



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 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 880 calls for service during Fiscal Year 2019.

• Fires (all categories) -	38
• Rescue/EMS -	174
• Hazardous Condition -	151
• Service Call -	233
• Good Intent -	34
• False Alarm -	145
• Special Incident -	5
	780

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 -	21
• Oil Burner -	19
• LP Gas -	7
• Health Care -	6
• Complaints Investigated -	14
• Foster Care -	6
• Day Care -	4
• Fire Alarm/Sprinkler -	1
• Public Education -	3
• Multi-Family -	1
• Plan Reviews -	1
• Certificate of Occupancy -	17

TOTAL: 100

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.

Accomplishments

Fire Chief John Lacasse retired after 23 years working for the City of Berlin,

Captains Ray Dube & Patrick Tremblay celebrated 20 years working for the City of Berlin



The Future

I would like to continue with the “Can Do” mission that Chief Lacasse had started. I would also like to start an inspection program to ensure that buildings in the City are safe and up to code, improve on the public outreach with fire safety classes, CPR classes and do narcan training.

Respectfully submitted,

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