

AYER FIRE DEPARTMENT

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MONTHLY REPORT SELECTMEN FIRE DEPARTMENT APRIL 2020

- The Fire Department is still dealing with the affects of the COVID -19 pandemic. The station remains closed to the public. The department is conducting limited inspections on a case by case basis if they can be done safely. The first two weeks of April ambulance calls were down since nobody wanted to be transported to an emergency room. The week that the Governor made the push to let people know that they should not delay getting medical treatment ambulance calls resumed to normal levels. Since the start of the pandemic the ambulance has transported seventy-four known or suspected COVID – 19 individuals. Personnel protective equipment has been very hard to source from vendors. The Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency along with the National Guard has been supplying the department with needed PPE. There is a strict policy for requesting the equipment and supplies, when down to a one-week supply items can be replenished through this system. This process has worked for the department and we are able to keep enough protective equipment on hand. Zoom meetings and conference calls are a daily occurrence now. Aprils Fire Chiefs Association of Massachusetts zoom meeting had 191 participants.
- The CARES act assigned 100 million dollars for fire departments. This money went into a grant program to purchase personal protective equipment. The department submitted an application with the Assistance to Firefighters program to purchase equipment for the expected spike in COVID – 19 cases in the fall.
- Ambulance calls April – 95
- Fire calls April - 49
- Ambulance receipts April \$35,597.63
- Permit receipts April \$1,055

Respectfully submitted;

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