

Longmeadow Fire Department
Monthly Report
February 2022



LFD Ladder One and "D" shift providing mutual aid to East Longmeadow at a second alarm fire : Feb. 7, 2022

- The photo above is from a house fire right over the line in East Longmeadow on February 7, 2022. This fire was a perfect example of the value of combined dispatch. Our on duty staff heard the initial dispatch going to East Longmeadow Fire. Knowing they would be the next call, our crew geared up and headed out. Ladder one was on Williams street when dispatch made the actual request. This combined situational awareness proved valuable during the Armata's fire and again at this incident. The combined dispatch shaves minutes off of the mutual aid response. We also have clear and concise communications during these complex incidents. All the more value to the current system.
- Feels a little more normal. This month our staffing levels are almost level with very few COVID cases in the department. We have been fielding both ambulances on a regular basis and greatly reduced the use of mutual aid. We are still working to fill two vacancies. Unfortunately, we have not found the best candidates as of yet. We do plan on additional interviews in March. Our call volume continues to increase and we anticipate we will be close to pre-pandemic numbers by the end of the FY.
- **EMS Revenue:** Revenue is up 4.5% from last year. At the current rate we will make our projections from revenue if not exceeding it by a small amount.
- **Grants:** This month we received notification from Governor Baker's Administration of two grants. The first being the SAFE grant in the amount of \$ 5,175.00. The second is the Senior Safe Grant in the amount of \$ 3,055.00. These grants fund the vast majority of our public education programs. These programs have been mostly idle during COVID and we look forward to getting re-engaging on these important programs.

- **Volunteer Solicitation:** In the next few weeks you may see a solicitation for volunteers to work in our shelter programs. This is another initiative we are continuing after the COVID operations. Our goal is to develop a robust team of volunteer residents to assist us in running warming, cooling and full shelters should we ever need such an operation.

Month of February: Comparisons

Performance Measures:	February 2020	February 2021	February 2022
Emergency Medical Calls	155 (74.52%)	146 (76.44%)	121 (76.22%)
False or Unintentional	22	19	22
Fires / Estimated Dollar Loss	4 (\$ 36,000.00)	1 (\$ 40,000.00)	1
All Other:(Rescue, Distress, Hazard)	27	25	27
Mutual Aid: <i>Given / Received</i>	21/20	12/7	10 / 8
Total Responses (Month)	208	191	171
Total Calendar Year Responses	208	424	436
Training Hours (Dept. Total)	205 Hours	150 Hours	256

Fire Prevention, Education and Inspectional Services:

Our Fire Inspector and our public education team have been very busy. They have been out in the community insuring compliance with applicable codes and sharing our fire and home safety messages. The inspector works with several other town agencies on a daily basis. These include the Building Department, BOH, Schools and COA. The inspector also administers our SAFE grant and coordinates our education programs. He also coordinates daily EMS support activities including supply management and report consolidation.

The following is a list of activities:

Activity	Dec
Inspection – general (construction site visits, violation specific inspections, etc.)	3
Residential smoke detector inspections and re-inspections	22
Annual Inspections (including liquor license and follow up)	2
Certificate of Occupancy (Commercial and Residential)	1
Permits Issued	3
Smoke Detector Consultation	2
Plan Review	0
Residential Smoke Detector installation	0
Public Education Events (Classes, Presentations, other activity)	0
Fire Investigations / Incident Follow Ups	0
Emergency Responses	19
Shift Coverage (Minimum Staffing)	6
Haz Mat Team Responses	1

Respectively Submitted: *John P. Dearborn, Fire Chief, March 17, 2022*