



Burlington Fire Department



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2013 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BURLINGTON FIRE COMMISSION TO THE BURLINGTON CITY COUNCIL

- During the past year the Burlington Fire Department responded to 7,162 emergency calls. Of those, approximately 4,399 were for Emergency Medical Service and the remaining 2,763 were for fires and other emergencies. The department saw a 2% increase in call volume this year over last and a 22% increase over the past 6 years.
- During the year 4 members retired each with over 20 years of service, including Fire Marshal Terry Francis with 33 years of service. Senior Firefighter Barry Simays was promoted and has assumed the role of the City's new Fire Marshal in addition 4 new members were hired. The Fire Department remains at an authorized strength of 79 members.
- This past year the Department developed and launched a comprehensive Emergency Medical quality assurance/quality improvement program. The goal of this new program is to enhance the level of service we provide by identifying areas of needed growth and to build upon areas of success.
- The Fire Department continues to be successful in obtaining grant funding. This year the department received \$77,119.70 in funding to enhance our communication capabilities by replacing all of our frontline portable radios and base stations.
- November 2012; the department met the Federal Narrow Banding mandate two months early with the completion of our radio equipment upgrades and programming.
- November 2012, in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy, the Department deployed 4 members and equipment as part of Vermont Urban Search and Rescue Task Force 1 to Southern VT. 8 members of the department traveled to New York City to aid in the recovery efforts along with the Fire Department of New York in the Breezy Point section of Queens.
- In closing, we would like to restate our commitment to provide emergency response to fire within three minutes of receipt of alarm and to provide an ambulance within 3.2 minutes of receipt of a call for help. This Department would also like to thank the Mayor, City Council and in particular, the voters of the City for supporting our efforts to better serve them.

Respectfully Submitted,

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