



# DEDHAM / LUCERNE

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

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### Chief's Monthly Report for June 2024

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June has picked up and town is bustling with the arrival of our seasonal residents. There is also a lot of talk this year about Air B/B's and people talking about how much their rentals are full for the summer. This also will increase our population and our requests for service. We are happy to be have a full crew again, of fulltime staff. We look forward to moving forward with a lot of ambition and commitment to get back on track.

Training was week this month with not many people around or healthy enough to participate. We did conduct our annual hose testing, testing almost 11,000 ft of hose.

A big thank you to our taxpayers for the support at our annual town meeting. We have received the Approved plans back from the Fire Marshalls office and meetings with contractors have started. We hope for a September start time.

Manpower remains **VERY** low. Our SAFER Grant marketing seems to be getting a lot of attention so we are hoping for some new members to join. In July we will be interviewing 2 Per-diem prospects, and we will also have a second interview with our EMCC Fire Science student. We continue to accept applications for our other 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 June, the D/L F.D. responded to 67 requests for service, and is as follows.

M/A Building Fire	2	Woods Fire	1
EMS	9	Power Line Down	1
Smoke Investigation	4	Fire Alarm Activation	2
Trapped in Machinery	1	Fireworks Complaint	1
Camp Capella Pub Ed	2	Fire Code Inspection	1
Seasonal Campfire Permit	42	Chimney Fire	1

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