

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Has everybody heard the old saying: as you get older time flies bye? Well on January 1, 2006, I started my second term as your chief. And believe me the first 3 years just flew bye. The first 3 years was basically a learning experience. I didn't realize how demanding and challenging this position can be. As with any management position, there ups and downs; but I must say with men and women on this department there are a lot more ups than downs. *Thanks guys, you've been great.*

The past year was another average year for the fire department with 394 Fire/EMS calls. I have started tracking other calls for service such as inspections, phone inquiries etc. The approximate number in 2006 was 175. We had 1 structure fire in 2006. This fire could have been disastrous but it was discovered early and the department made a quick and efficient attack confining the fire to attic area.

Grants for 2006, we applied for 3, Federal Aid to Firefighters, Federal Fire Prevention and Safety Grant and CEDAP (Commercial Equipment Direct Assistance Program), all are still pending. We did receive 18 new digital portable radios from the Homeland Security Inter-Operability Program.

In closing I would like to thank the citizens of Newton, the Newton Police Department and the members of the department for continued support. Please call (382-8811) or stop by if you have any questions, concerns or comments.

REMEMBER, SMOKE DETECTORS SAVE LIVES AND HOUSE NUMBERS SAVE TIME!

CALLS FOR SERVICE:

Building Fire	1	Arcing, Shorted Electrical Equip.	6
Fires in Structure other than bldg.	1	Accident, Potential Accident	6
Trash/Rubbish Fire	1	Lock-out	4
Fire in Motor Home or Camper	1	Water Problem, other	7
Passenger Vehicle Fire	1	Water Evacuation	35
Forest, Woods or Wildland Fire	1	Smoke or Odor Removal	8
Special Outside Fire, other	1	Assist Police	6
EMS Scare	205	Assist Invalid	6
MVC	23	Unauthorized Burning	3
Lock-in	1	Mutual Aid	22
Swimming/recreational water	1	Dispatched & Canceled	1
Rescue or EMS standby	5	Authorized Control Burn	4
Gasoline or other flammable	1	Prescribed Fire	1
Gas Leak (Natural or LPG)	2	Steam, Gas Mistaken for Smoke	1
Carbon Monoxide Incident	3	Smoke Scare, Odor of Smoke	5
Overheated Motor	1	HazMat Release Investigation	1
Power Line Down	14	Smoke Detector Malfunction	16
Total	394	Calls for Service including inspections	175

Respectfully,
William Ingalls, Fire Chief