



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 1,787 emergency calls between July 2008 and June 2009. There were 17 structure fires and 1,322 rescue responses during this period. The remaining calls were for auto fires, brush or trash responses and



were for auto fires, fires, service calls, boat 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 with the best trained, best prepared, most courteous and highly skilled firefighting and rescue service possible.

Firefighter training is a daily requirement and continues to receive the utmost attention. The entire department is preparing for upcoming nationally certified classes in firefighting and other related subjects. This year all department members attended the Live Burn Training Facility at the Union Fire District in Westerly. 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.

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These changes will have some effect on every home, every building and every business in our community. In an effort to meet these changes, the department will have five members of the department certified as Assistant Deputy State Fire Marshals. They will attend many seminars and mandatory classes during the coming year to become more familiar with the new code. The department

will continue an inspection program through the upcoming year that requires each building and inspected. The long-clause in the fire safety eliminated requiring the current standards department is prepared or building owner with regarding the new fire business to be standing grandfather code has been all buildings to meet and codes. The to assist any business any questions 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 and are conducted on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

Please remember that over 80% of all fire deaths in the United States occur in residences. Fire safety begins in the home with properly placed and maintained smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

The Fire Department, in cooperation with the office of the 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 opportunity to become nationally certified in firefighting through classes conducted by Academy and paid for was the first kind in many years many of the members. the volunteers, all are certified as Firefighter now recognized nationally. HMVFC members continue to provide the Town with a valuable resource.

