

Fire Department Annual Report 2018

I am happy to report that call volume for 2018 is below normal with 112 calls for service.

Due to the aging of our Fire Station, building maintenance and upgrades are ongoing. Planned work for this year shall consist of window and door replacements, ongoing electrical upgrades, interior painting, as well as some roof repairs to the back of the building. And hopefully a garage door replacement.

This year The selectman and the fire department will start the process of putting a committee together to look over the long range goals of what we should consider to remodel or replace the fire station in the distant future.

We have had an increase in our membership this year. In 2019, we will be conducting training for these new members to get them prepared for anything that they may encounter, we will also be conducting some Specialty Swift Water Training, vehicle and forestry training.

In January of 2019 we replaced our Ford Pickup which had 80,000 plus miles on it. The Fire department uses this truck for many purposes such as Fire inspections, training out of town and keeping up to date on the Thorn Mountain Radio Site and as well as many other duties. This vehicle has been very useful rescuing injured people off of mountains and as well many flooded people due to the storms we have had. We hope that you will support this for the Fire Station.

For 2019, The Jackson Fire Department is considering upgrading its fleet of extrication and rescue tools. These tools which include hydraulic "Jaws of life" cutters, spreaders and rams, were originally purchased in 1995 and has served the Department well for over 20 years. At this time, The Jackson Firefighters Association (The non-profit that supports training and equipping of the Jackson Fire Department) partnered with the town, residents and homeowners to raise sufficient funds to equip the department with these state-of-the-art rescue tools.

After almost 20 years of solid service life, the department is again is looking to upgrade its rescue and extrication tools. Technology has advanced to the point that the department is looking into battery operated tools, which are more maneuverable and do not need a generator to operate. They are also more powerful than the existing generator operated tools. The cost to purchase and upgrade these new rescue tools of \$25,000 - \$30,000,

In 1995 and again in 2005 (For thermal imaging equipment), the Fire Department committed to partnering with the town and the community by raising the necessary funds for these important life safety tools. We will again be looking to partner with the town and the community in the future to upgrade the Jaws of Life. Please look for more information soon, and if you have any questions, or would like to contribute to this effort, please contact the Jackson Fire Department or any Jackson Firefighter.

We are always looking for new members to join our team at the Fire Department. So if anyone is interested please don't hesitate to stop in and see us anytime.

In closing, please remember to check your smoke detectors and CO detectors for proper operation and make sure to put in fresh batteries each year. It is extremely important to make sure your house is properly numbered so that we can locate you in case of emergencies.

Thank you to all departments that assist us and everyone for their support.

Sincerely,

Jay Henry
Jackson Fire Chief



***Deputy Chief Peter Benson, Firefighter Beth Dyer and Fire Chief Jay Henry
(photo courtesy of Kevin Bennett)***

Fire Incident Report 2018	
Type of Call	# of Calls
Alarm Activation	50
Mutual Aid - Out of Town	7
Motor Vehicle Accidents	17
Carbon Monoxide Alarms	9
Structure Fire - In Town	0
Incidental Fire In Building	1
Assist B/J Ambulance - In Town	8
Furnace Issue	1
Chimney Fire	2
Propane Issue	6
Smoke Investigation	2
Forest Fire	1
Power Line Issue	5
Special Service	1
Car Fire	2
Total	112