



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

Fulltime Staff:

Howard Rice, Jr., Fire-EMS Chief / EMA Director
Doug Patey, Assistant Chief
Suzanne Cook, Office Administrator / FF / EMT

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 Firefighter / Paramedic who staffs an ambulance at Central Fire Station seven days a week 24 hours a day. 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 three stations. Each station is commanded by a Captain, and each apparatus has an assigned Lieutenant and a crew. Our EMS Division is fully integrated into the three stations. Our two ambulances combine to run over 1,000 medical calls each year.

2010 Proposed Projects

- Evaluate temporary closing of Pleasant Hill Fire Station.
- Provide follow-up to EMA incidents - Ice Storm, Shelter Opening.
- Evaluate change from Regional Paramedics to staffed 24x7 Firefighter / Paramedics.
- Collaborate with neighboring fire and EMS departments to provide regional training.
- Continue to develop and update Standard Operating Guidelines (SOG's).
- Evaluate new incident Run Cards that were implemented on July 1st.
- Design and purchase new ambulance.
- Design and purchase replacement to pumper at Central Station.
- Implement Fire-EMS reporting software to track payroll.
- Continue to work with Maine Medical Center to develop programs for early recognition in the field of conditions such as strokes and heart attacks.
- Partner with 5 Residents at Maine Medical Center who provide monthly training and evaluate patient care to ensure quality EMS is delivered to patients in Falmouth.
- Implement new Accountability System for use on scenes by Fire-EMS members.
- Continue to implement building improvement projects for Winn Road Fire Station.
- Rehabilitate Tower 2 to allow for continued efficient use for the next 10 years.