
*Edgecomb Fire Department
Annual Report for 2009 - 2010
In memory of long time friend and
member – Bill Bennet*

Your Fire Department continues to be very active in helping the citizens of Edgecomb, as well as those that may have simply been passing through our fine town, with any emergencies that had occurred. Our responses for calendar year 2009 totaled 145, an increase of 24 over last year. The situations that we have responded to continue to vary from minor cuts and bruises to severe weather situations that left some of us without power for days on end. Many towns, beside Edgecomb, in Lincoln County were hit hard and often enough for the Federal Government to declare official disasters more than once for the County, and the State. With the help of your local Fire Department and Emergency Management Agency (EMA), as well as the County's Emergency Management Agency, we were able to maintain the safety of the town and its residents. Shelters were set up in adjoining towns for both overnight stays and as warming areas. There were even accommodations for the domesticated animals of those who needed shelter.

The 2010-11 Fiscal year still has us facing the major decision to replace our current fire station with a new facility. The age of the current building, along with the deterioration of the structural integrity of it, has made it necessary to continue to pursue this goal. Although the building has served the fire department, and the community, well, over the past years, it no longer meets the ever increasing Federal and State requirements for a fire station. Some of the areas that have been overlooked for a number of years include the fact that there is no water service for the building and there are no restrooms, or showers, available. The main support beams for the roof had to have extensive restructuring in order to keep it from collapsing onto the apparatus below; there is now no training/meeting room space that is safe, health wise and structurally, to be occupied. The situation has resulted in reducing our ability to properly maintain our equipment, especially in the winter months, limited the ability to conduct in-house training sessions, and in some cases has hampered our response times. Currently we are holding our business meetings and training in the Town Hall.

Because of all this, we are asking all Edgecomb residents to please give a lot of thought and consideration to supporting us, and the Town, in our plea to get your approval to move forward with plans for a new fire station. Our membership will be stepping up to the plate by initiating some fund raising activities throughout the coming year(s) and we look forward to your anticipated cooperation. With everyone's continued support for the Department, we will be able to meet the Town's needs as we look to the future. Knowing full well that the current economic times are straining everyone's livelihood, we will be looking toward our State Officials to work with us to identify any available stimulus and/or grant funds in order to lessen some of the burden to our friends and neighbors. As bad as things are now, it would be far worse if there were no Fire Department.

EDGECOMB FIRE DEPARTMENT ROSTER

Roy Potter	Fire Chief	Cochran Rd.
Steve Ward	Assistant Chief – Operations	Dyer Neck Rd
Larry Omland	Assistant Chief – Administration	Quarry Farm Rd.

Erik Carlson	Fire Fighter	Creek Rd.
Shaun Fairfield	Fire Fighter	Wiscasset
Jim Fisk	Fire Fighter	Old Stage Rd.
Jack French	Fire Support	Mill Rd.
Barry Johnston	Fire Chief (RET.)/Deputy EMA Director	Cross Point Rd.
Stephanie Nelson	EMT/Deputy EMA Director	Old County Rd.
Richard Oulton	Fire Chief (RET.)	Dodge Rd.
John Potter	Captain	Island Rd.
Gregory Rollins	Fire Fighter	Middle Rd.
Brian Sukeforth	Fire Fighter	Dodge Rd.
Thomas Trowbridge	Fire Chief (RET.)/Fire Fighter	Old County Rd.
Peter Turner	Captain	Country Club Rd.
Elaine Wooster	Fire Support/Fire Police	Old County Rd.
T.J. Wooster	Fire Fighter (in training)	Old County Rd.

EDGECOMB FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSES CALENDAR YEAR 2008

Auto Acc-Prop. Damage	31	Fire-Open Burning WO/Per	1
Auto Acc-Physical Injury	11	Fire-Residential Structure	1
Auto-Disabled	1	Good Intentions	1
Auto Fire	1	Investigation	2
Drills/Training	4	Miscellaneous	5
EMS-Assist	63	Mutual Aid	6
EMS-1 st Responder	1	Special Assignment	5
Fire-Alarm	2	Stand By/Cover Assignment	1
Fire-Brush	1	Traffic Hazard	2
Fire-Burn Permit Check	1	Wires (phone/power/cable)	4
Fire-Open Burning W/Per	1		
Total Response	145		

There will be no outside controlled burning allowed without a written burning permit issued by one of the following Edgcomb Fire Department Fire Wardens:

Roy Potter	Cochran Rd.	882-9957
John Potter	Island Rd.	882-8366
Tom Trowbridge	Old County Rd.	882-7696

Also available are permits that can be applied for on-line at the "Maine Forest Service" website using the following link, www.maine.gov/burnpermit. This online process does carry a \$7 permit fee.

Respectfully submitted
Roy Potter, Chief
 Edgcomb Fire Department