

## **BERLIN FIRE DEPARTMENT**

### 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.

The members of the Berlin Fire Department are proud to provide the best quality of services to the residents, people who visit or travel through, and businesses that make Berlin a special, unique place. The fire department greatly appreciates the support provided to us from the residents, businesses and that of our City Manager and elected officials to carry out our mission to enhance the quality and depth of service we provide.

### Retirements

The fire department would like to recognize the dedicated service, with a grand total of fifty years of combined service provided by retiring Captain Robert Jewett and Captain Steve Vien in their retirement in fiscal year 2014. Congratulations to Captain Jewett and Captain Vien on your retirements and thank you for your dedicated professional services to the City of Berlin.

### Promotions

The Berlin Fire Department would like to recognize the individuals that have moved up in rank through promotion. In fiscal year 2014 we would like to recognize Captain William Maddalena who was promoted from Lieutenant to Captain, Captain John Lacasse who was promoted from Lieutenant to Captain, Lieutenant Peter Donovan who was promoted from Firefighter to Lieutenant and Lieutenant Roland Berthiaume who was

promoted from Firefighter to Lieutenant. Congratulations and good luck.



### Response Information

During the fiscal year 2014 from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014, the City of Berlin Fire Department responded to 517 calls for service from our citizens.

### 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.



Princess Theatre Fire – December 14, 2013

<b>Calls for Service Fiscal Year 2014</b>		
Building Fires	<b>15</b>	<b>3%</b>
Cooking Fires	<b>4</b>	<b>1%</b>
Chimney	<b>10</b>	<b>2%</b>
Trash Fires	<b>8</b>	<b>2%</b>
Vehicle Fires	<b>6</b>	<b>1%</b>
Outside Fires	<b>28</b>	<b>5%</b>
Hazardous Conditions	<b>57</b>	<b>11%</b>
Rescue / Emergency Medical Service Incident	<b>65</b>	<b>13%</b>
Vehicle Accident	<b>38</b>	<b>7%</b>
Leak Spill / Hazardous Materials	<b>24</b>	<b>5%</b>
Carbon Monoxide Emergencies	<b>18</b>	<b>3%</b>
Building Collapse emergencies	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>
Service Call	<b>54</b>	<b>10%</b>
Good Intent	<b>15</b>	<b>3%</b>
False Alarm System Malfunction	<b>88</b>	<b>17%</b>
False Alarm Malicious	<b>10</b>	<b>2%</b>
Electrical Issues	<b>13</b>	<b>3%</b>
Water Problem	<b>16</b>	<b>3%</b>
DHART	<b>32</b>	<b>6%</b>
Sprinkler	<b>10</b>	<b>2%</b>
Police assist	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>
Bomb	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>
Severe Weather	<b>3</b>	<b>1%</b>
Reported as Other	<b>3</b>	<b>1%</b>
Total Calls to March 2014	<b>517</b>	

This is achieved by means of the excellent programs that are offered to local businesses, schools, and health care institutions.

With inception of Multiple Family inspections, we are now inspecting these residences making the property owners and tenants aware of fire safety issues in these buildings. This program will increase Life Safety Code compliance and awareness and make for safer living in these types of buildings in our community for years to come.



In fiscal year 2014 through State funded training and local monies from the training budget the members of the fire department went above and beyond spending a large amount of time and effort through their dedication to the community of Berlin and completed over 1100 hours in State of New Hampshire and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) certification training. It is important to recognize the following courses attended were: Firefighter II, Firefighter III- Rescue Systems Technician, Fire Inspector I, Fire Service Instructor I, Hazardous Materials Technician Recertification, Incident Command System/ National Incident Management System (ICS) (NIMS).

We have also participated in the following Public Relations events (Touch a Truck,

Parade of Lights, Berlin High School Homecoming, Fire Extinguisher Training to Local Businesses and Schools, Fire Safety Talks to Community, Participant in the NH

Division of Fire Safety Second Annual Third Grade Fire and Life Safety Calendar Contest during the year as well.

Inspections for Fiscal Year 2014

	<b>Inspections</b>
<b>Places of Assembly</b>	<b>48</b>
<b>Oil Burner</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>L.P. Gas</b>	<b>58</b>
<b>New Construction</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Wood Burner/Pellet/ Chimney</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Health Care</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Complaints Investigated</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Foster Care</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Day Care</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Fire Alarm / Sprinkler Inspections</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Public Education</b>	<b>13 Visits/337 Students</b>
<b>Multi Family</b>	<b>109</b>
<b>Plan Reviews</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Certificate of Occupancy</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Blasting Permits</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>330</b>

Respectfully Submitted,

Chief Randall Trull

Fire Chief