

Peacham Fire Department

Annual Report 2007

The Peacham Fire Department responded to 19 in-town fire calls and emergencies, 56 in-town medical emergencies and 11 mutual aid calls, for a total of 86 emergency response calls in 2007.

Congratulations to Mike Walsh for completing the EMT-B level of medical training in 2007. Mark Fitzhugh is also enrolled in an EMT-B class in 2008.

The big event in 2007 was on the 4th of July when we hosted the friendly fire competition among area departments. Everyone who participated had a great time and it strengthened the friendships among area departments and their members. We will keep you posted on the events in 2008.

We would like to thank the Philip Dawson family for allowing the department to use their fire struck house as live fire training for area departments. Many valuable hours were spent by several departments training before and during the live burn. This type of training is not readily available and we did appreciate the use of the building.

The replacement of the rescue unit is still ongoing. By town meeting in 2008 we should have an option before the selectboard. We have taken our time and deliberately searched for the appropriate vehicle that meets our needs and not settled for something less than adequate. This is a large investment and we feel this vehicle must meet the requirements as it responds to more calls than any other unit.

We are glad to have Jerry and Diana Senturia back in Peacham to respond to calls after a long stay out of town.

Calls in Peacham (by type):

Structure fires: 1

Other interior fires: 0

Chimney fires: 5

Vehicle fires: 0

Grass/ Brush fires: 2

Controlled burns: 1

Power lines down: 4

Rubbish fires: 1

HAZMAT leaks / Investigations / Hazardous Conditions: 5

Medical emergencies (including vehicle accidents with injuries): 56
Total calls in Peacham* 75

Calls NOT in Peacham

Mutual aid given (fire): (Danville 5, Barnet 3, Groton 2, Ryegate 1)

Mutual aid given (medical): 0

Total calls Not in Peacham: 11

TOTAL CALLS IN 2007: 86

* For emergencies located in Peacham, the Peacham Fire Department received mutual aid assistance 11 times from neighboring departments.

List of Officers:

Jeffrey Berwick, Fire Chief (ECA)

William Thresher, Assist. Chief

Chip Deasy, Captain (EMT-B)

Aaron Morton, Captain (ECA)

List of Members:

Cody Berwick, FF

Kathy Corcoran, EMT-B

Peter Craig, FF

Mark Fitzhugh, FF

Jerry Senturia, EMT-B

Richard Greenwood, FF

Barry Hayes, FF

Neil Monteith, FF

Rodney Reis, FF

Diana Senturia, SS

Denise Walsh, ECA (EMT-B in training)

Mike Walsh, FF, EMT-B

SS= Support Specialist

FF= Firefighter

ECA= Emergency Care Attendant

EMT-B= Emergency Medical Technician- Basic

If you are interested in assisting the fire department in any way, or if you are interested in becoming a new member or a department supporter, please do not hesitate to contact me. The department meets every Monday evening for a meeting or training session.

I urge anyone who has an emergency, whether it is a Fire, Police or Medical emergency to call 911 immediately. The non-emergency telephone number for the Peacham Fire Station is 592-3392. This phone is only answered when firefighters are present responding to an emergency or during training.

Thank you for your support.

Jeffrey Berwick, Chief