



# Fire Department

The Barrington Fire Department headquarters and station are located at 100 Federal Road in the Town of Barrington Public Safety Building.

The Barrington Fire Department responded to 1,802 emergency calls between July 2007 and June 2008. There were 26 structure fires and 1,320 rescue responses during this period. The remaining calls were for auto fires, brush or trash fires, service calls, boat responses and false calls.



The primary responsibility of the Fire Department is the saving of life and property from any catastrophic event. The department clearly recognizes this mandate and understands the expectations of the citizens of our community and in the past year continued to meet this challenge. The goals of the department are to provide the Town the best trained, best prepared, most courteous and highly skilled firefighting and rescue service possible.

Firefighter and continues attention. The for upcoming firefighting and subjects. This department



recertified as Emergency Medical Technicians at the Cardiac level and classes continue in other firefighting areas and skill levels in an effort to meet the newest of challenges. A changing world requires a highly skilled, professional fire department.

training is a daily requirement to receive the utmost entire department is preparing nationally certified classes in other related year all members were



Fire Prevention also demands the attention of the department and in 1968 the State of Rhode Island adopted the first fire safety code for the state, this code has been amended and changed over the following years but none of these modifications reflect the changes that were adopted in July, 2003 and made mandatory in February 2004 by the state legislature.



The changes will have home, every building and community. In an effort to department will have five department certified as Fire Marshals and will attend many seminars and mandatory classes during the

some effect on every every business in our meet these changes the members of the Assistant Deputy State

coming year to become more familiar with the new code as the department continues an inspection program through the upcoming year that requires each building and business to be inspected. The long-standing grandfather clause in the fire safety code has been eliminated requiring all buildings to meet the current standards and codes. The department is prepared to assist any business or building owner with any questions regarding the new fire safety code.

The department continues to provide smoke detector and carbon monoxide detector inspections for all residential properties that are sold and require a certificate of compliance. These inspections are scheduled by calling the Fire Department at 437-3940 Tuesday and Thursday remember that over 80% United States occur in safety begins in the home and maintained smoke detectors.



The Fire Department in cooperation with the office of Building Official continues to review all commercial building plans for renovations and new buildings and also for all building and renovations plans for private residences.

In both cases the department is reviewing the building plans to ensure the building or residence meets the new fire safety code. This timely review should alleviate any discrepancies during and after the construction. The Fire Department is prepared to assist any and all residents during the planning stage for new construction. This service is available by contacting the office of Fire Chief at 437-3940.

The Hampden Meadows Volunteer Fire Company located on Sowams Road was given an nationally certified in classes conducted by Academy and paid for was the first kind in many years and of the members. the volunteers all are certified as Firefighter now recognized nationally. HMVFC members continue to provide the Town with a valuable resource.



opportunity to become firefighting through the Rhode Island Fire by Town funds. This opportunity of this was accepted by many Through the efforts of now required to be Level I and II and are