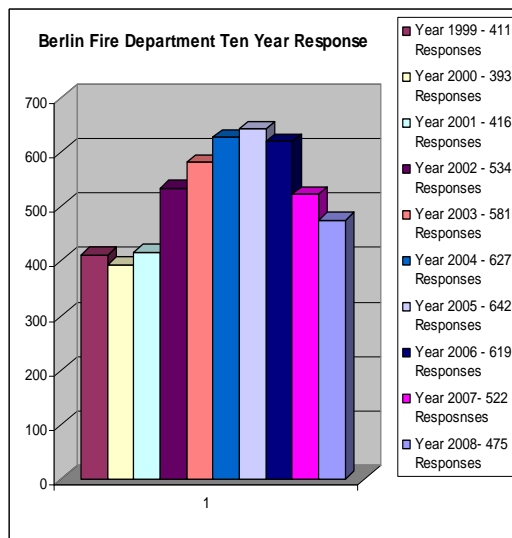


## Berlin Fire Department

In Fiscal year 2008 the battle to change legislation was won with a collaborate effort from many outstanding individuals. New tools were added to the hazardous dilapidated building RSA. These tools will allow Cities and Towns to tax lien multiple properties owned by a dilapidated building owner and recoup monies from when the City has to raze and remove a Hazardous Dilapidated Building.



In the fiscal year 2008 the Berlin Fire Department was more than delighted to assist the library with their children's programs, and as always look forward to lending a helping hand in years to come. One special program that the firefighters are exceptionally supportive of is the Make-A-Wish Adopt an Angel program. This year in a collaborate effort with the Berlin Police Department, Guardian Angel, and Woodlands Credit Unions a benefit hockey game in support of Make "A" Wish was conducted. Through the support of sponsors and donations approximately \$6,000.00 being the final figure was presented to Make

The Fire Department responded to 475 calls for service in fiscal year 2008. In fiscal year 2008 the City of Berlin is still on the high side with 26 Structure fires. The mission of the Berlin Fire Department is to provide the highest level of service twenty-four hours a day by trained professionals who serve with excellence, dedication and pride. It is our pleasure to present to the community our 2008 annual report



"A" Wish. The community that is second to none in caring lead to the success of this project.

The professional Firefighters of Berlin sponsored and set up a program specifically designed by the International Fire Fighters Association for City Officials. The Goal of the program was to increase the participant's knowledge of the variety of tasks that Fire Fighters may be called upon to perform at any given time as well as to emphasize the importance of having a fully staffed and well trained Fire Department ready to respond to any emergency in a moment's notice (Fire Ops 101).



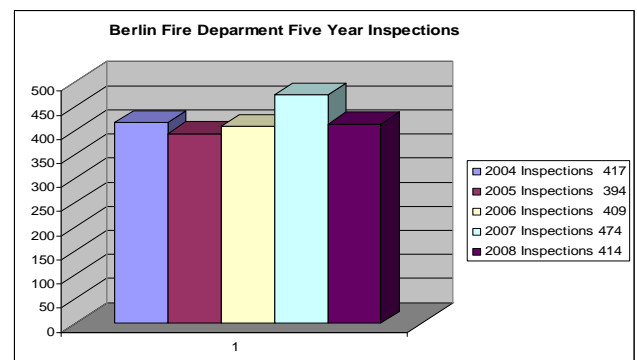
New Hampshire Fire Academy Fire Ops 101, Concord, NH

As always, the Fire Prevention Bureau continues to go above the call for duty to improve the quality of life for the citizens of Berlin. The prevention Bureau year after year has been the focal point of the Berlin Fire Department in the Departments efforts to minimize fire loss in the community. This effort is through the excellent programs that are offered through out the City in local business, schools, and health care facilities. The Berlin Fire Prevention Bureau in fiscal year 2007 has successfully completed 472 Life Safety Inspections. The Berlin Fire Department, Fire Prevention Bureau led by Prevention Chief Robert Goudreau, joining forces with the Nation Fire Protection Association (NFPA) reminds local residents to: “Be Careful When Using Alternate Heating Sources”.

According to the latest NFPA research, Heating Equipment fires accounted for 16% of all reported home fires in 2005(second behind cooking) and 22% of home fire deaths.

Safety Tips as recommended by the City of Berlin Fire Prevention Bureau and the National Fire Prevention Association:

- Keep and maintain a three-foot (one-meter) clearance between all heating equipment and anything that can burn.
- Do not use your oven to heat your home.
- Inspect and maintain heating equipment regularly for safety.
- Portable space heaters should be turned off every time you leave the room and before going to bed.
- When buying a new space heater, make sure it has the label showing it is listed by a recognized testing laboratory. Be sure to have fixed space heaters installed by a qualified technician, according to manufacturer’s instructions or applicable codes. Make sure a qualified technician checks to see that the unit has been properly installed.
- Make sure your fireplace has a sturdy screen to prevent sparks from flying into the room. Allow fireplace and woodstove ashes to cool before disposing in a metal container.
- Have heating equipment and chimneys inspected and cleaned every year.
- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home. For the best protection, interconnect all smoke alarms throughout the home. When one sounds, they all sound. Test smoke alarms monthly.
- Install and maintain carbon monoxide alarms to avoid risk of carbon monoxide poisoning.



The Berlin Fire Department shall stay aggressive in finding cost effective grant opportunities in the year 2008. Our Department will continue to provide

dedicated and selfless service to improve the quality of life for others.

<b>BFD Inspections</b>	<b>Total</b>
<i>Place of Assembly</i>	30
<i>Oil Burners</i>	68
<i>L.P. Gas</i>	98
<i>New Construction</i>	51
<i>Wood Burner/Chimney</i>	13
<i>Health Care</i>	64
<i>Complaints Investigated</i>	11
<i>Industrial</i>	19
<i>Foster Homes</i>	30
<i>Daycare</i>	2
<i>Alarm Inspections</i>	47
<i>Misc. Inspections</i>	49
<i>Public Education</i>	24

<b>BFD Calls for Service</b>	<b>Total</b>
Assist Police	0
Bomb Scare	1
Chimney Fire	3
Dangerous Situation	1
DHART	43
Electrical Fire	12
Electrical Problem	15
Explosion	0
False, Malicious	6
False Unintentional	96
Furnace Problem	13
Leak / Spill	103
Lock Out	6
Medical Aid	9
Outside Fire	45
Rekindle	0
Rescue	4
Smoke Scare	34
Sprinkler Problem	0
Structure Fire	26
Vehicle Accident	40
Vehicle Fire	11
Water Problem	4
Service Call	3
	475