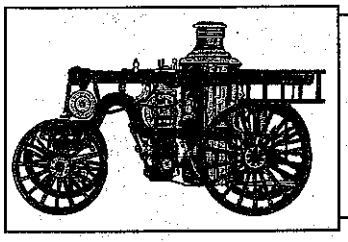


WINSLOW FIRE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF DAVID P. LAFOUNTAIN

11/07/2012

TOWN COUNCIL MONTHLY BRIEFING

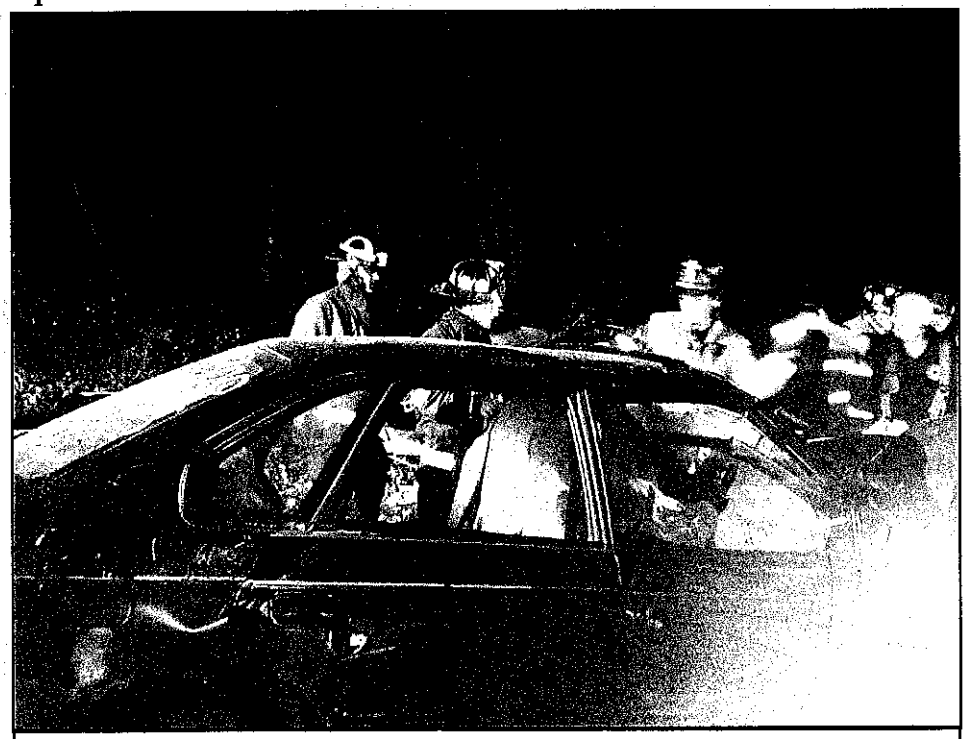
Winslow Fire Department Called to assist Waterville at 19 Western Avenue Structure Fire

These were the fire and smoke conditions I saw when I arrived at this structure fire at 19 Western Avenue in Waterville, I saw a large apartment house with smoke and fire showing from the front. I immediately called for Winslow to come in and assist. This was 10:05 am on October 2nd. Ten Winslow firefighters were instrumental in saving what we could for the apartments, belongings and pets. This fire was in an unoccupied apartment where the tenant had left a fan in a window to remove paint fumes. The cause was determined to be an overloaded extension cord. Several families unfortunately were displaced.

Winslow Fire Department called to assist Fairfield at 33 Main Street Structure Fire.

On October 15th at 12:53, Winslow and Waterville Fire Departments were called to assist the Fairfield Fire Department with a fire in an occupied residential occupancy. The occupant initially refused to leave the building that was on fire, but with the assistance of a Sheriff's Deputy, was evacuated. Eight Winslow Firefighters responded to the call and were able to clear the scene at 2:28 pm. I am not aware how the fire started.

Tragic Double Fatal Automobile Accident on the



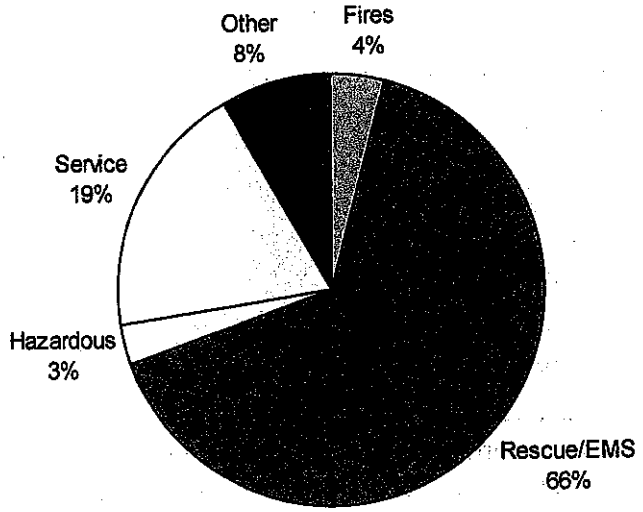
Local Emergency Responders work feverishly to remove victims of this two car accident. Two adults were extricated and transported from the Taxi above.

South Reynolds Road

October 26th at 11:07 pm, Emergency Services were dispatched to the South Reynolds Road for a serious accident dispatched as entrapment and fire. Tragically, two Winslow High School Juniors were killed. Captain Gravel was the first Fire/Rescue Responder on the scene and immediately called Waterville and Fairfield for assistance because of the number and seriousness of the injuries. Lifeflight of Maine was also called, but they were grounded because of fog. This accident taxed the capacity of local agencies where everybody worked in concert to achieve the best results possible. Winslow Police, Fire, & Rescue; Waterville Police and Rescue; Fairfield Rescue and Delta worked cohesively, to remove all victims as fast and safe as possible. Local responders were supported by the Kennebec Sheriff's Office and Maine State Police. Atlantic Partners EMS (formerly Kennebec Valley EMS) provided critical incident stress debriefing for responders. All agencies performed magnificently in this difficult incident.

Calls for Service for October

E.M.S. Calls continue to lead the way with 66% of calls.



Number of Calls (August)	Incident Type
4	Fires (Buildings or Brush)
62	Rescue & E.M.S. Calls
3	Hazardous Condition (No Fire)
18	Service Call
8	Other (Assistance)
95	Total Calls