



Falmouth Fire-EMS Department
Headquarters: Central Fire Station
8 Bucknam Road

Fulltime Staff:

Howard Rice, Jr., Fire-EMS Chief / EMA Director

Mike Carroll, Captain / Paramedic

Denise Gibson, Office Administrator / Lieutenant / EMT-Intermediate

Mission Statement:

We will focus our collective efforts toward protecting the people, property, and the environment on behalf of any that call on us. With a standard of care that integrates community awareness and a rapid response to those in need, we will prepare to continuously offer the utmost quality in Fire & Emergency services. May our community of residents and visitors regard us as a constant and reliable source of assistance, and may we strive to safely exceed the expectations of those we serve.

Operations:

Falmouth Fire-EMS responds to over 1600 emergencies each year, ranging from medical emergencies to house fires. We are a combination Fire-EMS department made up of 3 full time staff, 100 on-call firefighters and EMTs and 15 part-time firefighter/paramedics.

During the daytime business hours we are staffed with the Fire Chief, Captain, and a Lieutenant/Office Administrator. All three are cross-trained in fire and EMS and respond to emergencies as needed. In addition, the department employs a per diem Firefighter / Paramedic who staffs an ambulance at Central Fire Station seven days a week 24 hours a day. Starting in July 2014 we also have a per diem Firefighter / EMT at Central Station from 7 am to 7 pm daily. The two per diems perform daily, weekly, and monthly equipment and apparatus checks as well as carry out various fire prevention duties and tasks throughout the town. We rely heavily on our dedicated staff of on-call firefighters and EMT's to respond to emergencies 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Two on-call Deputy Chiefs provide leadership and assist the fulltime staff with administrative support.

Falmouth Fire-EMS provides emergency services from three stations: Station 1 on Foreside Road, Central Station on Bucknam Road, and Station 4 on Winn Road. Our EMS operation is fully integrated into the three stations, and EMS calls account for 2/3 of our total responses each year. Volunteers help staff one ambulance at Central Station at all hours of the day and night. All other calls are handled by the on-call volunteer crews.

FY2015 Proposed Projects

- Continue to collaborate with neighboring departments to provide regional training.
- Work with schools, senior housing & daycares to review and update evacuation plans.
- Implement per diem firefighter/EMT position during daytime hours.
- Conduct a department-wide satisfaction survey and compare to previous years.
- Update Town of Falmouth Emergency Operations Plan.



Falmouth Fire-EMS 2013 Incidents

Building Fire	13
Electrical Fire	11
Chimney Fire	3
Cooking Fire	3
Fuel Boiler Malfunction	1
Vehicle Fire	8
Smoke Investigation	35
Brush Fire	15
Unauthorized Burning	17
Power Lines Down	16
Fire Alarm / Detector / Sprinkler Activation	172
Carbon Monoxide Alarms	26
Emergency Medical Services	1072
Motor Vehicle Crash	94
Rescue Other – Animal, Elevator	3
Hazardous Materials Incident - Fuel Spills, Leaks	21
Assist Other Agency	9
Good Intent Call / Public Assist	5
False Alarm	13
Cover Assignment	24
Coverage at Sporting Events	18
Weather Related	11
Inspections – Wood Stove, Fire Alarm, etc.	3
Fire Prevention – Visits, Programs, Detector installs	34
Total Incidents	1,627