

## **Fire Rescue Department**

The Sherborn Fire/ Rescue Department responded to 585 calls for service, which is a 12.7% increase from the number of responses last year.

The Fire Chief and a Grant Funded Daytime Fire Captain are the only fulltime employees working for the Sherborn Fire Department. The remaining department staff consists of a part time administrative operations officer, per diem Emergency Medical Technicians and on call fire officers and firefighters. Staffing continues to be a challenge given the demographics of the community.

We continue to offer fire and life safety education programs for elementary school children and our senior residents. We offer home inspections for health, safety and fire prevention.

We continue to aggressively pursue grants. We were awarded an EMPG grant for two portable radios, a fire prevention grant for our SAFE program, A FEMA Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant and completed the application process for Assistance to Firefighter Grant through FEMA.

As the Director of Emergency Management the Fire Chief continues to aggressively document and pursue FEMA disaster declaration reimbursement funds. The town has successfully submitted three reimbursement projects from March 2018 storms totaling \$135,275.37

The department put in service a new 2018 Ford pickup utility vehicle. This vehicle replaces an eleven year old vehicle and it enhances our response and support capabilities. The new vehicle has a larger passenger compartment, towing capacity and payload which provides the department with enhanced capability. The department also placed a New 2017 Ford F250 command vehicle in service as Car 1 to replace 2013 Ford Explorer which was totaled after being rear ended in a motor vehicle accident.

As in past years, we have continued to encourage members to complete the Massachusetts Fire Academy's Call/ Volunteer Firefighter program. We had three members participate in the program this year and have three members actively enrolled in the program with completion scheduled for June 2019. This program is a major commitment of time and teaches firefighters basic firefighting skills and techniques. The Sherborn Fire Department also hosted and EMT class in the fall of 2018. We had four members successfully complete and earn their EMT licensure

We would like to extend an invitation to residents who are interested in learning more about our department and becoming a member. Please call us at (508) 653-3270 or visit us at our website.

I would like to thank all of the members of this department for their commitment and dedication. Sherborn Fire Department personnel make great sacrifices and consistently provide all hazards mitigating emergency services to the community.

I would like to thank Town Manager David Williams, Police Chief Richard Thompson, CMD Director Sean Killeen and the citizens of Sherborn for their continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Erron Q. Kinney, Fire Chief/Emergency Management Director