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**Falmouth Fire-EMS Awards Annual Scholarship**

On Monday night, Falmouth Fire-EMS awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to Karley Piers, a 2021 graduate of Falmouth High School and a \$1,000 scholarship to Jessie Buhelt, also a 2021 graduate of Falmouth High School. This is only the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the scholarship award, created to recognize graduating high school seniors living in the Falmouth community who plan to continue their post-secondary education in the field of firefighting, emergency medical services, nursing, or a related field. Karley leaves today and plans on studying nursing at the Florida Gulf Coast University this fall. Jessie has enrolled at Southern Maine Community College and begins classes later this month and will work toward a paramedicine degree. Assistant Chief Jay Hallett presented both Karley and Jessie with their award and wished both the best of luck in their journey this fall. In presenting the awards Assistant Chief Jay Hallett stated: "We need more students like these to enter into the fire and EMS profession. It is great to see these Falmouth graduates starting down that path." Several members of the on-duty crew as well as call members at the station attended the presentation at Central Station just before the weekly training began.

Falmouth Fire-EMS is a combination fire-EMS department, made up of both call members responding from their home to staff fire and EMS apparatus as well as a small crew of full-time and part-time firefighters and EMTs on duty and working at the station 24x7. We believe in education being the foundation for a successful future as a provider of emergency services whether it is as a career firefighter or paramedic, a volunteer or call firefighter or EMT, or a nurse, or doctor. Donations to help support the scholarship fund can be made out to the Falmouth Fire-EMS Scholarship Fund and mailed to Falmouth Fire-EMS, 8 Bucknam Road, Falmouth, ME 04105.

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