

# AYER FIRE DEPARTMENT

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## MONTHLY REPORT SELECTMEN FIRE DEPARTMENT NOVEMBER 2012

November is a busy month for the Fire Department. All members were recertified in CPR on November 7<sup>th</sup>. This is a yearly training and required by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for all First Responders. Fire personnel and Emergency Medical personnel fall into this category.

The Combination #1 Turkey Party was held a week early this year on November 14<sup>th</sup> due to an early Thanksgiving. The turnout by the public for this event was tremendous. At one point it was standing room only with 350 seats set up. I attribute some of the success to the advertising on the Towns website and Facebook postings. This annual event has been in existence since the 1950's.

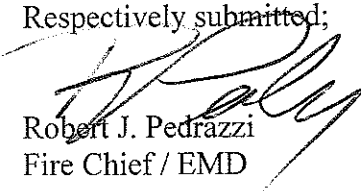
The Fire Department Road Race was held on Thanksgiving morning. This year's edition was the largest attendance ever with 847 runners participating. Many people from the community help out with the set up and marshal the course to make this a safe event. Having such a large crowd is a challenge but good planning prevents any safety problems. The production of this event is also helped out by the advertisement on the Towns website and Facebook. (picture attached)

The fire department responded to many large fires in the month of November including the Barn Fire in Lancaster, the Main St. fire in Leominster, a large fire in Fitchburg on Mechanic St. as well as two structure fires in Harvard. November 30<sup>th</sup> we had a working fire in Town at 61 Willard St. The towns of Shirley and Devens assisted. The fire started by a faulty chimney cause around \$20,000 in damage. There were no injuries.

Ambulance Runs November - 116  
Fire Calls November - 51

Ambulance receipts November - \$20,942.91  
Permit fees November - \$490.00

Respectively submitted;

  
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