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Chief's Monthly Report for April 2024

April started out slow but picked up toward the end of the month, with one Sunday running 5 calls, including a building fire in town and an M/A response to a building fire in Brewer. The month finished busy and the first days of May we continued. The variety of types of calls continues to grow for what we are asked to do. The spring season has started to bring our seasonal residents back, and as we are out around town it's obvious that things are opening back up.

Fulltime staffing is filled at the moment and we are running our new 24/7 staffing module. Staffing response from our call members has been very weak, and we normally only have 2-3 people responding to calls. On a large call we are lucky to get 5-6 people to respond.

Training is going well with a lo on our list for this spring. On May 25 we will be hosting the HCFA for extrication day at the Dedham Station.

Manpower remains dangerously low, and we can't gain any traction with any new members coming from intown. We will continue to work on it and also trying to add to our per-diem staff. Any new members would be GREATLY appreciated.

Burn permits are available at the station, everyday 8:00AM-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 April, the D/L F.D. responded to 24 requests for service, and is as follows.

EMS	6	Power Line Down	2
Gas Odor	1	Training Evolution at MMA	3
MVA with Entrapment	1	Smoke Investigation	3
Fire Alarm	1	Fire Drill	1
Wildland Fire	2	M/A Wildland Fire	2
Building Fire	1	M/A Building Fire	1

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