



TIGER COMPANY

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This past year the department has been working to improve fire coverage to the town and village. We have installed three new dry hydrants in the town. One is on York St., one is on Darling Hill and one behind the Municipal Building. We received grants to assist us with the costs of installation of these hydrants. These hydrants will assist us in supplying water to needed areas and reduce the strain on the public water supply in the event of a major incident.

We have been training regularly and we now have 26 of our 30 members "Vermont State Level I Certified" with 14 of those members working on a level II certification.

We responded to 178 calls last year, 85 were vehicle/rescue related. We have found that we are putting a lot of work into our 1986 rescue truck. This is a 1986 GMC one ton with a rescue body. With all the equipment we need to carry, we have out grown this vehicle. We have had to do some major repairs to this vehicle to keep it in service. Since it responds to 50% of our calls and is instrumental in vehicle extrication and rescue, it is time to replace this unit. We are asking the town for \$150,000 dollars to replace this unit with a larger heavier duty vehicle. We are also looking into grants and funding to assist us with our endeavors. We will be looking at new and used vehicles and will work hard to get the best unit that will serve our needs at the best price we can.

We also have a new public alert siren to alert the public of an emergency. This replaced our old air horn that we used to test every night at 6:00 PM. This unit we can test internally, without having to set off publicly. We are in the process of setting up protocols for the alerting system and will inform the public at that time. Until then if you hear a loud, wailing siren throughout the village (a lot louder than the ones on vehicles) tune to your local radio stations for emergency information.

We are continuing to enjoy our new home at the new Public Safety Building. We are very proud to have the facility and work hard to maintain the beauty and usefulness of this facility. We have been holding fund raisers there and the new training room has been used regularly by the Fire and Police departments and other area agencies for formal and informal meetings.

We would like to remind people to have **SMOKE & CO DETECTORS** installed in their homes. Have your 911 number displayed, so emergency responders can find your home. If you have an alarm system that automatically notifies an alarm company, contact the fire department for our response procedures.

We appreciate the support that we have received from the town and village and will continue to work hard to provide the best protection and service we can to the community.

Respectfully yours

Gregory B. Hopkins
Fire Chief