

# The Montague Center Fire Department



## Annual Report FY 2009

This year we continued to be very busy with 136 runs and 1061 man-hours to date. That averages 1 run every 2 1/2 days. This year we responded to 19 brush fire calls, 6 hazardous materials calls, 68 medical calls, 9 vehicle accidents, 6 rescue calls, 19 structure fire calls, 7 false alarm or good intent calls and 2 car fire.

We continue to focus on training with emphasis on actual drill practices through the Franklin County recruit-training program and continued to train on water and ice rescue. We trained for 1235 man-hours this fiscal year. I continue to attend the monthly Franklin County Chief's meetings as well as being a board member at Tri-State Mutual Aid meetings. We remain the center for the Tri-State Mutual Aid Recruit Training Program. Four of us meet once a month as part of the Franklin County Incident Management Assistance Team. Additionally, I attend the Shelburne Control Dispatch monthly meetings as the Fire Oversight representative. Add to this our permit inspections and we have had a very busy year.

This year, we have received a federal grant of \$48,484 for replacement of our 20-year-old hose and other station equipment. Additionally, we wrote a federal grant request for \$46,056 towards the purchase of firefighting equipment, and a regional grant for \$178,410 towards the purchase of a Live Fire Training Trailer to be used in our county fire-training program. Currently I am writing another grant request for adding an elevator to our second floor so that we are accessibility compliant.

We have made several additions this year. I have appointed Margaret Pyfrom as our Wellness and Fitness Coordinator. She is also our Fundraising Coordinator. Dave Rehorka and Tom Sena have been appointed as administrators of our New Fire Cadet Program. Lt. Sirum has become our Recruitment and Retention Coordinator. Chief Dion and Captain Fisk have taken over our training program, and LT. Peters is now Coordinator of the Firefighter One program. Sarah Emery is our Social Coordinator and Michelle Rehorka has taken over producing our new newsletter.

Our ranks have swollen as well. As part of the state recruitment initiative we have been fortunate to add six new firefighters and our first Fire Cadet. One of these, the Reverend Stephen Palso, has also been appointed as our first Fire Chaplain.

I am extremely proud of the dedication and professionalism that this department continues to exhibit. I would like to personally thank all it's members and staff, the Prudential Committee and Staff, and all their families for the privilege of serving with them.

Respectfully submitted,

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