rubbish fire, contained	2	0	0	0
123 Fire in portable building, fixed location	0	0	0	1
130 Mobile property (vehicle) fire, Other	2	3	2	0
131 Passenger vehicle fire	25	21	15	13
132 Road freight or transport vehicle fire	0	2	3	0
138 Off-road vehicle or heavy equipment fire	0	1	0	0
140 Natural vegetation fire, Other	4	3	4	3
141 Forest, woods or wildland fire	7	1	2	2
142 Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire	16	8	21	4
143 Grass fire	1	1	0	1
144 Outside rubbish fire, Other	8	3	15	7
151 Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire	5	1	6	6
152 Garbage dump or sanitary landfill fire	0	0	1	0
154 Dumpster or other outside trash receptacle fire	2	4	6	10
155 Outside stationary compactor/compacted trash	2	0	0	0
160 Special outside fire, Other	4	5	5	6
161 Outside storage fire	0	1	1	0
162 Outside equipment fire	0	1	2	1
200 Overpressure rupture, explosion, overheat other	1	2	0	4
210 Overpressure rupture from steam, Other	0	2	0	3
211 Overpressure rupture of steam pipe or pipeline	1	0	0	0
231 Chemical reaction rupture of process vessel	2	0	0	0
251 Excessive heat, scorch burns with no ignition	1	2	2	1
300 Rescue, EMS incident, other	5	27	7	20
311 Medical assist, assist EMS crew	42	39	55	27
320 Emergency medical service, other	34	5	0	0
321 EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	2938	2785	2757	2764
322 Motor vehicle accident with injuries	130	142	142	175
323 Motor vehicle/pedestrian accident (MV Ped)	7	7	5	7
324 Motor Vehicle Accident with no injuries	57	62	53	81
331 Lock-in (if lock out , use 511)	1	0	3	2
341 Search for person on land	2	0	0	2
342 Search for person in water	0	0	0	1
343 Extrication, rescue, Other	0	1	1	0

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Incident Type Period Comparisons

Alarm Date Between {01/01/2012} and {12/31/2012}

Incident Type	01/01/2012	01/01/2011	01/01/2010	01/01/2009
	to 12/31/2012	to 12/31/2011	to 12/31/2010	to 12/31/2009
351 Extrication of victim(s) from building/structure	1	3	0	1
352 Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle	1	1	1	4
353 Removal of victim(s) from stalled elevator	0	7	3	2
356 High-angle rescue	0	0	1	0
357 Extrication of victim(s) from machinery	0	1	0	0
360 Water & ice-related rescue, other	0	0	0	1
361 Swimming/recreational water areas rescue	0	1	1	0
363 Swift water rescue	0	0	0	1
381 Rescue or EMS standby	0	1	2	2
400 Hazardous condition, Other	8	122	9	7
410 Combustible/flammable gas/liquid condition,	6	5	4	2
411 Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill	11	13	19	13
412 Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	14	24	13	14
413 Oil or other combustible liquid spill	6	7	4	2
420 Toxic condition, Other	0	0	1	1
421 Chemical hazard (no spill or leak)	2	0	1	0
422 Chemical spill or leak	2	2	1	3
424 Carbon monoxide incident	14	25	12	14
430 Electrical wiring/equipment problem, Other	13	160	16	12
441 Heat from short circuit (wiring), defective/worn	2	0	0	1
442 Overheated motor	1	3	0	1
443 Breakdown of light ballast	0	1	1	0
444 Power line down	32	343	32	34
445 Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	12	13	21	13
451 Biological hazard, confirmed or suspected	1	1	0	0
460 Accident, potential accident, Other	1	0	1	2
461 Building or structure weakened or collapsed	0	7	2	0
463 Vehicle accident, general cleanup	10	1	2	4
471 Explosive, bomb removal (for bomb scare, use	0	0	0	1
481 Attempt to burn	0	0	0	1
500 Service Call, other	6	31	19	17
510 Person in distress, Other	1	4	0	1
511 Lock-out	4	2	3	2
520 Water problem, Other	4	26	9	7
521 Water evacuation	0	9	1	2
522 Water or steam leak	4	5	3	7
531 Smoke or odor removal	20	17	19	22
542 Animal rescue	1	0	1	1
550 Public service assistance, Other	2	3	2	3
551 Assist police or other governmental agency	2	1	1	4
552 Police matter	1	1	0	2
553 Public service	1	0	1	0

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Incident Type Period Comparisons

Alarm Date Between {01/01/2012} and {12/31/2012}

Incident Type	01/01/2012	01/01/2011	01/01/2010	01/01/2009
	to 12/31/2012	to 12/31/2011	to 12/31/2010	to 12/31/2009
554 Assist invalid	1	0	0	0
555 Defective elevator, no occupants	1	0	1	0
561 Unauthorized burning	10	3	1	1
571 Cover assignment, standby, moveup	6	5	9	4
600 Good intent call, Other	22	32	19	24
611 Dispatched & cancelled en route	52	46	38	37
6112	0	2	2	1
621 Wrong location	1	0	1	0
622 No Incident found on arrival at dispatch address	8	5	6	6
631 Authorized controlled burning	4	4	0	2
632 Prescribed fire	1	0	2	0
650 Steam, Other gas mistaken for smoke, Other	2	3	2	1
651 Smoke scare, odor of smoke	8	12	10	5
652 Steam, vapor, fog or dust thought to be smoke	0	1	2	1
653 Smoke from barbecue, tar kettle	0	0	0	1
661 EMS call, party transported by non-fire agency	0	0	1	0
671 HazMat release investigation w/no HazMat	6	8	1	2
700 False alarm or false call, Other	45	39	40	46
700 Malicious, mischievous false call, Other	1	1	1	1
711 Municipal alarm system, malicious false alarm	1	0	0	2
714 Central station, malicious false alarm	2	0	0	0
721 Bomb scare - no bomb	1	0	0	1
730 System malfunction, Other	6	13	11	11
731 Sprinkler activation due to malfunction	3	1	1	0
732 Extinguishing system activation due to	1	0	0	0
733 Smoke detector activation due to malfunction	13	16	10	15
734 Heat detector activation due to malfunction	1	0	1	1
735 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	12	5	9	12
736 CO detector activation due to malfunction	14	11	19	9
740 Unintentional transmission of alarm, Other	10	15	14	10
741 Sprinkler activation, no fire - unintentional	0	3	1	2
743 Smoke detector activation, no fire -	23	21	19	20
744 Detector activation, no fire - unintentional	6	3	7	6
745 Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	19	24	16	25
746 Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO	8	18	9	4
800 Severe weather or natural disaster, Other	0	5	1	0
813 Wind storm, tornado/hurricane assessment	1	4	0	2
814 Lightning strike (no fire)	0	1	3	1
815 Severe weather or natural disaster standby	0	1	0	0
900 Special type of incident, Other	0	3	0	0
911 Citizen complaint	1	0	0	3

Totals

3824

4353

3620

3656

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Hurricane
Irene
Oct storm

These are
more normal
years.

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Incidents by Day of Week/Shift

Alarm Date Between {01/01/2012} And {12/31/2012}

Day/Shift	Count	Pct
Sunday		
* < No Shift Specified >	430	11.24 %
1 DAY CALL 06:00 - 18:00	6	0.15 %
2 NIGHT CALL 18:01 - 05:59	7	0.18 %
	<u>443</u>	<u>11.58 %</u>
Monday		
* < No Shift Specified >	600	15.69 %
1 DAY CALL 06:00 - 18:00	10	0.26 %
2 NIGHT CALL 18:01 - 05:59	8	0.20 %
	<u>618</u>	<u>16.16 %</u>
Tuesday		
* < No Shift Specified >	529	13.83 %
1 DAY CALL 06:00 - 18:00	9	0.23 %
2 NIGHT CALL 18:01 - 05:59	11	0.28 %
	<u>549</u>	<u>14.35 %</u>
Wednesday		
* < No Shift Specified >	540	14.12 %
1 DAY CALL 06:00 - 18:00	13	0.34 %
2 NIGHT CALL 18:01 - 05:59	3	0.07 %
	<u>556</u>	<u>14.53 %</u>
Thursday		
* < No Shift Specified >	560	14.64 %
1 DAY CALL 06:00 - 18:00	12	0.31 %
2 NIGHT CALL 18:01 - 05:59	3	0.07 %
	<u>575</u>	<u>15.03 %</u>
Friday		
* < No Shift Specified >	555	14.51 %
1 DAY CALL 06:00 - 18:00	19	0.49 %
2 NIGHT CALL 18:01 - 05:59	11	0.28 %
	<u>585</u>	<u>15.29 %</u>
Saturday		
* < No Shift Specified >	491	12.84 %
1 DAY CALL 06:00 - 18:00	5	0.13 %
2 NIGHT CALL 18:01 - 05:59	2	0.05 %
	<u>498</u>	<u>13.02 %</u>

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Primary Action Taken Report (Summary)

Alarm Date Between {01/01/2012} And {12/31/2012}

Type of Action Taken	Count	Percent
00 Action taken, Other	49	1.27 %
10 Fire control or extinguishment, other	18	0.46 %
11 Extinguishment by fire service personnel	43	1.12 %
12 Salvage & overhaul	4	0.10 %
16 Control fire (wildland)	2	0.05 %
20 Search & rescue, Other	1	0.02 %
22 Rescue, remove from harm	4	0.10 %
23 Extricate, disentangle	3	0.07 %
30 Emergency medical services, Other	209	5.44 %
301 Refused Services	305	7.95 %
31 Provide first aid & check for injuries	29	0.75 %
32 Provide basic life support (BLS)	1,712	44.62 %
33 Provide advanced life support (ALS)	832	21.68 %
34 Transport person	28	0.72 %
40 Hazardous condition, Other	9	0.23 %
41 Identify, analyze hazardous materials	4	0.10 %
43 Hazardous materials spill control and confinement	15	0.39 %
44 Hazardous materials leak control & containment	15	0.39 %
45 Remove hazard	3	0.07 %
Fires, rescues & hazardous conditions, Other	8	0.20 %
Ventilate	29	0.75 %
52 Forcible entry	2	0.05 %
54 Determine if materials are non-hazardous	1	0.02 %
55 Establish safe area	16	0.41 %
50 Systems and services, Other	3	0.07 %
53 Restore fire alarm system	21	0.54 %
54 Shut down system	3	0.07 %
70 Assistance, Other	15	0.39 %
71 Assist physically disabled	8	0.20 %
72 Assist animal	2	0.05 %
73 Provide manpower	35	0.91 %
74 Provide apparatus	5	0.13 %
75 Provide equipment	3	0.07 %
78 Control traffic	12	0.31 %
30 Information, investigation & enforcement, Other	5	0.13 %
31 Incident command	1	0.02 %
32 Notify other agencies.	4	0.10 %
34 Refer to proper authority	5	0.13 %
36 Investigate	283	7.37 %
37 Investigate fire out on arrival	21	0.54 %
90 Fill-in, standby, Other	2	0.05 %
92 Standby	15	0.39 %
93 Cancelled en route	48	1.25 %

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81.6%

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Primary Action Taken Report (Summary)

Alarm Date Between {01/01/2012} And {12/31/2012}

Type of Action Taken	Count	Percent
931 Cancelled Unable to get a crew	4	0.10 %
Total Incident Count:	3836	