

**2010 Fire Service Happenings!**  
**Cumberland County Fire Attack School**  
 May 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>, Gorham ME


**Western Maine Fire Attack School**  
 May 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>, Bethel ME

**7th Annual Blaine House Conference for First Responders**  
 March 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>, Lookout Pt, Northport ME

**2nd Annual Maine Partners in Emergency Preparedness Conference**  
 May 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>, Augusta Civic Center

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**NOTE:** Plans for our 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Blaine House Conference are under way. Speakers on leadership and LODD's associated with lightweight construction are scheduled. **Watch for updates in the Jan Newsletter!**


**Maine Fire Protection Services Commission  
and Maine State Federation of Firefighters**




Informational Slide Show


**Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP)**

Welcome to our LOSAP Campaign! Included here are several documents which outline our goal to establish a LOSAP program for Maine's volunteer fire and emergency services personnel.

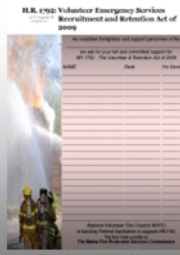
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Leave Behind (color)



Leave Behind (b&w)



Regional Mailing



Fire / Rescue Dept Mailing

**2009 Fire Training Scholarships**  
 In honor of FF's  
 Stephen G. Hasson, Daryl Parker Wells and Chester E. Wiles,  
 the following scholarships were awarded to MFTE/SMCC Students on October 14<sup>th</sup> at a Ceremony on the SMCC Campus. Congratulations to all the recipients:

**Stephen G. Hasson:**  
 Taylor Poussard, Scarborough FD

**Daryl Parker Wells:**  
 Jason Chasse, Brewer FD  
 Galen Light, Waterboro FD

**Chester E. Wiles:**  
 Nicole B. Gehrman, Waterboro FD  
 Matthew NB. McLean, Topsham FD

**Maine's LOSAP Campaign Is Underway!**  
 Visit our interactive LOSAP page at:  
<http://www.maine.gov/dps/fmo/commission/LOSAP091.HTM>

The November issue of **Maine Fire Marshal News** is out!  
 View and download the issue at:  
<http://www.maine.gov/dps/fmo/documents/FMONwsltrV2Is4.pdf>

**Curious about Floodplain Management?**  
 One easy to navigate and information filled website is the homepage of **Maine's Floodplain Management Program**  
 There are links for:  
*homeowners and businesses,*  
*local officials, engineers, surveyors,*  
*financial lenders, and insurance agents.*  
 Visit Maine's program online at <http://www.maine.gov/spo/flood/>



Visit MEMA online for the latest on preparing for emergencies!



<http://www.maine.gov/MEMA>

Maine Fire Protection Services Commission November 2009 Organization Spotlight  
**Maine Emergency Management Agency**

MEMA is a Bureau within the Maine Dept. of Defense, Veterans & Emergency Management. Since 2001, MEMA has been the focal point for the implementation of programs regarding Homeland Security, integrating these concerns into its all-hazard mission.

**Title 37-B MRSA Chapter 13 §701 MEMA's Mission:**

To lessen the effects of disaster on the lives and property of the people of the State through leadership, coordination and support in the four phases of emergency management:

**mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery**

**Spotlight**

- [From the Director: November, Take Stock for Winter](#)
-  ["Maine Prepares" 2009 Special Newspaper Supplement Available Online](#)
-  [Maine Health Care Workers: Listing for Verification of Legal Protection](#)
- [Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement Now in Effect](#)
-  [H1N1 Updates from the Maine CDC](#)

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*Monthly Fire Commission meetings: 1pm  
Monday, Jan 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010, State House, Augusta  
Tuesday, Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>, (following Legislative Breakfast)  
NOTE: Those interested in participating in the  
Maine Emergency Services Institute planning process  
will meet at 10am prior to the regular Fire Commission Meetings.*

The winter holidays are a time for celebration, and that means more cooking, home decorating, entertaining, and an increased risk of fire due to heating equipment.

### **Seasonal Facts & figures**

During 2003-2007, U.S. fire departments responded to an average of 250 home fires that started with Christmas trees per year. These fires caused an average of 14 deaths, 26 injuries, and \$13.8 million in direct property damage annually.

- During 2003-2006, an estimated 14,800 home structure fires started by candles were reported to local fire departments. These fires resulted in an estimated 160 civilian deaths, 1,340 civilian injuries and an estimated direct property loss of \$471 million.
- Four in 10 reported home fires start in the kitchen -- more than any other place in the home.
- Half of all home heating fires occurred in December, January and February in 2003-2006.

Source: NFPA's Fire Analysis and Research Division <http://www.nfpa.org>