

# Town of Lynnfield

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## FIRE DEPARTMENT 2014 ANNUAL REPORT

2014 has been a very busy year for the Lynnfield Fire Department. During 2014 we were able to complete the installation of sprinklers and fire alarm systems at both the South and Headquarters Fire Stations. These systems were funded through a grant from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program. We upgraded our complement of Thermal imagers. These imaginers replace obsolete cameras that become unreliable. Thermal imagers allow firefighters to see through the smoke, making finding a fire easier and help us to find victims more quickly. We upgraded two of our staff cars. A 2015 Ford Explorer was purchased for the Fire Prevention Officer. The new vehicle replaced a recycled police cruiser that was at the end of its life. We also purchased a new to us 2008 Ford Explorer to replace a 2000 GMC Yukon that had failed after 280,000 miles.



There were several personnel changes in 2014. In January I was proud to be chosen as the new Fire Chief here in Lynnfield. I would like to thank my predecessors for establishing a good foundation for the fire department to build upon into the future. We said good luck to a number of retirees including Chief Joseph Lingel. Chief Lingel

served for more than 4 decades as a member of the Lynnfield Fire Department. Lieutenant Kevin Kiley also retired after 20 years of service. We wish Joe and Kevin all the best in their retirement.

The past year was a very busy year for our department. In 2014 we responded to 91 fires resulting in \$13,800 in direct property loss. Below is a break down of fire department responses in 2014

Fires	91	2014 Responses	1667
Over heating	4	2013 Responses	1426
Emergency Medical	1016	2012 Responses	1358
Service Calls	174		
Good Intent	66		
False Alarms	242		
Sever Weather	3		
Special incident	4		
Total Responses	1667		

This year (2015) promises to surpass 2014 we have started the first few months of the year at a pace to exceed 2200 responses in 2015.

The Fire Prevention Bureau was very busy this year, conducting numerous inspections, issuing a number of permits, and reviewing construction plans to keep our community safe. Below is a breakdown of those activities:

	Inspections	Permits
Above ground tank installation	26	19
Above ground tank removal	2	38
Blasting		1
Cannon/mortar Firing	1	1
Christmas tree Storage		1
Demolition		8
Dumpster		115
Fire alarm		26
Fireworks	1	1
Fuel Storage		3
Oil Burner Installation	20	14
Propane Tank Installation	33	30
Residential Smoke/ CO	412	235
Sprinkler	5	5
Tank Truck	6	5
Underground tank removal	3	3
Welding		10
Commercial Building inspection	208	
Commercial Building acceptance inspection	41	
Commercial Building Fire alarm inspection	4	
Citizens Complaint	4	
Consultation Inspections	34	

Plans Review:

Fire Protection Plan Review	76
Fire alarm Plan Review	27
Sprinkler plan Review	27
Drills:	
Fire Drills	25
School Bus Drills	5

The Fire Department was again very active in the SAFE program. SAFE is a public education program that reaches out to our high risk groups. The very young and our senior population are the most vulnerable to the ravishes of fire.

On going fire department training has been the focus this year, we had a number of firefighters enroll in Paramedic training; Firefighters attended training at both the Massachusetts Fire Academy and the National Fire Academy; Lynnfield and Wakefield Fire Departments co-hosed a 3 day grant writing workshop; and we were able to send firefighters to hear a number of national speakers on various topics. These activities were in addition to our ongoing monthly fire and medical training.

As the Fire Chief I would like to thank the members of the Lynnfield Fire Department for their continued dedication to the fire department and the community .

