

AYER FIRE DEPARTMENT

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MONTHLY REPORT SELECTMEN FIRE DEPARTMENT JUNE 2014

- June 6th the Fire Department participated in a multi-jurisdictional drill to test the capabilities of the State Mass Decontamination plan. This drill was held in the Town of Harvard and incorporated many area municipal ambulance services, fire departments, and Nashoba Valley Medical Center. Ayer Fire Department hosts a Mass Decontamination Trailer which is part of a state-wide plan to protect hospital emergency rooms from the effects of chemical exposure. This drill is conducted yearly in June to test the readiness of this system. Fifteen victims were transported to the hospital from a staged multi-casualty chemical exposure. After transport and before entering the emergency room the victims are decontaminated. This equipment is supported by a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. (picture attached)
- June 11th I participated in a table top exercise with National Grid representatives and Emergency Managers from the Central Massachusetts area to test a new system being put in place to help coordinate power restoration. This new concept is called the Zone Approach. Instead of each individual municipality having a representative the area is broken down into groups of Towns with one representative for the zone. Ayer is in a zone with Shirley and Harvard. These zones are broken out geographically based on the way the power grid is set up. The table top drill was productive and the Zone Approach should help to coordinate and speed power restoration after major events.



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- June 19th Ayer Fire Department had two Call Members graduate from the Call and Volunteer Training Academy. This class is held at the Massachusetts State Fire Academy in Stow and is six months in length. The students attend two nights a week and every Saturday. The course teaches basic recruit firefighting skills, hazardous materials, and includes live fire training in the academy burn building. There is also a classroom portion and students must keep a 70% average to continue in the class. Call Firefighters Zachary Broderick and Keith Kelley graduated from this class attaining Firefighter I/II certification. (picture attached)
- Fire incidents June -- 56
- Ambulance Calls June -- 93
- Permit fees June -- \$600.00
- Ambulance revenue June -- \$ 31,082.99

Respectfully submitted;

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