



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

Fulltime Staff:

Howard Rice, Jr., Fire-EMS Chief / EMA Director

Mike Carroll, Captain / Paramedic

Denise Gibson, Office Administrator / Lieutenant / EMT-Intermediate

Mission Statement:

We will focus our collective efforts toward protecting the people, property, and the environment on behalf of any that call on us. With a standard of care that integrates community awareness and a rapid response to those in need, we will prepare to continuously offer the utmost quality in Fire & Emergency services. May our community of residents and visitors regard us as a constant and reliable source of assistance, and may we strive to safely exceed the expectations of those we serve.

Operations:

Falmouth Fire-EMS responds to over 1500 emergencies each year, ranging from medical emergencies to house fires. We are a combination Fire-EMS department made up of 3 full time staff, 100 on-call firefighters and EMTs and 15 part-time firefighter/paramedics.

During the daytime business hours we are staffed with the Fire Chief, Captain, and a Lieutenant/Office Administrator. All three are cross-trained in fire and EMS and respond to emergencies as needed. 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 services from three stations: Station 1 on Foreside Road, Central Station on Bucknam Road, and Station 4 on Winn Road. Our EMS operation is fully integrated into the three stations, and EMS calls account for 2/3 of our total responses each year. Volunteers help staff one ambulance at Central Station at all hours of the day and night. All other calls are handled by the on-call volunteer crews.

Falmouth Fire-EMS is a member of several regional partnerships, including Metro Fire Chiefs, Cumberland County Fire Chiefs, Cumberland County EMS Chiefs, Maine Chiefs, Coastal Mutual Aid, and Southern Maine Community College Student Live-in Program.

FY2014 Proposed Projects

- Continue to collaborate with neighboring departments to provide regional training.
- Publish updated department Standard Operating Guidelines (SOG's).
- Create 5-Year Strategic Plan for fire-ems department.
- Conduct in-house Fire Officer training program.



Falmouth Fire-EMS 2012 Incidents

Building Fire	10
Electrical Fire	12
Chimney Fire	1
Cooking Fire	4
Fuel Boiler Malfunction	2
Vehicle Fire	9
Smoke Investigation	24
Brush Fire	16
Unauthorized Burning	16
Power Lines Down	39
Fire Alarm / Detector Activation	165
Carbon Monoxide Alarms	21
Emergency Medical Services	967
Motor Vehicle Crash	114
Rescue Other – Animal, Elevator	2
Hazardous Materials Incident - Fuel Spills, Leaks	15
Assist Other Agency	4
Good Intent Call / Public Assist	15
False Alarm	21
Cover Assignment	42
Coverage at Sporting Events	27
Weather Related	4
Inspections – Wood Stove, Fire Alarm, etc.	19
Total Incidents	1,549