



WINSLOW FIRE DEPARTMENT

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TOWN COUNCIL MONTHLY BRIEFING



Department News

This month's monthly report will be the last one that I submit as the Fire Chief for the Town of Winslow. It has been over four years since I was hired and together, we have made many improvements to the department and established services that directly benefit the town. Among the improvements are upgrading our EMS license level, replacement of aged apparatus (Rescue Boat, Engine, Ladder Truck), adding EMS equipment (cardiac monitors, mechanical CPR devices, CPR & intubation mannequins), replacing outdated self-contained breathing apparatus, and gear extractor, just to name a few. Overall, the department was successful in being awarded over \$600,000 in grant funding to make these improvements. In addition to the added equipment, staffing levels have been improved to a safer level. The department is able to respond to multiple calls and have adequate staffing to support the mitigation of emergency incident without having to wait for mutual aid response. The one improvement with the most beneficial impact to the town was the implementation of the ambulance transport service. This has proven to be an overwhelming success in providing timely service delivery and improved patient care. This service has insulated Winslow from the systemic crisis that is being felt throughout the state. It was placed in service just prior to the Covid-19 pandemic and it provided much needed response capabilities. Finally, by the end of the third year of operation, the ambulance service will have generated over \$1 million dollars in revenue. This revenue has been used to offset the cost of department operations.

I would like to thank Mike Heavener for hiring me and giving me the chance. I would like to thank Erica Lacroix for her steadfast support, the Town Council for listening to the vision for the department and acting in the best interest of the department and the town, and finally, I would like to thank the citizens of Winslow for their support of the fire department and the improvements that ultimately are a benefit to them.

I respectfully submit the following for the month of October.

Incident Response for October

Total calls for this period were 132. EMS related calls totaled 97, fire related calls were 8 (2 structure fires in Vassalboro). There were 20 calls for non-emergency service (animal rescue, assist invalids, water removal, issue burn permits), 4 were for hazardous conditions (flammable liquid spill, down power lines, trees down), and 3 were for accidental alarm activations.

The following is a breakdown of the EMS transport service for the month and for year to date. There are approximately \$190,000 in accounts receivable currently outstanding. The table below indicates receipts for the month. The monthly expense report was not available at the time of submission.

Transport Service		
Category	Month to Date	Year to Date
Receipts (Deposits in the bank)	\$33,153.33	\$115,118.88

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

