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FIRE CHIEF

In March 2013, Donald S. Fifield, Jr retired as the Thetford Fire Chief after 30 years of service. The Thetford Volunteer Fire Department Board of Trustees appointed Chad Whitcomb as the Fire Chief at that time to finish out the 2013 calendar year. In December 2013, Chief Whitcomb was reappointed by the Board of Trustees for a 3 year term.

Chief Whitcomb has been a firefigher in Thetford for almost 25 years serving in various officer roles prior to becoming Chief. He is a Level 1 certified Firefighter in the State of Vermont as well as a Nationally Registered EMT.

Chief Whitcomb brings his years of experience in fire operations, strategy, tactics and prevention to his new role. The Board of Trustees and fire department members are very happy to have him in this critically imporant role.

HELP US FIND YOU IN AN EMERGENCY

Green reflective address signs are available from the fire department. Just stop by the station when someone is there or leave us a message to order yours. The cost is only $10.00 and just covers our cost for the materials. These signs have your E-911 number on both sides of the sign to allow emergency personnel to locate your address quickly when you call for help.

Also, registering your phone number with CODE RED, a service offered through our local dispatching service will help us notify you of an emergency affecting a large portion of town, the need for evacuation etc. More information can be found at:

https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/F4F68ACDD47F

THE NEW ENGINE – MAY 2014

A SNAPSHOT OF VOLUNTEER HOURS FOR TVFD

Ever wonder how many hours our volunteers give to continually provide professional, efficient service to Thetford?

FF Certification	215 hours
EMT Certification	150 hours
Advanced EMT Certification	200 Hours
Monthly Fire Training	40 hours minimum per year
Monthly EMS Training	30 hours minimum per year
Work Details and Maintenance	50 hours minimum per year
Administrative Work	400 hours for Chief officers, 40 hours for trustees, line officers
Emergency Calls	800 hours on average per year

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AUGUST 2014

VERMONT BLS PROVIDER OF THE YEAR – MARIAH WHITCOMB

On May 22, 2014, members of our department attended an awards ceremony hosted by the Vermont EMS Office and VT Department of Health. Annually, EMTs throughout the state are recognized for their efforts and skill in providing excellent patient care, public education and professionalism. In 2014, Mariah Whitcomb was nominted and selected at the Vermont BLS provider of the year. Congratulations, Mariah. Although Mariah is now an ALS provider, the state chose to recognize her 17 years of service as a BLS provider.

MEMBERS OF THE DEPT AT THE STATEHOUSE FOR THE AWARD CEREMONY

ANNUAL LABOR DAY BBQ CHANGES

As you may have seen on our local listserv, the Thetford Volunteer Fire Department will be discontinuing our annual Labor Day BBQ. While we thoroughly enjoy interacting with our community at the BBQ, it is no longer a sustainable event due to the number of hours required in addition to the number of hours our volunteers already give for training, emergency calls etc. Our Board of Trustees is currently working with the members of the department to create a new community event for the future. Thank you for your continued support.

STAY CONNECTED TO TVFD

Follow TVFD on Facebook to stay up to date on our activities, safety reminders, storm information, etc. Please note our social media policy prohibits the posting of any emergency specific information (such as accidents, etc).

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are actively seeking volunteers for a number of roles within the department. Interested in becoming a firefighter or EMT? Let us know – the department pays for all training and equipment; all you give in return is your time and energy.

Call us with questions and to learn more about joining this amazing group of people.