



West Rutland Fire Department

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West Rutland, VT 05777

2015-2016 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FIRE CHIEF

It is my honor once again to provide the Annual Report of the Fire Chief to the citizens of the Town of West Rutland. It is with great pleasure that I report that our department is in its 125th year of service to the Town, and has continued to provide our citizens with high quality professional emergency responses to fire, rescue, and hazardous material incidents throughout the past year. Once again I am fortunate to report that the town incurred no loss of life or serious injury due to fire during the past year.

The Fire Department's Fire Prevention Program continued once again this year during Fire Prevention Week in October. This year, our firefighters delivered presentations to grades K-3 at the West Rutland School. We have seen the value of these programs first hand and I encourage parents to discuss fire safety with your children to continue these lessons at home.

Our department is served by a group of very dedicated volunteers who continue to spend many hours each year responding to emergency calls, enhancing their skills by training, and performing maintenance on our facility and equipment. This year we recognize Scott FitzGerald and Rodney Kenyon for 15 years of service and Jeff Wos for 10 years of service to our department. Firefighter T.J. Lacz left our department after serving for 7 years.

Our community is very fortunate to be served by all of our dedicated firefighters who respond at a moment's notice to your calls for assistance. Together, they represent nearly 300 combined years of service to our community. I would also like to thank the families of our firefighters for their continued patience, support, and understanding when we are called to duty. Any West Rutland resident who is interested in serving our community as a firefighter can obtain more information by contacting the fire chief.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Skaza
Chief

Current Firefighter Roster

Name	Years of Service	Name	Years of Service
Joseph Skaza, Chief	43	Scott FitzGerald	15
Steve Czachor, Fire Warden	37	Rodney Kenyon	15
Thomas Lacz, 2 nd Assistant Chief	28	Jeffrey Wos	10
Christopher Jakubiak	28	Tyler Alexander	4

Pete Guay	24	Andrew FitzGerald	2
Jeff Lacz	22	Tyler Bathalon	1
Michael Skaza, 1 st Assistant Chief	22	Josh Webster	1/2
Lori Lyons	19	David Joslin	1/2

2014 Emergency Call Volume

Mutual Aid Given	27	Outside Burning	2
Motor Vehicle Accidents	25	Motor Vehicle Fires	2
Fire Alarm Activation	14	Water Emergencies	2
Medical Assist	7	Electrical Fires	1
Smoke/Odor Investigation	7	Forest Fire	1
Structure Fire	4	<u>Citizen Assist</u>	<u>1</u>
Swamp, Grass, or Brush Fire	4	TOTAL	101
Carbon Monoxide Det Activation	3		

Smoke and carbon monoxide detectors save lives!

Make sure that you have working smoke detectors near your bedrooms and on every level of the home. You should have at least one carbon monoxide detector near your bedrooms.

Test them monthly and change the batteries at least once a year.