



DEDHAM/LUCERNE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Your Dedham/Lucerne Firefighters responded to 18 calls for service in the month of March.

The month of March brought increased calls for service and has kept the crew busy. It appears Spring may be upon us, with snow melting away quickly. This past week crews spent the day putting our trucks wildland equipment into service to prepare for wildfire season. We'd like to remind everyone to use extreme caution this time of year when burning and to keep an eye on the fire danger. This time of year, the fire danger can be low one day and high the next. If you're unsure if you should be burning, please call the fire station and we'd be happy to assist you. This year's winter brought lots of snowfall. Unfortunately, most of the snow we received was light, fluffy, and didn't possess a lot of water content, meaning that when all the snow melts away everything is going to dry up very quick.

On Monday, March 23, we were dispatched for a 2nd alarm building fire in Brewer. We were able to provide a crew to cover Brewer Fire Station, crew to the scene to assist with water supply, and still continued to have coverage at our own station. None of this is possible without the dedication and commitment of our members, along with the support from our community. Thank you!

On Saturday, March 28, we were dispatched for a 1st alarm building fire here in town. Dispatch updated us that the homeowner believed the fire was out. Upon arrival crews learned that the fire was in the oven. Due to working smoke detectors in the home and the quick actions of this homeowner using a fire extinguisher, they had the fire out prior to our arrival. As part of our automatic alarm assignments, Holden Fire responded with engine 392 along with multiple personnel from Dedham. Holden was cancelled enroute. Thank you to Holden Fire and all the members of D/L FD for their quick response.

This month we attended EMCC Fire Science Live-In interviews. We're excited to announce that we've gained another live-in student. Dylan Huff will join Cole Ray in August 2026 as our second student here at the station. Welcome to our team Dylan.

Firefighter Tim Hall attended a two-day Safety Officer class in Brunswick this month. Through this course Tim is now a pro-board-certified safety officer. This training is crucial when it comes to large scale incidents like building fires. Congratulations, Firefighter Hall, and thank you for you continued commitment and dedication to our community.

We're also excited to say that we've finally received Engine 371 back home and it is now back in service. The work was completed at Moody's Heavy Duty and came out very well. We've spent some time over the last couple of weeks getting the truck back into service and getting crews refamiliarized with the truck after being gone for so long. We had a couple of sensors on the truck that are going to need to be looked at and possibly replaced in the coming weeks that had stopped working when we received the truck back.

Burn permits are available at the station every day, 9:00AM-6:00PM. In addition, permits are available online and are now free of charge. Please read the permit for restrictions and do not

burn if it's windy. Just search up Maine Open Burn Permit or visit dedhamme.org.

In March the D/L FD responded to 18 requests for service as follows:

EMS	7	M/A EMS	1
Fire Service	2	M/A Building Fire	3
Tree in Roadway	2	M/A Station Coverage	1
Building Fire	1	M/A Wildland Fire	1

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