



**Falmouth Fire-EMS Department**  
**Headquarters: Central Fire Station**  
**8 Bucknam Road**

**Fulltime Staff:**

Howard Rice, Jr., Fire-EMS Chief  
Doug Patey, Assistant Chief  
Suzanne Cook, Office Administrator

**Purpose:**

To provide Fire and Emergency Medical Services to residents and visitors and promote safety practices through public education, inspection, and information.

**Operations:**

Falmouth Fire-EMS responds to over 1600 emergencies each year. We are a combination Fire-EMS department made up of three fulltime staff, ninety-five on-call firefighters and emergency medical technicians, and twelve part-time paramedics.

During the daytime hours we are staffed with the Fire Chief, Assistant Chief, and the Office Administrator who is also a Firefighter/EMT. In addition, the department employs a per diem paramedic who staffs an ambulance at Central Fire Station seven days a week from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Nightly from 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. we obtain paramedic coverage from Cumberland Rescue through a contract for services. We rely heavily on our dedicated staff of on-call firefighters and EMT's to respond to emergencies and staff our apparatus 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Two on-call Deputy Chiefs provide leadership and assist the fulltime staff with administrative support.

Falmouth Fire-EMS provides emergency service from four stations. Each station is commanded by a Captain, and each apparatus has an assigned Lieutenant and a crew. The EMS Division forms a 5th company, and is headed by the EMS Captain, and includes members from all four stations who are trained in EMS. Our two ambulances combine to run over 1,000 medical calls each year.

**2009 Proposed Projects**

- Continue to foster close relationships with neighboring fire and EMS departments.
- Evaluate EMS delivery system for services within Falmouth.
- Update Standard Operating Guidelines (SOG's) for department.
- Rewrite Run Cards for all areas of town that use the closest available resources to respond to all emergencies.
- Design and purchase replacement to 1984 pumper at Foreside Fire Station.
- Implement Fire-EMS reporting software to track incidents and resources.
- Complete department-wide inventory of all assets.
- Implement building improvement projects for Winn Road Fire Station.
- Evaluate future capital improvement needs for Pleasant Hill Fire Station.
- Build process for life safety inspections at businesses and public buildings.