

# *Drakeville Volunteer Fire Department*

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Members of the Board of Public Safety,

In December, Drakeville Volunteer Fire Department was dispatched to 14 calls for service and made 13 of those. More information is available below:

Date	Dispatched	Made	Missed	# Black	# Yellow	Nature
12/1/23	1	1		1	1	19 Nathaniel St. - auto alarm
12/4/23	1	1		1	4	180 Church St. - Structure Fire
12/7/23	1					218 E. Main St. - Auto Alarm
12/8/23	1	1		1	2	303 Essex Ct. - Gas leak
12/10/23	1	1		2	3	Prospect @ Pearl - Odor of Gas
12/12/23	1	1		1	5	1160 Pothier Rd. - Auto Alarm
12/17/23	1	1		1	2	1160 Pothier Rd. - Auto Alarm
12/18/23	1	1		2	4	539 Technology Park Rd. - Auto Alarm

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12/19/23	1	1	2	5	800 Norfolk Rd. - Watercraft Welfare Check
12/22/23	1	1	3	2	265 Gaylord Ln. - Structure/Chimney Fire
12/27/23	1	1	2	5	500 Cardinal Cir. - Odor of Smoke
12/29/23	1	1	1	5	101 Hoffman St. - Structure Fire
12/31/23	2	2	1	2	215 Forest St. - Gas Leak
			2	3	37 Whiting Ave. - Structure Fire

In addition, Drakeville firefighters completed a cumulative total of 86 hours of training over the month of December. These included driver training, CPR/AED use, incident command system, and extrication, courtesy of a vehicle donation provided by Merli's Automotive.

Over the course of 2023, Drakeville was dispatched to 130 calls for service and responded to 94 of those. More information on these calls is available upon request.

Drakeville's recruitment efforts have been successful thus far. We have 18 active members, 15 of which are firefighters. Of the firefighters, 4 are interior, 4 will become interior within the next month, and 7 are exterior. We are still on track to send 4 of our exterior firefighters to the fire school's Firefighter I class, which will enable them to become interior certified.

While we continue to make most of our calls and are growing, we have several critical expenditures that will deplete cash on hand. To keep up with the interior firefighters we've recruited, it was necessary to place an order for 4 sets of gear and it will be necessary to place 4 more this year as our new recruits complete fire school. The gear alone will cost us

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approximately \$30,500. Our front-line fire engine is now 35 years old, is not NFPA-rated and faces significant obsolescence issues. As a result, Drakeville has formed an Apparatus Replacement Committee to begin exploring means for replacement. Additionally, to maintain the station's readiness level, several repairs and security upgrades will be needed over the next year. Drakeville will continue to update this Board as it navigates these critical areas. We look forward to this Board's support as we continue to carry out our mission to the residents of Torrington.

Yours truly,

Tomasz Kalinowski, Captain