



# Buxton Fire-Rescue

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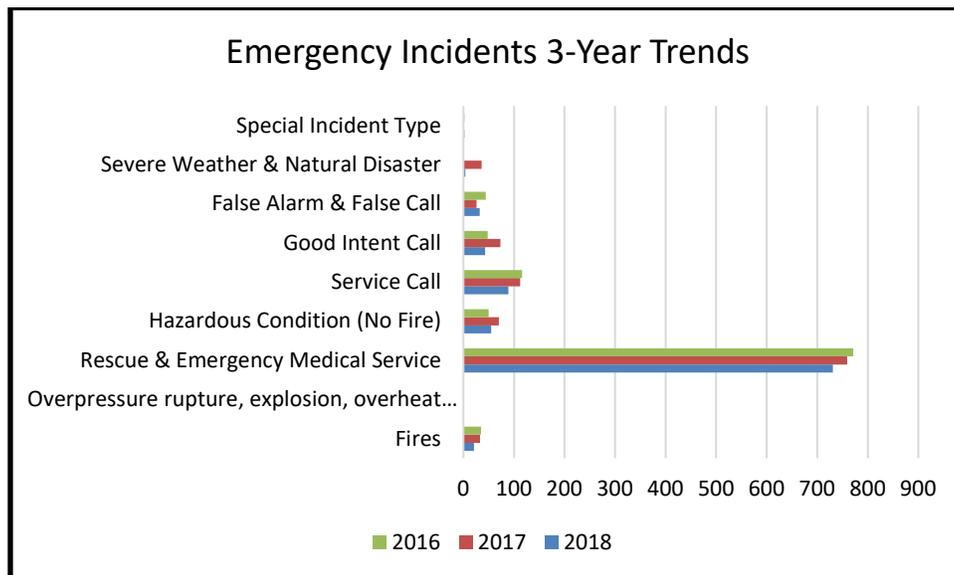
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April 1, 2019

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It is my pleasure to submit the 2018-2019 Annual Report on behalf of the Officers and Members of Buxton Fire-Rescue. During 2018, members remained active while attending training and responding to emergency calls. Below are the departments call statistics showing the last three years of emergency responses.



Aside from emergency responses the members participated in many different fire, HazMat, and medical trainings, all totaled members spent over 4,400 hours training during the year. Training of our personnel is extremely important to carry out the mission of our department. This past year the department was given a structure on Long Plains Road to use for training, up to and including burning the building down. This structure gave the department the opportunity to train in an actual building, practice ventilation techniques, and attack fires on upper floors, which is not something that we are often able to practice. Acquired structures help the department provide as close to realistic structural firefighter training as possible. The department would like to thank John Havu for donating the structure to advance firefighter training in our community.

During Fire Prevention Week which runs each year from Sunday to Saturday (during the week that includes October 9<sup>th</sup> in recognition of the Great Chicago Fire), the department hosted an open house at Bar Mills Station. Parents brought their children in for many fire prevention demonstrations such as crawling through the smoke house, flowing handlines at mock houses, and climbing through the apparatus.

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Aside from providing community fire prevention, this year the department worked with Bonny Eagle High School, Standish Fire-EMS, Cumberland County Sherriff's Office, and Chad Poitras Funeral Home and Cremation Services to provide a mock accident for all high schoolers. This event scheduled just prior to homecoming highlighted the risks of driving under the influence. A big thank you goes to Firefighter/Paramedic Kate McQuillen for her effort coordinating all the pieces of this valuable program!



Unfortunately, for many of us August 2018 was a month that we would have rather not had to struggle through, with the untimely deaths of Firefighter/Paramedic Harry Weymouth and Public Works Director Tom Kennie within 21 days of each other. Out of the sorrow and sadness I saw a department and town come together to support not only the families left behind, but also to support each other. The members of this department showed exactly what they are made of and just what this profession and brotherhood is all about. Although we miss both men greatly, it is the fun memories that will carry their legacy on into the future.

Finally, I would like to thank the members, their families and the community for continued support of such a great community organization. Keep up the hard work!

Respectfully Submitted,

Nathan R. Schools, *EFO*

Fire-Rescue Chief

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