

2009 Fire Service Happenings!

Maine Fire Chiefs Association

Annual Meeting and Fall Conference
Oct 14th - 16th, Bangor ME

Pine Tree Burn Foundation

21st Annual Fire & Life Safety Conference
Oct 16th & 17th, Saco ME

Beyond Hoses & Helmets

Fire Management & Leadership Seminar
Oct 24th & 25th, New Gloucester, ME

Central Maine Fire Attack School

Oct 24th & 25th, Winslow, ME

Looking Ahead to 2010

Cumberland County Fire Attack School

May 1st & 2nd, Gorham ME

Western Maine Fire Attack School

May 15th & 16th, Bethel ME

2nd Annual Maine Partners in Emergency Preparedness Conference

May 24th & 25th, Augusta Civic Center



Annual Meeting & Fall Conference
Attendee Packet
October 14-16, 2009
Hollywood Slots Hotel & Raceway
500 Main Street, Bangor, Maine

- Exhibitors
- Educational Sessions
- Membership Meeting
- Networking



BEYOND HOSES & HELMETS

SEMINAR CONTENTS
TACTICAL MANAGEMENT
STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP
RECRUITING AND PROMOTING STAFF
MANAGING THE TRANSITION
MANAGING CHANGE
TEAM BUILDING

HOSTED BY: New Gloucester Fire & Rescue
DATES: October 24 & 25

Fire Prevention Week 2009 – Oct 4th -10th

FPW Has arrived!

Thanks to all the Fire Departments, firefighters, towns, and businesses that help get the word out!

Stay Fire Smart - Year Round Too!

<http://www.firepreventionweek.org>



Maine Fire Training & Education Training

There has been a dramatic increase in scheduled deliveries offered by MFTE. Compared to FY08-09 figures requests are up by 88% in the first two months of FY09-10. Local Community Deliveries (LCD's) alone have increased by 69%. There are several reasons why towns and FD's are finding MFTE training programs more attractive:

1. Increased promotion and assistance with MFTE programs by Regional/County Representatives
2. Increased activity from MFTE instructors who have helped establish a regional "culture of training"
3. The offering of SMCC credits toward a fire science degree which rewards commitment from student who complete FFI, FFI, and other programs.
4. The downturn in the economy which has reduced fire department training budgets. METE courses are offered at no-charge for instructors.

For more on LCD's and a Fall 2009 Summary visit:
<http://www.maineonline.org>

Maine's new **Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detector Law** went into effect September 12th. Legislation can be found at:

<http://www.maine.gov/dps/fmo/index.htm>

The Maine Emergency Management Agency recently compile and published a **Maine Directory of First Response Teams**.

For more information visit:

<http://www.mainechief.com/documents/firstresponseteams09.pdf>

Maine Fire Protection Services Commission Organization Spotlight

The Fire Commission consists of 23 members. Our September 2009 Spotlight

Maine Fire Chiefs Association

visit MFCA online at: <http://www.mainechief.com/>

The MFCA sponsors quarterly Chief's meetings in different locations around Maine. Members receive information and can provide input concerning legislative issues, fire training opportunities, and information from the State Fire Marshal's Office. In addition the MFCA is very active sponsoring seminars to further Chief and Officer administrative and technical knowledge. Other activities from MFCA to watch for include a bi-monthly newsletter, representation for fire chiefs at key governmental agencies, and coordination and representation of testimony from fire chiefs.

The MFCA also provides a comprehensive list of forms, guides, and policy resources for Chiefs and Officers. <http://www.mainechief.com/forms.shtml>

MFCA Annual Meeting & Fall Conference, October 14th- 16th, 2009

The 2009 MFCA Fall Conference begins Thursday, Oct 14th with the MFCA Annual Meeting, Fire Chief of the Year Award, and Presentation of 2009-2010 Board of Directors Nominees. Thursday and Friday are packed full with educational workshops that include National Fire Academy classes as well as guest lectures:

National Fallen Firefighters Foundation: Courage to be Safe

John H. Oates, Region I - Advocate for the National Fallen Firefighters

Leading in Dangerous Times - Building a Culture of Safe Extinguishment -

Battalion Chief Matthew Tobia, Anne Arundel County, Maryland Fire Department





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From:

Fire Commission: next meeting Nov 2nd, 1pm. Florian Hall, Fire Marshal's Office

Telegraphed Headlines 140 Years Ago: The New York Times, New York, NY 10 Oct 1869

TERRIFIC HURRICANE AT EASTPORT, ME. Great Destruction of Property and Life. THE STORM IN MAINE.

Fearful Hurricane at Eastport---The Town in Ruins---Terrible Loss of Life---

A Large Number of Vessels Wrecked---The Swift River Freshet---Immense Destruction of Property.

EASTPORT, Me. Oct. 5, via BANGOR, Me., Oct. 9 1869.---This town was visited by a fearful hurricane last night, vessels, wharves, stores, and fish-houses were smashed to atoms. Great quantities of fish and oil were destroyed. The steamer New-York narrowly escaped loss with all on board. She was driven ashore and lost both anchors and her rudder. Many of the merchants here have lost all their property. The heaviest losers are J & S Griffin, \$10,000; E. W. French \$6,000 and J. S. Pearce. J. & S. Griffin lost their vessels, fish and storehouses. Mr. Pearce lost his store and all the stock. E. W. French had vessels wrecked and stores and wharves washed away. Most of the fishing vessels are in pieces.

EASTPORT, Oct. 6, via BANGOR, Oct. 9 1869.---Twenty-seven vessels are ashore in Rumney's Bay. The schooners Romp and Percy were badly damaged. The schooner Rio was lost in St. Andrew's Bay, with all on board. A bark, at New River, was lost with all on board---seventeen in number. Grand Menan is swept, with all the wiers and smokehouses. The towns of Lubec, Pembroke and Percy loose heavily. Houses and barns were blown down. This tornado is worse for Eastport than the great fire. The vessels ashore are the Sarah, Convoy, Empress, Ward, Boston, Burns, Bob, Starlight, Belle, M. J. Laughton, Speedwell, Debonaire, Margie, Willie, Moire, and others. The Convoy, Speedwell, Commodore, and some others, are complete wrecks. The revenue Mosswood was disabled at the beginning of the storm, and could render no assistance. All the smokehouses are down, and the smoked herring and oil are lost. The loss cannot be less than \$500,000. A large part of the town is a perfect wreck.

LEWISTON, Me., Oct. 9 1869.---The Evening Journal has a report of a great freshet on Swift River, in Oxford County, showing a rise of thirty-six feet in twelve hours in that stream, which is a tributary of the Androscoggin. The improvements of the Lewiston Steam Mill Company, for lumbering operations, were destroyed, and their large dam swept away. Scores of inter-vale farms were covered several feet deep with sand. Numerous houses and barns were demolished. The people barely escaped with their lives, and with the children in their arms, to the mountains. The farmers living on the river are impoverished and homeless.

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