

# Arlington Volunteer Fire Department 2017 Annual Report

The Arlington Volunteer Fire Department responded to 142 calls for assistance in 2017.

By town, the calls were:

Arlington—75	Sandgate—18	Sunderland—29	Manchester—6
Shaftsbury—6	Shushan, NY—6	Stratton—1	Bennington Rural—1

By type, the calls were:

Structure/Chimney Fires—8	Motor Vehicle Accidents—16	Alarms—32
Grass/Brush Fires—11	Good Intent—3	Car Fire—2
Carbon Monoxide Alarm—10	Rescue Squad Assist—17	Powerlines—13
Furnace Malfunction—3	Wilderness/Water/Cave Rescue—4	

The Volunteer Members of the Fire Department performed in excess of 880 hours of training last year. Initially we have 3 members enrolled in the State Firefighter 1 program in Manchester which is approximately 190 hours of basic skills training.

We have recently begun the task of spec'ing out a replacement truck for our oldest truck a 1990 custom pumper. This process averages 2 years of time including meetings with manufacturers, trips to inspect other trucks nearby, putting out proposals for bids and build time for the winning manufacturer. We hope to place an order by the end of the year with a delivery in early 2020.

The Members have also been involved in the search for a location to build a new Emergency Services Station. As times change so do our needs and the requirements for our building. Our current firehouse in East Arlington has become a challenge in terms of safety, location (flood zone) and space. Moving ahead we are in need of more training space, office space, an exercise area, equipment storage, and larger truck bays with an exhaust system, updated computer / internet access, and community space for local functions. We have inquired about several properties and will be meeting to discuss possibilities in the coming months. We are interested in any input the community has for a new location.

In closing, please remember to **change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors** and test them regularly. Also please **post your 911 numbers in a visible location from the road** so time is not wasted responding to your emergency. **Dial 911 for an emergency** and 802-375-2323 for non-emergencies.

Respectfully Submitted,

James Paustian, Fire Chief 2017