

Berlin Fire Department

On behalf of the members of the City of Berlin Fire Department, I am pleased to present the fiscal-year 2016 Annual Report.

Mission

The members of the Berlin Fire Department are dedicated and highly skilled in providing professional services in areas of fire suppression, rescue, hazardous materials and weather related incidents with an emphasis in fire prevention, code enforcement and public safety education.



Fire Prevention / Training

As always, the Fire Prevention Bureau continues to go above the call of 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 Department's efforts to minimize fire loss in the community. This is achieved by means of the excellent programs that are offered to local business, schools and health care institutions.

The Fire Prevention Bureau is tasked with a variety of life safety code enforcement, fire reporting and inspection, duties regulating and inspecting construction of new buildings and inspection of existing buildings for compliance with the State of New Hampshire Fire Code.

The methods employed by the Bureau in completing these tasks focus on fire inspections, plan reviews and fire safety education sessions. Improved customer service, enhanced operational continuity, increased opportunities for completing inspections and plan reviews and superior coordination of services with other city departments. This proactive and customer service oriented approach to completing the tasks required of the office and our commitment to ensure the daily life safety of our residents and visitors to the City will be at the forefront of our future endeavors and goals.

We have also participated in the following Public Relations events (Touch a Truck, Parade of Lights, Berlin High School Home Coming, Fire Extinguisher Training to Local Businesses and Schools, Fire Safety Talks to Community, Participant in the NH Division of Fire Safety Third Annual Third Grade Fire and Life Safety Calendar Contest) during the year as well.

Training Division

The nature of firefighting is dangerous and no matter how much training and education one obtains, the danger will always exist. However, the risks can be minimized through an effective and aggressive training program. The Training Division provides professional development to our firefighters through education, instruction and preparation so our staff can provide quality customer service to those in need.

The training division establishes standards, writes schedules for fire department personnel and identifies needs to ensure that personnel are adequately prepared to perform their duties.

The Division also prepares and conducts in-service programs to improve performance

and evaluate the progress of fire department employees. It is the primary goal of the training division to ensure that all personnel have the knowledge and skills to proficiently perform their duties as emergency responders in a safe manner to reduce the likelihood of injury or death.

Response Information

During the fiscal year 2016 from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016, the City of Berlin Fire Department responded to 499 calls for service from our citizens.

Calls for Service	Calls	Percentage
Fiscal Year 2016		
<i>Building Fires</i>	12	2%
<i>Cooking Fires</i>	2	0%
<i>Chimney</i>	0	0%
<i>Trash Fires</i>	4	1%
<i>Vehicle Fires</i>	1	0%
<i>Outside Fires</i>	23	5%
<i>Hazardous Conditions</i>	49	10%
<i>Rescue /Emergency</i>	81	16%
<i>Medical Service Incident</i>		
<i>Vehicle Accident</i>	26	5%
<i>Leak Spill / Hazardous Materials</i>	22	4%
<i>Carbon Monoxide Emergencies</i>	12	2%
<i>Building Collapse emergencies</i>	0	0%
<i>Service Call</i>	100	20%
<i>Good Intent</i>	5	1%
<i>False Alarm System</i>	101	20%
<i>Malfunction</i>		
<i>False Alarm Malicious</i>	2	0%
<i>Electrical Issues</i>	8	2%
<i>Water Problem</i>	4	1%
<i>DHART</i>	36	7%
<i>Sprinkler</i>	3	1%
<i>Police assist</i>	2	0%
<i>Bomb</i>	2	0%
<i>Severe Weather</i>	1	0%
<i>Reported as Other</i>	3	1%
Total CALLS 2015	499	

New Personnel

The City of Berlin Fire Department welcomed to the Fire Department in Fiscal Year 2016 call members Brandon Bisson,

Scott Litvin, Derek Patry and Teegan Paulin. Also welcomed to the career staff are Gregory Auger, Zachary Kenney, Kristopher Saunders and Shane Warren.

The City of Berlin has been very active in applying for grants in the fiscal year 2015 the fire department applied for the Fire Fighters Assistance Grant for Safe Staffing and was awarded \$668,000.00 to hire two firefighters to fill two vacant positions created through attrition and an additional two firefighters for a period of two years.

Inspections for Fiscal Year 2016

	Inspections
Place of Assembly	40
Oil Burner	37
L.P. Gas	50
New Construction	3
Wood Burner/Pellet/Chimney	2
Health Care	3
Complaints Investigated	25
Foster Care	4
Day Care	3
Fire Alarm / Sprinkler Inspections	3
Miscellaneous	67
Public Education	18
Multi Family	26
Plan Reviews	25
Certificate of Occupancy	9
Blasting Permits	5
Total:	322

Respectfully Submitted,

Randall Trull

Chief Randall Trull