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BFD Times

58 Perkins Road Building Fire

Important Dates:

Officers Meeting is Wednesday, March 18th (May be re-scheduled)

Happy Birthday To:

Laurel MacPherson 3/27

Tom Ryan 3/31

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Firefighters responded to a reported mobile home fire at 58 Perkins Rd in the Town of Belmont. The first unit on scene

was Belmont Ambulance 1, which was returning from Lakes Region General Hospital following a previous call. Upon arrival, Lt. Mike Newhall immediately requested a first alarm. Belmont Engine 1, staffed with off duty and call personnel, arrived on the scene at approximately 20:43. An aggressive attack was made and fire-



fighters were able to keep the fire to the rear of the structure.



The occupants of the building had been notified of the fire by a neighbor and were all able to safely escape the building. A family cat is still missing. The building has extensive fire and water damage and the occupants are being assisted by the Red

Cross. Departments that assisted at the scene were Laconia, Gilmanon, Tilton-Northfield, and Gilford, while Franklin and Sanbornton provided a cover truck at the Belmont Station.



Warning: Hot Coffee!

Fuel Hoarding and Container Sizes

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Learning Objective: The student will be able to identify maximum allowable flammable and combustible liquid container sizes.

While drivers in the United States and many other parts of the world are enjoying the lowest automotive fuel prices in decades, fire protection personnel should be planning for changes in the market. Historically, when fuel prices rise, consumers will begin hoarding as a hedge against higher costs.

Consumers will often use any available container to collect and store fuel: Paint cans, glass bottles, and non-approved large plastic barrels, as shown in the illustration, become convenient, but dangerous, storage vessels. Fuels should only be stored in containers approved by the code official and in quantities limited by the codes. Generally, in residential occupancies, the storage of Class I (gasoline and gasohol) and Class II (some diesel blends) flammable and combustible liquids is limited to 10 gallons (38 liters (L)). Up to 180 gallons (661 L) may be stored if they are in an approved flammable liquid storage cabinet. The following chart summarizes the maximum allowable flammable and combustible liquid container sizes based on product characteristics and container type. The information below represents only a portion of the entire table. Refer to Chapter 9 of National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 30, *Flammable and Combustible Liquids Code*, for the entire chart.



These polyethylene drums were found to be full of gasoline, a Class IB flammable liquid. Their capacity for Class IB liquids exceeds that permitted by the model codes.

Maximum Allowable Size: Containers and Portable Tanks

Extracted from NFPA 30, *Flammable and Combustible Liquids Code*, Copyright © 2014, National Fire Protection Association.

Container Type	Flammable Liquids			Combustible Liquids	
	Class IA	Class IB (Example: Gasoline)	Class IC	Class II (Example: Diesel)	Class IIIA
Glass	1 pint (0.5 L)	1 quart (1 L)	1.3 gallons (5 L)	1.3 gallons (5 L)	5.3 gallons (20 L)
Metal (other than drum) or approved plastic	1.3 gallons (5 L)	5.3 gallons (20 L)	5.3 gallons (20 L)	5.3 gallons (20 L)	5.3 gallons (20 L)
Safety cans	2.6 gallons (10 L)	5.3 gallons (20 L)	5.3 gallons (20 L)	5.3 gallons (20 L)	5.3 gallons (20 L)
Metal drum ¹	119 gallons (450 L)	119 gallons (450 L)	119 gallons (450 L)	119 gallons (450 L)	119 gallons (450 L)
Polyethylene drum ¹	1.3 gallons (5 L)	5.3 gallons (20 L)	5.3 gallons (20 L)	119 gallons (450 L)	119 gallons (450 L)

¹ Meeting specific United Nations (U.N.) or U.S. Department of Transportation standards (e.g., U.N. 1A1/1A2 or U.N. 1H1 and U.N. 1H2).

BFD Accepting Applications for Call Division Members

The Belmont Fire Department is seeking motivated and energetic individuals to join our team of community service responders. Call members provide support for all types of incident responses from EMS to Fire and are the first level of back-up for the on-duty career members. These positions require commitment and dedication. Starting pay for call members is \$11.24 per hour. Minimum qualifications are:

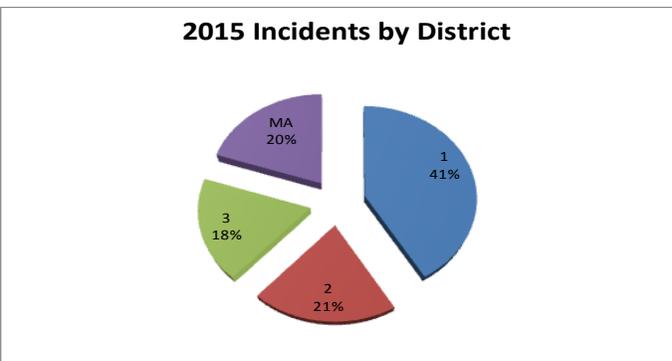
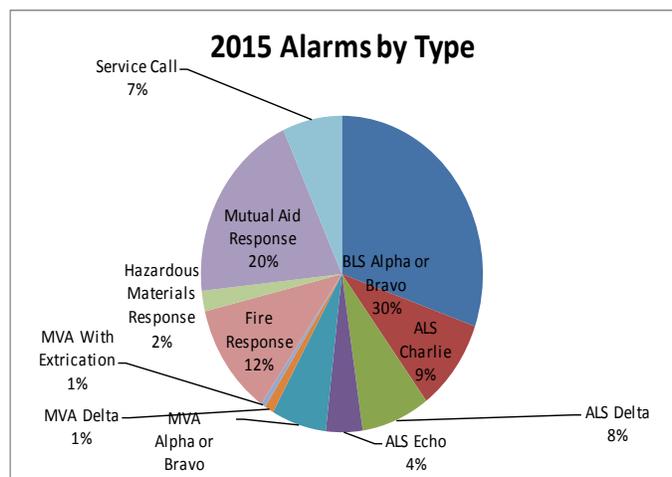
- 18 Years of age
- High School Graduate or GED
- Possession of a NH Drivers Licenses
- Successfully complete all phases of the interview process
- Pass a Criminal and Driving Background Check
- Pass a pre-employment physical (at the department's cost)
- Live within the designated response area
- Complete a six month probationary period



Interested candidates can pick-up an application at the fire station located at 14 Gilmanton Rd. Contact Lt. Greg Bavis at bfdlt4@belmontnh.org if you have any questions.

Belmont Fire Department's 2015 YTD Statistics

Description	Count
BLS Alpha or Bravo	58
ALS Charlie	18
ALS Delta	15
ALS Echo	8
MVA Alpha or Bravo	12
MVA Delta	2
MVA With Extrication	1
Fire Response	22
Hazardous Materials Response	4
Mutual Aid Response	38
Service Call	13
Total	191



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BFD Mission Statement

The mission of the Belmont Fire Department is to provide fire, emergency medical, and fire prevention services in a caring and compassionate manner. To be prepared to respond to any request for assistance and to ensure that every member of the department returns home safely.

BFD Vision Statement

The Belmont Fire Department will continuously work to meet the changing needs of our community by striving to be the premiere fire department in the Lakes Region. We will do this by maintaining a high level of readiness and by focusing on the professional development and training of all our personnel.

OUR CORE VALUES

All members of the Belmont Fire Department adhere to the following values:

Service - We strive for excellence in the service we deliver through on-going evaluation and involvement.

Teamwork - We embrace the concept of teamwork through skillful communication and personal cooperation to achieve our common goal.

Accountability - We are responsible, as professionals and individuals, for our actions.

Integrity - We act ethically, we expect honesty, loyalty and dedication.

Respect - We practice mutual respect by setting a personal example of trust and fairness.