



DIVISION OF FIRE SAFETY

OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL, STATE FIRE ACADEMY AND THE STATE HAZ-MAT TEAM

FIRE SAFETY NEWS



June 2017

Director's Message

Michael Desrochers

Get Em 'Up, Get Em' Out

Brad Charron, Assistant State Fire Marshal announces retirement after 38 years of loyal, dedicated, professional service to the State of Vermont. Brad's professional career with the State of Vermont started in April of 1978 working for social services. On April 4, 1979 Brad was hired by the Department of Labor and Industry as an Occupation Safety Compliance Officer. Around 1987 - Brad was hired by the Division of Fire Safety where he finished his distinguished career after serving as Assistant State Fire Marshal for 29 years.

The phrase **Get Em 'Up, Get Em' Out** is how Brad approached every inspection, plan review, and complaint inspection. Brad's philosophy was simple- (1) We need to make sure occupants are awakened by the sound of a working smoke alarm, carbon monoxide alarm, fire alarm system or the activation of a fire sprinkler system. (2) We need to make sure the occupants can safely get out. This philosophy always steered Brad to use common sense in all aspects of his job. This simple approach allowed Brad to develop positive working relationships with all trade groups, local fire chiefs, and municipalities. Working out viable solutions to complex issues with contractors, architects, engineers and the business community at large over building codes was Brad's passion. Helping people get from A-Z is what motivated Brad day in day out to make Vermont a much safer place for everyone. During Brad's tenure in fire safety he conducted about 16,000 building inspections and reviewed thousands of construction projects.

Brad leaves behind an everlasting image of how the State of Vermont serves the public. Thank you Brad for your unselfish act of kindness, respect, devotion and professionalism to the State of Vermont, Department of Public Safety.



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Upcoming Board meetings

Plumbing Board Meeting:
July 11, 2017, 9AM

Access Board Meeting:
July 31, 2017 1:30PM

Electrical Board Meeting:
August 1, 2017 9AM

Elevator Board Meeting:
August 8, 2017 9AM

~BOARD DEADLINE REMINDER~

If you have a board agenda item, it needs to be received at the Central Office no later than **2 weeks** prior to the board meeting. (for all boards – Access, Electrical, Elevator & Plumbing)

Public Service Recongnition Awards Ceremony

As part of Public Service Recognition Week an awards ceremony was held this week to recognize outstanding public servants. I'm proud to say the members of the Vermont Fire Academy training team were among those recognized by Governor Phil Scott for their exemplary work.

In early 2016 the Fire Academy was beset by a 45% reduction in staffing due to retirements, including that of its Chief, and state budget cuts. The Fire Academy was facing a re-accreditation process during that time, and staff was committed to delivering high-level training to first responders throughout Vermont.

Those remaining at the academy rolled up their sleeves and worked tirelessly to ensure a seamless delivery of services and a successful re-accreditation. All critical fire service training was delivered, a new Chief was hired, and the academy received its 5-year re-accreditation with high praise from the accreditation inspection team. Current Chief Peter Lynch and Training Program Coordinator Mike Skaza have shown exemplary leadership since coming on board, and staff continue to work diligently to meet the vast needs of Vermont's Fire Service Community.

Please join me in congratulating and expressing gratitude to Peter Lynch, Jessica Pomainville, Erin Walker, Kathy Pearson, Terry Farr, William Jones, Michael Skaza, and Ben Whalen for their continued great work!



Changes of office geographical coverage has been made in the Division **effective June 1st, 2017.**

- * Rutland Office will cover all of Addison, Rutland and Bennington Counties.
- * Springfield office will cover all of Windsor and Windham Counties.
- * Williston office will cover all of Chittenden, Grand Isle and Franklin Counties.
- * Barre office will cover Orange, Washington, Lamoille, Caledonia, Essex and Orleans Counties.

**HAZMAT HOTLINE 1-800-641-5005****Team Update****Statistics 2016 and 2017**

◇ 2016

- **Total Incidents - 128**
- **Action level**
 - * **Response to scene - 39**
 - * **Notification of incident only - 52**
 - * **Telephone consult - 37**
- **Breakdown of type of incident**
- **Clan Lab - 11**
- **Motor Vehicle/Boat Spill - 49**
- **Above Ground Tank spill - 14**
- **Chemical Spill - 18**
- **Special Event Support - 3**
- **Other Assistance - 18**
- **LPG/CNG/NG - 4**
- **White Powder/Suspicious Pkg - 6**
- **Radiological (RAD) - 5**

◇ 2017 (year to date)

- **Total Incidents - 60**
- **Action level**
 - * **Response to scene - 15**
 - * **Notification of incident only - 25**
 - * **Telephone consult - 20**
- **Breakdown of type of incident**
- **Clan Lab - 5**
- **Motor Vehicle/Boat Spill - 22**
- **Above Ground Tank spill - 9**
- **Chemical Spill - 12**
- **Special Event Support - 3**
- **Other Assistance - 3**
- **LPG/CNG/NG - 5**
- **White Powder/Suspicious Pkg - 1**
- **Radiological (RAD) - 0**

Recent LP Training in Derby Line VT

The VHMRT Team on June 10th and 11th, received response training from Propane Gas Association of New England (PGANE) instructors. The training was held at the Derby Line Fire Station (classroom), with demonstrations and practical exercises held at Fred's Propane in Derby. Liquid Propane Gas (LPG) was provided by Fred's Propane for this training. The Derby Line Fire Department (Firefighter's spouses) provided lunch to the attendees, which included personnel from Derby Line Fire.

Here are photos of the training;



Attendees

PGANE Training Hauler and Trailer



Classroom Review

Review of Bobtail apparatus



Review of MC331 Transport Trailers



Training with Leak Prop



Review of ASME Tank valves and connections



Review of underground dome valves and connections



Underground ASME Tank review



Connections for Transfer of product from container container



Product transfer w/LPG Compressor



Liquid Flaring of ASME tank



Vapor Flaring of ASME Tank

The training was a great opportunity for the Team to utilize our LP Gas Response trailer and equipment.



Equipment on board the trailer includes LP Gas Compressors (2), LP Gas Pump, LP Gas Flares (2) with various fittings and hoses, and plug/patching supplies.

This equipment can be requested through the Hazmat Hotline 800-641-5005.

Old VHMRT Truck 1 (2001 Hackney)

In the past, I have been asked “what ever happened to your original response truck”.

I have good news, this truck is now located in Senegal, which is a country on Africa’s west coast. This provided this country with it’s first Hazardous Materials Response Capabilities.

Below is a photo of the truck. Included in the photo are representative of the Senegal Emergency Response, the Director of Vt. Division of Homeland Security and the Adjunct General, with representatives of the Vt. National Guard.



UPDATE ON FIRE INVESTIGATIONS AND UPCOMING TRAINING

Since January 1, 2017 the Fire Investigation Unit has responded to 44 fire investigations. Of the 44 investigations, 17 were accidental, 17 were undetermined and 10 were incendiary fires. Unfortunately, there have been four fatalities and one injury so far this year. This is a reduction from last year during the same time frame.

For upcoming training, on July 12, there will be a special training session for the Division’s Fire Inspector on new forms. On August 17th, Kathy Gipps from Boston’s ADA Center will be presenting a session of ADA Technical Requirements. It was proposed to offer training for September and October on Chapter 7 from the NFPA 101, Life Safety Code.

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SCHEDULED INSPECTOR TRAINING DATES 2017

CODE ENFORCEMENT TRAINING			
Dates	Subjects	Location	Note
January 18	ADA TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS KATHY GIPPS CANCELLED	BERLIN - Main Office	0900 to 1430
February 15	DISTELLERIES, BREWERIES, EVENT VENUES DIVISION STAFF	BERLIN - Main Office	0900 to 1430
March 29-30	RESIDENTIAL SPRINKLER PLAN REVIEW NFA COURSE Application period closed 02/10/17	BERLIN- Main Office	0900 to 1430
April 19	REPORT WRITING ROBERT SPONABLE & BRUCE MARTIN	BERLIN -Main Office	0900 to 1430
May 17	OCC. CLASSIFICATION, HEIGHT & AREA Req., construction types, etc. Instructors: Div. Plan Review Staff	BERLIN-Main Office For Fire Inspectors Only	0900 to 1430
June 21	FIRE ALARM TESTING AND ACCEPTANCE TESTING PETE OLNEY	VT FIRE ACADEMY PITTSFORD	0900 TO 1430
July 12	New Field Plan Review Training	Berlin	0900-1430
August 17	ADA TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS KATHY GIPPS	BERLIN- Main Office	0900 to 1430
September 20	TBA	BERLIN- Main Office	0900 to 1430
October 18	TBA	BERLIN- Main Office	0900 to 1430
November	-- No Training Scheduled --		
December 20	Division Staff Training Agenda TBA DIVISION OF FIRE SAFETY STAFF ONLY	BERLIN - Main Office	0900 to 1430

Training will be held at the BERLIN - DFS Main Office unless otherwise noted.

For MUNICIPAL inspectors operating under a cooperative inspection agreements, please send an e-mail to J. Benard (before the class date) if you are **NOT** going to attend the class.

Questions please contact...

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CALENDAR OF FIRE EVENTS

June 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FR	SAT
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

Date	Event	Location
6	Electrical Board Meeting	BERLIN
13	Elevator Board Meeting	BERLIN
21	Division Training- Staff only	BERLIN
26	Access Board Meeting	BERLIN



Date	Event	Location
4	Independence Day ~ State offices Closed~	ALL
11	Plumbing Board	BERLIN
12	Division Training- Staff only	BERLIN
31	Access Board	BERLIN



July 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FR	SAT
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

August 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FR	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Date	Event	Location
1	Electrical Board Meeting	BERLIN
8	Elevator Board Meeting	BERLIN
16	Battle of Bennington Day~ State offices Closed	ALL
17	Division Training- Staff only	BERLIN
28	Access Board Meeting	BERLIN





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Monoxide Detectors Save Lives**

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