

AYER FIRE DEPARTMENT

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MONTHLY REPORT FOR THE SELECT BOARD FIRE DEPARTMENT JULY 2021

- The Department had two more call firefighters graduate from the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy. Stephen Hamel and Jake Driscoll were part of class #91 which had 40 graduates, the largest number of recruits to graduate in any class. Graduates have completed 240 hours of training on nights and weekends. Students receive classroom training in all basic fire skills and under live fire conditions. Congratulations to both members and we look forward to working with them.
- Nashoba Valley EMS is a group of towns that uses Nashoba Valley Medical Center and Dr. Simon is the medical control and notified us our ambulance service was awarded a grant of \$24,000 from the Community Foundation of North Central Massachusetts. The funding is for the acquisition and training on mobile ultrasounds for our ambulances, along with 3 years of service and maintenance costs. As one of four Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulance services belonging to Nashoba Valley EMS, Ayer along with, Littleton, Pepperell, and Townsend were each given two Butterfly iQ+ ultrasounds along with two ipads for viewing procedures and cloud data access and storage. The Ultrasounds can be used in the prehospital setting for determining to absence of cardiac activity as well as performing a Focused assessment with sonography in trauma (commonly abbreviated as FAST exam) for checking for abdominal bleeding. Ten of the department's Paramedics completed the initial orientation with Dr. Simon and now will be completing their training by submitting patient scans for review.
- Ambulance calls 131
- Fire Calls 67
- Ambulance receipts-\$24,866.69
- Permit receipts- \$1,315.00

Respectfully submitted,

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