



# WINSLOW FIRE DEPARTMENT

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## *Incident Response for January*

Total calls for this period were 80. EMS related calls totaled 68, fire related calls were 4 (a structure fire in Waterville). There were 5 calls for service (animal rescue, issue burn permits, assist invalids, smoke removal, water removal), and 3 were for hazardous conditions (power lines down, trees down, electrical issues).

Mutual Aid calls for January were as follows: Winslow received mutual aid on 5 occasions: 5 transports from Delta. The transports from Delta were the result of personnel previously dispatched to another emergency. Winslow gave mutual aid on 1 occasion to Waterville (1 structure fire). On the occasions when Winslow responds to mutual aid for structure fires the station is covered by a neighboring department.

## *Community Involvement*

Unfortunately, due to the Covid-19 pandemic we have reduce our community appearances to avoid the spread of the disease. The department did fill the new ice-skating rink located behind the high school. We cannot wait to be involved with our community again.

## *Department News*

As a result of our participation in a FEMA Assistance to Firefighter Grant award the department continues to send members to the KVCC paramedic program. The instruction remains in a hybrid format consisting of in person class instruction and online instruction. Members have also started their hospital clinical rotations. This began as a yearlong commitment that has extended until May 2021 due to Covid-19 and the impact it has had. The personnel attending have been steadfast and committed to completing the course that will eventually bring additional paramedics to Winslow. This is a demonstrated need within our community and illustrates our desire to bring the highest quality EMS delivery to our citizens and guests. The department also has two other members that have completed the classroom portion of an Advanced EMT class. They are currently completing clinical hours and will taking the National Registry exam soon. Their enrollment has also been the result of grant funding. The department also has one member that successfully completed Fire Instructor I & II, a continuing education class.

The department was also awarded another grant for approximately \$98,000 from FEMA that will be used to purchase 15 new self-contained breathing apparatus (S.C.B.A.), 28 new cylinders, and 2 Rapid Intervention Team (R.I.T.) packs.

Members of the department participate in training opportunities throughout each month to maintain skills and to improve techniques. The training includes review and practical evolutions. The training for January was devoted to Maine BLS standards, air pack fit testing, search and rescue, proficiency with timed gear donning. The members also worked diligently to fabricate compartments to safely store equipment that will be carried.

January was the seventh month of the EMS transport service provided by the department. The following is a breakdown of this service for the month and for inception to date. There are approximately \$82,000 in accounts receivable currently outstanding. The table below indicates receipts and expenses associated with the service.

Contracted Services are costs associated with our mutual aid agreement with Delta and the fee for the medical billing service. The Per Diem line is the cost associated with hiring peak part time paramedics. The department budget has a line item for Part Time employees. It should also be noted that the ALS supplies are annually budgeted items that would have been expenditures incurred regardless of having a transport service.

For the month of January, the department transported 48 patients. Since inception, the department has transported 346 patients.

<b>Transport Service</b>		
<b>Category</b>	<b>Month to Date</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>
Receipts (Deposits in the bank)	\$23,299.21	\$104,458.11
Contracted Services	(1,398.72)	(\$8,672.49)
Per Diem	(1,155.00)	(\$12,289.50)
Vehicle Maintenance		(\$3,019.65)
ALS Supplies	(1,657.62)	(\$6,903.28)
Net	\$19,087.87	\$73,573.19

The following is the breakdown for the request for response for the month of December.



