

**Newport Township Fire Department
Monthly report for February 2009
Submitted by Dan Kowalski, Chief**

Public Service Calls:	4
Keys locked in car, 1105 W. Main Ave.	
Pumping Detail 13 Railroad St.	
Wires Down, Park St.	
Investigate water leak 84 W. Main St.	
 EMS Assist	 3
130 Railroad St. (wellness check)	
1 Rock St. Apt. 173 (possible overdose)	
1126 Chestnut St. (possible overdose)	
 Automatic Fire Alarm	 1
3 Central St. (false activation)	
 Mutual Aid	 1
Mocanaqua Fire Dept, assist with trees and wires down	
 Total Calls for Month:	 9
Total this year:	20

Calls or activities not counted in totals:

Special Service

Engine #2 was requested to attend the funeral of past president, and operator for Stickney Hose Company, Bill Bray. E-2 was present at the funeral home and was present in the funeral procession and interment ceremony at Oak Lawn Cemetery. The ceremony was attended by Chief Kowalski, and Firefighter J. Kerestes.

Work Detail

A work detail was held to work on Rescue #1 and Engine #2. Seven members helped in the detail for over 5 hours. The detail included, placing the Deck Monitor on R-1, installing a swing-out tool board, and tool mounts on R-1. E-2 received 2 mounted lights in the dunnage area.

In addition to the work performed on the apparatus, the recreation room in the rear portion of the basement has been the focus of a major "clean-up" This work has included, cleaning all areas, changing lights, repainting refrigerators and bar. Upcoming plans include epoxy painting the floor, and a fresh coat of paint.

Other Activities:

Consolidated Fire Company is looking into creating a "Fire Police" Program. This program would free-up the police department from traffic duties during emergencies. It would also give personnel who no longer want to participate in hands-on firefighting, an opportunity to continue serving the community.

Training: No members are currently enrolled in training classes. Scheduled classes include, in March, Basic Rope and Rope Rescue (Mocanaqua) April, Wilderness Search and Rescue also, Clandestine Drug Lab Class.

We are also still holding a training one night each month.

Grants: Alden Hose Co, Consolidated Fire Co. and Glen Lyon Consolidated Hose Co. have each received a state grant. Each grant was a little under \$10,000.00
Each grant covered the following:

Alden; Deck Gun Monitor for R-1, a 4-1 haul system w/200ft. rescue rope, a set of aluminum hose ramps (5 inch hose) with the balance going toward dept reduction for R-1

Consolidated Fire Co. Assorted off-road rescue items for R-2 the balance will go toward debt reduction for R-1

Glen Lyon Consolidated Hose Co. has requested the entire amount for debt reduction for R-1

The department has recently received 15 new, state of the art, air packs and spare cylinders, from a federal AFG grant. The total of this purchase was \$97,000.00 with the relief association paying \$5000.00

The department has applied for, and has received notification that we were granted \$42,000.00 for an air fill station. Our share of this grant is \$2,000.00

Currently, the grant period is open for the 2010 period. We are planning on applying for this grant as well. We are still undecided as to which items we will request.

As of this time we have no outstanding grants, we have been awarded grants for all we applied for in the past 2 years.