



Old Orchard Beach Fire Department

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Fire Department Monthly Report

This last month has been very busy for me. Having jumped into the Chief's position only three weeks ago, I have spent a good deal of time familiarizing myself with the duties and responsibilities of the position. The Captains, firefighter/paramedics have been very helpful and supportive to me, along with Terry who has been most helpful.

It has been a busy month for the troops, with the delivery of the new aerial platform truck. There was a full week of factory training on the operation of the aerial, and you may have seen the truck around town, while the personnel have been doing driver training.

Firefighter/Paramedic Don Pelletier held a CPR/AED class for the Call Force members and eleven members were certified to perform CPR and use of an AED.

Weekly Training is continuing with Saco and Biddeford Fire Departments. This is a great positive for good quality training, as well as building a good working relationship with the other departments.

It was a great Memorial Day Parade with the Fire Department showing off our new ladder/aerial platform truck, and entering Engine 72 and one of the ambulances.

We have started doing "life safe inspections" at business especially businesses that have applied for licenses. These inspections include checking for Exit signs, blocked exits, fire extinguishers, ansul systems, and occupancy capacity signs to mention a few. This also enables the inspectors to familiarize themselves with the building should we have an emergency call to that location.

The Lifeguards are busy preparing for the season. Orientation will be held on the 21st and 22nd, and the lifeguard towers will be put in place on the 23rd. On the 24th the lifeguards will be in full operation. The weekend of the 18th, we are planning limited coverage.

The hiring process is underway, and soon we hope to be interviewing for the new chief. I feel we are doing a good job keeping the ship on course, but we are looking forward to a new chief, and a new chapter for the Old Orchard Beach Fire Department.

Respectfully submitted

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Bill Farley, Interim Fire Chief