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BFD Times

Lt. Greene's Retirement Gala

Important Dates:

**Officers Meeting is
Wednesday, April
22nd**

Happy Birthday To:

**FF Siegel 4/5
Lt. Murphy 4/11
Lt. Brown 4/11
Lt. Girard 4/19
FF Frame 4/21**

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On Saturday, March 28th, we all gathered at the Beane Conference Center in Laconia to celebrate Lt. Fred Greene's retirement after serving the Town of Belmont as a firefighter for forty years. Lt. Greene joined the department in 1974 as a call member, and in 1985 was promoted to a full-time firefighter position. In 2004, he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and held that rank until his last day on the job, which was November 28, 2014.



After a delicious dinner provided by PORK EEZ Pig Roast, several presentations were made. Chief Parenti started by thanking

Deputy McCarty, Lt. Murphy and Ruth Ann Greene for putting together the gala. Firefighter/Paramedic Kelly Marsh spoke of her time working with Lt. Greene, and of his many memorable sayings, most of which cannot be printed here. She then presented Lt. Greene with a plaque recognizing his years of service. Kelly was followed by Chief (Ret.) Jim Davis who recounted many great memories and incidents that he and Lt. Greene had responded to. He then presented Lt. Greene with a shadow box containing some memorabilia from Lt. Greene's time with the department. The last two speakers of the night were Lt. Newhall and Lt. Murphy who recalled many great times with Lt. Greene and expressed that he will be greatly missed by all.



Coffee Break Training - Responder Health and Safety

Alive on Arrival: Techniques for Improved Emergency Vehicle Operations Safety

No. HS-2015-1 March 4, 2015

Learning Objective: The student will be able to identify techniques for improved safety during emergency vehicle operations.

Year after year, a leading cause of on-duty firefighter deaths is vehicle crashes. This should be among the most preventable types of death for all emergency responders.

What can be done?

Selection and Training

Establish and implement a selection process that will determine the most qualified personnel to drive emergency vehicles, as well as those who are allowed to respond in their own vehicles.

Ensure that adequate training is provided to all personnel who drive emergency vehicles. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1002, *Standard for Apparatus Driver/Operator Professional Qualifications* specifies the job performance requirements for firefighters who drive and operate fire apparatus. In addition, NFPA 1451, *Standard for a Fire and Emergency Services Vehicle Operations Training Program* establishes minimum requirements in this area.

For personal vehicles, an emergency vehicle operators course detailing relevant safety procedures and your state law/motor vehicle code related to personal vehicle response should be provided.

Seat Belts

There is absolutely no reason why anyone driving or riding as a passenger in any fire department vehicle or responding in a personal vehicle should not be wearing a seat belt.

Slow Down

Slower means safer in any fire department vehicle or while responding in a personal vehicle. A good safety guideline is to not exceed the posted speed limit. Drive even slower when road conditions or visibility is poor, such as in the snow and other hazardous weather.

Stop

Always stop at intersections with a negative right of way. Proceed through these intersections and railroad crossings only after coming to a complete stop and when you are sure that other vehicles have stopped and given you the right of way.

Never assume that another vehicle is aware of your presence. Vehicles have noise insulation, powerful radios and air conditioning, which lessen the effectiveness of horns and sirens. Dark, tinted windows may also impact the ability of drivers to see emergency lights.

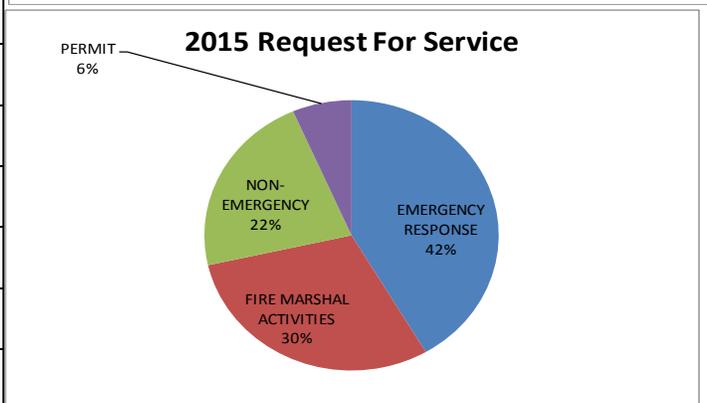
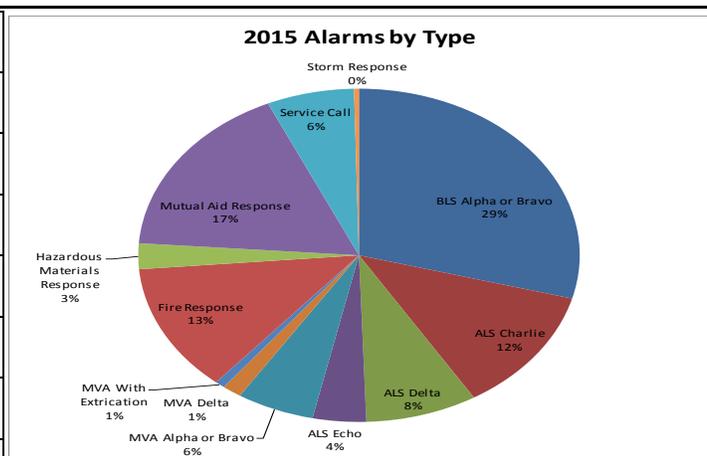


More Retirement Gala Pictures



Belmont Fire Department's 2015 YTD Statistics

Description	Count
BLS Alpha or Bravo	82
ALS Charlie	34
ALS Delta	23
ALS Echo	11
MVA Alpha or Bravo	16
MVA Delta	4
MVA With Extrication	2
Fire Response	35
Hazardous Materials Response	7
Mutual Aid Response	48
Service Call	18
Storm Response	1
Total	281



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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.