

REPORT OF THE FIRE ALARM DIVISION

The Randolph Fire Department Fire Alarm Division is responsible for the coordination, maintenance and installation of direct wireless alarm notification to our department. The Fire Alarm Division is also responsible for proper radio communications including facilitation of equipment, coordination of repair and scheduling maintenance.

This year the continued effort of converting all hard wired reporting of master boxes to radio transmitted signals is nearing completion. This involved the removal of all street boxes throughout the town. All 195 hard wired street boxes on eight different circuits have been removed from the system. This required physically jumping out each individual street box and removing all related hardware from the telephone poles. In addition to removing all street boxes we are now left with the coordination of property owners and the Fire Department to convert any remaining hard wired master boxes to radio transmitted boxes. Once this is accomplished the total removal of the hard wired 100 mil system can be finalized. Currently there are 77 master boxes that have converted to radio transmitted and the remaining hard wired master boxes are soon to be in compliance.

All communication radios received the annual maintenance check and as reported last year, no fire ground radios, both mobile and portable, are out of service or inoperable. Weekly tests on all mobile and portable units along with weekly tests on emergency notification systems in dispatch were conducted. The Randolph Fire Department also had all mobile, base and portable radios reprogrammed to narrowband with the assistance of Norfolk County Communications.

Public school fire alarm systems were tested prior to and during the school year and all found to be functioning properly.

All fire alarm annual fees were billed and collected along with any connection fees for new master box installations.

All work and projects in the Fire Department are done as a team and I would like to thank firefighter Rick Potter for his assistance. I would also like to thank Captain Jason Cox, Lieutenant Rick Lynch and Lieutenant Thomas Binnall of Fire Prevention.

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