



## Berlin Fire Department

**Mission Statement** – The Berlin Fire Department prepares for, and responds to a wide variety of emergencies and calls for service. Protecting life and property through a combination of progressive and responsible approaches with a professionally trained, dedicated, and compassionate workforce to work diligently in fire prevention planning and education, and hazard prevention and mitigation for the citizens of Berlin.



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

The members of the Fire Department provide their services to the citizens of our City with professionalism, dedication and integrity. Through hard work and training, and in conjunction with the support of our residents,

businesses and City Administration, both appointed and elected, we continue to provide valuable services on a daily basis. The Fire Department responded to 1,061 calls for service during Fiscal Year 2018.

• Fires (all categories) -	52
• Rescue/EMS -	159
• Hazardous Condition -	240
• Service Call -	423
• Good Intent -	20
• False Alarm -	123
• Special Incident -	44

### Fire Prevention Division

The Fire Prevention Division is tasked with code enforcement, fire inspection, regulating and inspecting construction of new buildings, and inspection of existing buildings, for compliance with the State of New Hampshire Fire and Life Safety Codes. The Fire Prevention Division continues to be the focal point of the Fire Department's efforts to minimize fire loss in the community. This is achieved by the programs that are offered to local businesses, schools, health care institutions, and the public in general.

The methods employed by the Fire Prevention Division in completing these tasks, focus on fire and life safety code education and inspections, plans review, and fire safety education sessions. A customer service based, and service oriented approach of our services, as well as our commitment to the overall safety of our residents and visitors, are driven by the Fire Department's mission to serve our community.

## Fire Prevention Inspections

• Place of Assembly -	34
• Oil Burner -	24
• LP Gas -	47
• New Construction -	1
• Wood Burner/Pellet -	1
• Health Care -	5
• Complaints Investigated -	26
• Foster Care -	8
• Day Care -	4
• Fire Alarm/Sprinkler -	7
• Miscellaneous -	94
• Public Education -	22
• Multi-Family -	17
• Plan Reviews -	2
• Certificate of Occupancy -	19
• Blasting Permits -	1
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>312</b>

We have also participated in the following Public Relations events: Touch a Truck, Parade of Lights, Berlin High School Homecoming, Fire Extinguisher and Safety Training to Local Businesses and Schools, Fire Safety Talks to the Community, and the Get Alarmed NH smoke and CO detector installation grant.



## The Future

With the increase in interest in the City, fueled by ATV tourism, there has been an uptick in population, traffic, and development that has been bringing about a long awaited new prosperity to the valley. Additionally, with the promotion of Captain John C. Lacasse to the position of Fire Chief, there is a new “Can Do” attitude within the Fire Department. This attitude will help fuel the department’s mission as we move forward to the future.

Respectfully submitted,

John C. Lacasse  
Fire Chief