



# DEDHAM / LUCERNE

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

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### Chief's Monthly Report for November 2024

November was a slow month for us with call volume. We did conduct a CPR class for the 7-8 grade classes, and we had the K-1<sup>st</sup> grade classes come to the fire station for a field trip and public education.

Our building is in full swing, boarded up and the roof on. We are hoping to get some heat in the building and the cement floor poured over the next week or so.

Training again has been slow with very low participation as of late. We are working to come up with some valuable training for some of these smaller groups.

Staffing continues to be TERRIBLE, we rely on the three full timers and myself for 90% of the workload, with occasionally 1-2 members coming back in on calls. It is **VERY** apparent the staffing model needs to be looked at and refined in the future. When our building addition is complete, we will be relying heavily on students and outside staffing to help us protect our community. I think it is also time to take a hard look at the coverage that we have, and further ways to increase our daily workforce.

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 November, the D/L F.D. responded to 12 requests for service, and is as follows.

EMS	3	Wildland Fire	1
Motor Vehicle Accident	4	Power Line Down	1
Public Education	2	Chimney Inspection	1

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