



# West Rutland Fire Department

P.O. Box 206  
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## 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. 2016 marked the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the formation of the West Rutland Fire Department. As we move into our 126<sup>th</sup> year of service, we look forward to continuing the tradition of providing our citizens with high quality professional emergency responses to fire, rescue, and hazardous material incidents as we have done in the past.

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 recognized Firefighters Pete Guay for 25 years of service, Lori Lyons for 20 years of service, and Tyler Alexander for 5 years of service.

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. I would like to thank the families of our firefighters for their continued patience, support, and understanding when we are called to duty. I would also like to thank the residents of West Rutland for your continued support of the fire department. 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	44	Rodney Kenyon	16
Steve Czachor, Fire Warden	38	Jeffrey Wos	11
Thomas Lacz, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief	29	Tyler Alexander	5
Christopher Jakubiak	29	Andrew FitzGerald	3
Pete Guay	25	Tyler Bathalon	2
Jeff Lacz	23	Josh Webster	1
Michael Skaza, 1 <sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief	23	David Joslin	1
Lori Lyons, Clerk	20	Dillon Notte	½
Scott FitzGerald	16	Cliff Jagodzinski	½

### 2016 Emergency Call Volume

Motor Vehicle Accident	23	Carbon Monoxide Detector Activation	2
Mutual Aid Call	11	Citizen Assist	2
Fire Alarm Activation	6	Motor Vehicle Fire	2
Swamp, Grass, or Brush Fire	4	Smoke Condition in a Building	1
Smoke/Odor Investigation	4	Furnace Malfunction	1
Structure Fire	3	Outdoor Burning Complaint	1
Hazardous Materials Spill/Leak	3	Chimney Fire	1

#### ***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 twice a year.

#### ***Post your address number clearly.***

When an emergency occurs, it is important that emergency services can quickly locate the incident. Please be sure that you display your address number in a location that can easily be seen from the roadway. Posting your address number helps us to find both you and your neighbors quickly.

#### ***Outdoor Burning Regulations***

Burn permits are required for outside burning within the Town of West Rutland and can be obtained by calling Forest Fire Warden Steve Czachor at 438-2840. Permits can only be issued for the burning of natural products when conditions are safe and burning will not create a nuisance. All outside burning must comply with Town Ordinance.