

# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

I hereby submit my report as Fire Chief for the year ending December 31,  
2004

Fire Chief  
Stephen A. Motta

Deputy Chief  
Brian R. Legendre

Lieutenants  
John W. Andrade  
Glenn A. Wood  
Allen N. Manley, Jr.  
Michael P. Silvia

Firefighter/EMT's  
Douglas P. Orr  
Raymond E. Benoit  
Brian A. Beaulieu (Military Leave)  
Bruce Martin  
Matthew Cowell  
Darren Nunes  
Mark Brisk  
Daniel Baldwin  
Brian D. Souza  
Daniel F. Ledoux  
Glenn R. Nunes  
Keith Nickelson  
Dennis Pelland  
Glenn Mackillop  
Paul Duhon

Call Firefighters  
Delray Dorsey  
Todd Mackay  
Bryan Moniz  
Kenneth Reilly  
Ronald Vien  
Steve Lopes  
Roger Maynard  
Kendall G. Nickelson  
Chad Vaillancourt  
Anthony Ward

Principal Clerk  
Theresa A. Vaillancourt

E-911 Coordinator  
John W. Andrade

Training Officer  
Allen N. Manley, Jr.

Drillmaster  
Brian D. Souza

Fire Investigation Unit

Michael P. Silvia  
Daniel F. Ledoux

Public Education Committee

Kenneth Reilly

EMS Coordinator

Glenn A. Wood

Assistant EMS Coordinator

Glenn R. Nunes

Computer Administrator

Michael P. Silvia

The Fire Department answered 1,968 calls for a total of 2,319 vehicle runs during 2004, classified as follows:

Buildings-----	19
Woods/Brush-----	29
Vehicles-----	12
Lost Persons-----	3
False Alarms-----	3
Mutual Aid	
Fire-----	17
Ambulance-----	54
Chimney-----	1
Assist Rescue-----	41
Appliance Fires-----	4
Bomb Scares-----	0
Jaws-of-Life-----	24
Unclassified-----	28
Investigations-----	93
Dumpsters-----	2
Fire Alarms-----	112
First Aid in Stations-----	6
Unauthorized Burning-----	42
Public Assist-----	36
Hazardous Materials-----	31
Water Rescues-----	6
Carbon Monoxide Detector	
Investigations-----	14
Station Coverage-----	5
Good Intent-----	10

Assist Police-----	3
Motor Vehicle Accidents-----	167
Emergency EMS Calls-----	1,373
Emergency Ambulance-----	1,427
Fire Related Calls-----	541

Summary Of Vehicle Runs For The Year:

Engine 1-----	0
Engine 2-----	164
Engine 3-----	55
Engine 4-----	46
Engine 5-----	64
Engine 6-----	118
Engine 7-----	171
Tanker 1-----	44
Chief's Car-----	50
Deputy's Car-----	73
Marine 1 -----	3
Marine 2-----	1
Personal Vehicles-----	20
Car 3-----	20
Car 4-----	13
Special Operations Unit-----	9
Ambulance 1-----	542
Ambulance 2-----	881
Ambulance 3-----	45

Permits Issued During The Year:

Smoke Detectors-----	315
Oil Burners-----	66
Underground Tank Removal-----	4
Propane-----	47
Open Air Fire-----	3,192
Blasting-----	3
Above Ground Tank-----	7
Black Powder-----	2
Waste Oil-----	2
Fire Reports-----	17
Sprinklers-----	2
Tank Trucks-----	4

Loss Due To Fire:

Buildings-----	\$ 336,000
Vehicles-----	41,000
Total Loss-----	\$ 377,000

The 2004 Annual Town Meeting passed, subject to a Special Town Vote to authorize the purchase of a new Pumper/Tanker to replace a 1974 vehicle. I would like to thank all of the Townspeople who supported us in this endeavor. The truck is on order and will be put into service as soon as it arrives.

During the past year we have had many successes and a few failures. Our most notable failure was the temporary condemnation of the South End Fire Station. With the assistance of the Fire Association and private businesses we were able to bring it up to an acceptable level within a few days. While we are able to use it we are still badly in need of new quarters. The Mass Department of Occupational Safety and the Building Department have both indicated we will have to replace this building soon. To that end I am requesting your support in our efforts to build a new facility.

Our successes are numerous. Our Deputy Fire Chief has successfully completed a Haz-Mat Technician course, sponsored by the Mass Fire Academy. This knowledge has already been used to our advantage, affording both a time frame and a financial savings.

Donations from Townspeople and Business have allowed us to purchase and install a washing machine for the firefighter's gear should they become soiled. I thank everyone who has donated to the Fire Department Gift Fund that continues to make things like this happen.

FF/EMT Brian Souza continues (for the second year) his Child Safety Seat inspections/installations. This is in cooperation with the Local and State Police Program. The majority of these inspections have been performed at the Fire Station at no additional cost to the Town. Any resident who would like to avail themselves can contact him at the Briggs Rd. Station.

Call FF/EMT Ken Reilly continued his Fire Safety Programs with the Second, Fourth and Tenth grades. In Spring 2004 he with the help of various businesses and fellow Firefighters conducted another edition of the Safe Prom Program for the Junior and Senior classes at the High School. If this saves only one of our children's lives it will have been well worth the time and effort.

Westport Firefighters continue to improve their skills through Fire Science and Fire Administration Degrees at various colleges such as Bristol Community College, Providence College and Empire State University as well as through the Mass Fire Academy. The Fire Academy and its Staff have brought some of their "Impact: training sessions here to Westport as well as Department members making the 90 mile trek to Stow for courses at the Academy. The coming year will present some new challenges for the training team in the Westport Fire Department. We will be running a firefighter recruit class, which will be the single largest group of recruits trained to date. We will be using a new training curriculum purchased through the Fire Department Gift Account.

I would like to thank the members of the Department and the Community who have given their time, talent and resources to aid the Department in all aspects of its endeavors as we try to provide our Firefighters with a safe workplace while providing the best protection for our Community.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen A. Motta  
Fire Chief