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Chief's Monthly Report for May 2024

May was an interesting month, running calls, starting the first rush of Seasonal Campfire Permits, and transitioning thru the replacement of one of our fulltime FF/EMT's. On June 3rd we will be back up to our three fulltime positions. We are definitely keeping busy with all our secondary responsibilities while staying ready to respond to emergency calls.

Training went well this month and we spend a few weeks refreshing ourselves with our extrication struts, then we hosted the Hancock County Fire Academy for extrication day. It was a great refresher for our staff and a great academy class.

We continued to work with contractors, the selectmen, and the Fire Marshall's office on our station addition and to hopefully be approved, on June 20th, for the additional monies to continue on with this project. Adding "Live-in Students" will be critically important for our staffing shortage, moving forward.

Manpower remains **Extremely** low and one member has just been transferred out of state for his job, which will leave us with ZERO call members on the Lucerne side of town. During May we also had 3 people out on medical leave and unable to respond, which left us with as few as 1 or 2 people available some days. We continue to accept applications for our per-diem shifts and are attempting to be able to fill our open spots.

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 May, the D/L F.D. responded to 61 requests for service, and is as follows.

EMS	5	Telephone Line Down	1
Motor Vehicle Accident	1	Tree Down in road	1
Assist in starting generator	1	Permitted Burn Check	3
Fire Drill	4	School Field Day	1
Seasonal Campfire Permit	44		

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