



**Smithfield Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department
926 Village Rd.
Smithfield, ME 04978**



Dear Smithfield Residents,

Another busy year has flown by for the Smithfield Fire and Rescue Department. Louie Batista is the acting Fire Chief and we have a great group of officers and firefighters that continue to keep our department running and our town safe. Another year of countless hours of calls, paperwork, training, meetings, and overall keeping our department up to code is in the books. We are always looking for more volunteers. We provide the necessary training and there's always something to be done. **The fire department meets twice a month at 6:30 at the fire station.** Contact an officer if you would like to join us or call the office 207-362-4772.

We have responded to 250+ calls this year. Among them were 185 Medical emergencies calls, 35 motor vehicle accidents, 13 mutual aid calls, 20 trees down/road obstruction, 9 intown fire call including, house, outbuilding fires, grass fire, carbon monoxide alarms, fire alarms, and 1 ice rescue.

We had a blast at the chicken BBQ this year. There was a great turnout as usual, we were very happy to see everyone, and hope to see you all at the next one. Our Santa Event was a success as well! Santa and Mrs. Claus loved seeing all of the children. Our Labor Day toll bridge was also a success, the money from that fund raiser goes into our Mike Zarcone account. Thank you to all who donated to these events, we couldn't do them without all of your help!

We would like to take this time to remind everyone to make sure your houses have numbers that are clearly visible from the road in both directions. Large, colored, reflective numbers work best.

Please take the time to check and or change the batteries in both your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide alarms, also check the expiration date. If you need either of these devises and/or help installing battery operated ones, please reach out. We will be happy to assist.

In closing I would like to take the time to thank all members of the Fire Department, the town's Administrative Assistant, the town's Selectmen, the Fire Association and all the residents for all the support that is given throughout the year. THANK YOU ALL!!!!

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Louis Batista
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Smithfield Fire Department wants to help!

We will help install battery operated Carbon Monoxide, we will test the air in your home if your current one is indicating something. We can help with getting an electrician to install it and help with the purchase of a detector. Call the town office if you would like us to contact you or with any questions.

If your carbon monoxide (CO) detector is going off, it is crucial not to ignore it. Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless gas that can be produced by appliances like furnaces, stoves, and water heaters. Exposure to high levels of carbon monoxide can be life-threatening. Call 911 to report the alarm and request assistance. The Fire Department can check for the source of the carbon monoxide and ensure your safety.

It's essential to have working CO detectors in your home and to take any alarm seriously and immediately vacate the building and call 911. Regular maintenance of your appliances and heating systems can help prevent carbon monoxide leaks.

Sincerely,

The Smithfield Fire & Rescue Department

Harold “Buzz” Buzzell

Buzz passed away in October, 2023. Our community was fortunate to have such a giving, civic minded person in its midst. He sat on the Planning Board for many years and was always trying to enforce and improve town objectives. He was active with the Moonshiners Snowmobile Club and also with the Smithfield Volunteer Fire Department in the past.

As an expert woodworker he volunteered his time and built shelving in our town library and in the food pantry. Buzz got the call to help design and construct the raised beds with donated materials for the Smithfield Community Garden and set up a date and time without hesitation. He donated 2 days to the project to be sure it was ready to plant that spring. Buzz will be missed by many and hopefully his volunteer engagement in a variety of townwide activities will encourage each of us to become involved even if in just a small way.

There will be a celebration of life for Buzz on April 13th, 2024 at the Fairview Grange #342.

