

FIRE RESCUE TRAINING

To the Citizens, the Select Board, and the Town Manager:



The Farmington Fire Rescue Department has continued its regular training schedule as it has done for many years. All members are taking part in these training courses, some are learning new skills and others are just refreshing those from previous sessions. New mandates, new products and improved methods require us to always keep up to date.

Training topics that are frequently used are similar to those from past years. Some of the common trainings are Ventilation, Ladders, Drafting and Relay Pumping, Rural Water Supply, Forcible Entry, the annual Mandatory Topics Day, Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus, Rope Rescue Equipment review, Truck Hose Lays and Deployment practices, review of building Pre-Plans, Cold Water Rescue Techniques, inspection of Personal Protective Equipment, operation of the Water Rescue Boat, Hazardous Materials Operations refresher class, Chimney Fire control methods, Heavy Vehicle Lifting and Stabilization training. Vehicle operators did their required driving sessions and were cleared for proper vehicle operations. This summer several members took part in an Active Shooter Incident Management Class at UMF. Day crews have done routine training as part of their daily operations. The Fire Fighter 1 and II class for 2024 – 2025 is currently holding classes (on-line and hands-on) at different locations.

The Western Maine Training Facility at the Mt. Blue Campus is being used by the State and local departments for a variety of training sessions. Mutual Aid departments are being invited to our training sessions. This fosters good working relationships and helps all neighboring communities.

In closing, we thank all who have been involved with these situations and appreciate the citizens that support and understand the need for continuing education.

Respectfully submitted,

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