



DEDHAM / LUCERNE

FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Chief's Monthly Report for July 2024

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July was another busy month, at times, other times it had a bit of a lull, and then we finished with a flurry. We also stayed busy with Camp Capella in full swing, and meet the new school principle to continued with updating our preplans there as well. Maine Ems has notified us of the approval of our grant request. We have been awarded \$31,000 for equipment and additional staffing funding to cover extra per-diem shifts.

With the start of the new budget year, we were able to finish other things that we had to financially wait on. Our Rescue 378 has a new motor and is back in service, Engine 372 had a few leaking valves replaced, and Engine 371 will be headed I for new rear brakes. As we speak about our rescue Truck, We were notified that our new truck chassis has arrived at the factory and the work and production is being schedule.

Much planning is going on, gathering contractors together, and ordering materials. At this point we are expecting to break ground in mid-to late September on our station addition. It has been long roads meet with many many challenges, but will be well worth it in the end.

Our work force remains **VERY** low, with just a few people coming back in on calls, IF ANY. We interviewed two new per-diems, one was offer a position and one was not. We had our live-in student decide to drop out of school, we meet with another candidate but she has decided not to participate in the "live-in" program this semester.

Burn permits are available at the station, everyday 9:00AM-6:00PM (**permits over the phone has now been terminated**). IN ADDITION, permits are also available online and are now FREE OF CHARGE. Please read the permit for the restriction and do not burn if it is windy.

<https://www13.informe.org/burnpermit/public/index.html>

In July, the D/L F.D. responded to 35 requests for service, and is as follows.

MVA with entrapment	1	Wildland Fire	1
EMS	7	M/A Wildland Fire	1
M/A Building Fire	3	Power Line Down	1
Camp Capella Pub Ed	4	Fire Alarm Activation	4
Seasonal Campfire Permit	13		

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