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MONTHLY SELECTMANS REPORT AUGUST 2013 FIRE DEPARTMENT

- August 13th through the 18th I attended the Fire Rescue International Conference in Chicago
 Illinois. This conference is put on by the International Association of Fire Chiefs and is attended
 by people from all over the United States as well as a large international contingent. The classes
 offered at this conference are highly regarded and the networking sessions are very beneficial.
- In August a new fire alarm receiver was installed in the Police Dispatch Center. This new equipment replaced existing equipment that was at the end of its life span; and has several advantages over the old technology. The new equipment receives the fire alarm by radio signal instead of the hard wire circuit that the old technology used. The Fire Department is slowly replacing the old hard wire fire alarm with radio transmitted fire alarm. This allows for a direct connection to the Fire and Police stations from commercial buildings in Town. The advantage of this system is; less maintenance and increased performance. When an alarm is transmitted from a radio fire alarm box it can be determined what part of the building the alarm is transmitted from. This allows the units that are dispatched on a call to go to the correct part of the building without having to stop and look at the fire alarm panel inside the building. The project was funded entirely out of the Fire Alarm Revolving account.
- The bid opening for the Refurbishment of Engine #4 was held on the 28th of August. Greenwood Emergency Vehicles of North Attleboro was the only company to submit a bid for this project and thus the low bidder. This company has been in business for 34 years and can do all the required work in house eliminating the need for subcontractors and is also the original manufacturer of the vehicle. The price proposal for the work is in the amount of \$141,894.00. The money approved for this project in Article 19 at the ATM is \$155,000.



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- Fire Incidents August 35
- Ambulance Runs August 90
- Ambulance Receipts for August \$37,054.62
- Permit receipts August \$1,505

Respectively, submitted;/

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