

RANDOLPH FIRE DEPARTMENT

REPORT OF THE TRAINING OFFICER 2011

The following is the Training Officers Report for 2011. I am proud to say that over the past year, members of the Randolph Fire Department have completed significant training provided to them by several different venues.

This past year two Firefighters have successfully completed 12 weeks of Firefighter recruit training at the Fire Captain T. Dustin Alward Massachusetts Firefighting Academy and as of this writing our three newest members, will be attending their recruit training in January of 2012.

The Massachusetts Firefighting Academy delivered an Advanced Emergency Vehicle Operator course in Randolph. The members of all four shifts were able to attend this two-day course offered at no cost to the town. Day 1 consisted of classroom training which discussed safe vehicle operation and reviewed rules of the road. The second day consisted hands on training that included maneuvering apparatus throughout an obstacle course and also a chance to operate several vehicles in the computer generated driving simulator.

The Members have completed the Rapid Intervention Team (RIT) training that was mentioned in last years report. After completion of all the individual evolutions at the company level, members participated in staged MAYDAY scenarios at the group level. Although these hands on scenarios were under non-fire conditions, the members gained a greater realization of the work and manpower needed to locate, package and remove an injured firefighter from a structure. In addition to the victim removal, urgent radio communication and Mayday communication, skills were also practiced.

Directly tied in with the RIT and Mayday training, we have instituted the use of Fireground radio channels. With the assistance of Norfolk County Control, The Randolph Fire Department is able to request and obtain an additional radio channel to operate on if a large scale incident occurs. By operating on a Fireground channel we are able to eliminate confusion of radio traffic when multiple incidents are occurring at the same time.

The Department's rescue tool manufacturer provided auto extrication training to all groups. Members were given the opportunity to gain some hands on experience using our own "Jaws of Life".

I would like to thank Firefighter/EMT-P Jack McCarthy for the Carbon Monoxide Emergency training class that he provided to all the groups this past fall. Jack is a great asset to the department with the knowledge and experience he has gained as a member of the State Hazardous Materials Team. I would also like to thank Captain/EMT-P Jason Cox and Firefighter/EMT-P Joseph Messia with their training assistance throughout the year. I would be remised if I did not mention the continuous EMS training that is delivered by Lieutenant/EMT-P Thomas Binnall.

In closing, I would like to thank the Company Officers that provide training at the group level. Some examples of this training are pump operations, ladder drills, occupancy inspections, incident review, equipment review and pre-fire planning. In addition to all the training provided in-house, special thanks goes out to those members who continue to take advantage of training on their own time thru the Massachusetts Fire Academy, Massasoit Community College, Anna Maria College, and all other in State

and out of State training that various members have attended. The continued cooperation by Members at all levels is evidence of the quality and excellence of a Department that you the residents deserve.

Respectfully Submitted,

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