

**February 10, 2016 Public Safety Committee
New Gloucester Meeting House**

Members in Attendance:

John Randall, Chairman
Frank Chambers, Secretary
Ellie Espling
Steve Libby, Selectman's Liaison

7:00pm - Meeting called to order by John Randall, Chairman

- Meeting was held @ the New Gloucester Meeting House. The meeting was televised NGTV 3
- Steve introduced Jim Ladewig, New Gloucester Fire/Rescue Chief.
- In attendance tonight from the New Gloucester Fire & EMS:
Deputy Chief Mary Rich, Lt. Shelly Chipman & Tim Joy.
- Shelly & Mary talked presented the history of the New Gloucester Fire & EMS
 - a) 1975 – 1st responders
Started with Allied than went to United Ambulance
November 13, 2013 started the New Gloucester EMS transportation.
2015 - 40th anniversary of the EMS
1st Rescue – squad 1 (2nd) – June 14
 - b) Staffing
2011 – 24 EMT members, 8 EMT crossed trained, 460 Runs (Fire & EMS)
2013 – 20 EMT, lost 7 EMT, 461 total calls
2014 – started with 13 & ended with 19 EMT, 571 calls
2015 – 19 EMT, 10 CT, 568 total calls
2016 – 20 EMT, 8 CT
- Transport: can get a call at 2:00am (could take 3 hours). Upon returning back to the fire station, need to get the ambulance ready for the next call and process the paper work. Average time is 2 to 3 hours on every call.
- Mutual Aide comes from Gray, Poland & Auburn
- Tim Joy (EMA) mentioned the following:
First recipients of the ambulance
Supports Recruitment & Retention
Aging Population is increasing
- There are 15 EMS and 11 are on call 7:00pm to 6:00am
- Currently: there are 15 staff members
- Licensure – basic 6 (first line care), 2 just got their license, 3 advanced members
- 2 members on call, 4 day crew
- Steve asked about a detail explanation on education
 - a) Members attend 2 nights a week, semester like college course
 - b) Basic – attend EMT school – learn about providing symptom of the patient.
 - c) First Responders – entry level
 - d) EMR – not as detailed
- A lot of fire fighters have left and it may be a good idea to give them a call and ask them why they left.
- Two times a month: combination of assessment & practical skills.
Continuing education
License renewal every 3 years
Basic training 52 hours
Advanced training 56 hours
Paramedic training 72 hours

- EMS - receive training in different scenarios, skills refresher, training for CEH. Monthly training is provided. Training 4 times a year with fire dept and with others community organizations (MCI, MUS, joint training with other towns).
- Members of the Fire/Rescue enjoy helping the community out & do not make a living on it.
- Promotional events:
 - a) Water rescue team
 - b) Community out reach
 - c) CPR instruction
 - d) NG Fire/Rescue open house
 - e) BBQs & Breakfast
 - f) Emergency response plan
 - g) Personal protocol & action plan
 - h) High School crash
- Steve asked about ways to check on the elderly population and the Cub Scouts are trying to earn merit badges in first aid.
- John mentioned the drug over dose in the community.
- What happens when a call comes in:
 - a) Brief location & types of emergency
 - b) Crew responds to the fire station
 - c) Crew arrives on the scene
 - d) Transport the patient
 - e) Weather conditions
 - f) Department paperwork
 - g) Rescue report
 - h) Ambulance – needs to be restocked, fuel, cleaning
- Ambulance Drivers:
 - a) Transportation information
 - b) Classroom & cone course training
 - c) Equipment knowledge
 - d) Drive time experience
 - e) Drivers – take a hour course
- Transport to the following hospital: St. Mary's, Mid-Coast, Stephens, Mercy, Memorial, CMMC, MMC
- Data: BLS (broken bones, etc), ALS (cardiac issues)
 - a) 2014 – 288 basic life support, 200 advanced life support
 - b) 2015 – 274 basic life support, 198 advanced life support
- Members of the Fire/Rescue are passionate and committed to ongoing education. Enthusiastic about the community and provide quality care. Eager to recruit new members and dedicated to retraining current members.
- Steve mentioned the Board of Selectmen authorized \$500.00 for address numbering public education. It would take 10 years educating the public going from door to door.
- John recognized David Lunt passing on December 26, 2015. He was very involved in the community and will be greatly missed.
- The next New Gloucester Public Safety Committee Meeting is schedule for March 3rd, 7:00pm at the New Gloucester Meeting House.
- Meeting Adjourned at 7:40pm

