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Chief's Monthly Report for August 2024

WOW, Labor Day already. Schools back in session and fall is approaching. We stayed busy in August and we were notified of two successful grant applications. We received just over \$31,000 from the State of Maine EMS Funding Grant and just under \$29,000 from the FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant.

With these grant monies in hand, we have already purchased and put into service our Lucas CPR machine, to assist us with Cardiac emergencies. The other monies from MEEMS will go to supporting our per-diem staffing budget, while the FEMA money will go to purchasing all the exercise equipment for the new exercise room in our upcoming addition.

Call volume remained steady, but a bit off for this time of year, and manpower remains **VERY** low. We were able to onboard one more for our open per-diem positions, but no one from town is coming in the door for our call staff.

We continue to look forward to mid-September for breaking ground on construction and hoping for an early 2025 completion date. Lots of work to do as we undertake this task, but we are all very excited for the for the benefits of is finished product and the added capacity that it will give us.

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 August, the D/L F.D. responded to 20 requests for service, and is as follows.

EMS	12	Citizen Asst. ring removal	1
Flooded Road	1	Tree on Wires	2
Camp Capella Pub Ed	1	Fire Alarm Activation	1
School Fire Drill	1	Wood Stove Inspection	1

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