



Scene from Alton Bay Christian Conference Center fire, April 12, 2009. PHOTO ©2009 LRMFA



2009 Annual Report

Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid

Serving:

Alexandria	Alton
Andover	Ashland
Barnstead	Belmont
Bridgewater	Bristol
Campton	Center Harbor
Danbury	Dorchester
East Andover	Ellsworth
Franklin	Gilford
Gilmanton	Groton
Hebron	Hill
Holderness	Laconia
Meredith	Moultonborough
New Durham	New Hampton
Northfield	Plymouth
Rumney	Sanbornton
Sandwich	Strafford
Thornton	Tilton
Warren	Waterville Valley
Wentworth	





Message from the Chief

The Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid Executive Committee, Board of Directors and staff are pleased to present our first annual report. This report was developed to provide a greater understanding of LRMFA including our governance, our funding and the services we provide.

LRMFA is a District Fire Mutual Aid System under state law (RSA 154:30 a-h). We serve our thirty-seven member communities and fire districts located in five counties. Although most recognize LRMFA as an emergency communications center we also provide additional services including our Training and Education Division, Central NH Hazardous Materials Team, Task Force Teams and a Standardization Committee. Together, our member departments are able to share critical resources when necessary (see page 9).

I would like to acknowledge the support of Belknap County that LRMFA has enjoyed since the inception of our communications center in 1971. The county commission, delegation members and staff provide critical funding support during our annual assessment process.

We invite your feedback on this report. Your input will help us as we develop future reports. You can contact us via e-mail to comment@lrmfa.org or by calling 528.9111.

Douglas M. Aiken
Chief Coordinator

Board of Directors

The Board of Directors is made up of the Fire Chief from each member community or their designee, with each entitled to one vote. It is the governing body of the Association.

Rene Lefebvre, *East Andover*,
Jeff Ames, *Wentworth*
Tom Austin, *Danbury*
Dave Bengtson, *Moultonborough*
Louis Brunelle, *Sandwich*
Arthur Burdette, *Dorchester*
Steven M. Carrier, *Tilton/
Northfield*
Casino Clogston, *Plymouth*
James Davis, *Belmont*
Andy Denton, *Bridgewater*
John DeSilva, *Sanbornton*
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Ken Jones, *Meredith*
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Eleanor Mardin, *Holderness*
Brad Ober, *Ashland*
Dave Riel, *Warren*
John Schlemmer, *Center Harbor*
Brad Smith, *Franklin*
Paul Stover, *Strafford*
Roger Thompson, *Groton*
David Tobine, *Campton/
Thornton/Ellsworth*
Peter Varney, *New Durham*
Ken Ward, *Rumney*
Scott Williams, *Alton*
Steve Yannuzzi, *Bristol*

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee performs duties as directed by the Board of Directors. The committee is made up of four members from the Board of Directors with the Association president serving as an *ex officio* member.

Chair, Rene Lefebvre, *East Andover*
Secretary, Dave Paquette, *Ashland (ret.)*
Association president (ex officio), Ed Maheux, *Moultonborough*
Dave Bengtson, *Moultonborough*
James Hayes, *Gilford*
Ken Ward, *Rumney*



Community Assessments

Where do they come from?

Each year the Board of Directors adopts an annual operating budget for the upcoming year. The budget is funded through member community assessments. The community assessments are arrived at using a method that takes into account fixed costs (10% of total budget), property valuations (40%) and the population (50%) of each community.

Fixed Costs — 10% of Assessment

Ten percent of the total budget is divided by the number of member communities. Each community pays the same amount toward the fixed costs.

Example:

2010 budget total = \$1,030,417.31

10% = \$103,041.73 ÷ 36 member communities = \$2,862.27

Each community will pay \$2,862.27

Valuation Factor — 40% of Assessment

40% of the assessment value is based on a community's total property value. A formula has been arrived at that takes these differing figures into account and ensures an equitable assessment to each town based on the fact that each one is different.

The NH Department of Revenue Administration publishes tables listing the property values of each community in the state on a yearly basis. These values are used in calculating a member community's assessment.

A **valuation factor** is arrived at by dividing 40% of the total budget by the total evaluation of all member communities.

Example:

40% of total budget = \$412,166.92

Total evaluation of member communities = \$21,704,535,537

$$\$412,166.92 \div \$21,704,535,537 = .00001898989836497770$$

(Valuation Factor)

Alton's Property Valuation = \$1,648,049,476 x
$$.00001898989836497770 = \$31,296.29$$

Therefore, Alton's Valuation Factor Assessment = \$31,296.29

Population Factor — 50% of Assessment

50% of the assessment value is based on a community's population. The NH Office of State Planning publishes population estimates each year and these estimates are used to calculate a member community's assessment.

The **population factor** is arrived at by dividing 50% of the total budget by the total population of all member communities.

Example:

50% of total budget = \$515,208.65

Total population of member communities = 118,757

$\$515,208.65 \div 118,757 = 4.338343464987630$ (Population Factor)

Alton's Population = 5,067 x 4.338343464987630 = \$21,982.39

Therefore, Alton's Population Factor Assessment = \$21,982.39

When all three assessments are added together, the sum is the total assessment Alton will pay to the Association.

$\$2,862.27 + \$31,296.29 + \$21,982.39 = \$56,140.95$

The figures for each town within the Association appear on pages 4 and 5 of this report (Community Assessment Table).

LRMFA Training Division graduated 26 Firefighter II students on December 1, 2009.





Member Community Assessments

TOWN NAME:	2010 Valuation 2008 Survey Dollar	2010 Population 2008 OSP Estimates Number	2010 Fixed Factor
BELKNAP COUNTY			
Alton:	\$1,648,049,479	5,067	\$2,862.27
Barnstead:	\$546,159,335	4,564	\$2,862.27
Belmont:	\$748,179,225	7,169	\$2,862.27
Center Harbor:	\$467,687,454	1,089	\$2,862.27
Gilford:	\$1,821,214,887	7,372	\$2,862.27
Gilmanton:	\$509,626,819	3,431	\$2,862.27
Laconia:	\$2,174,543,845	17,233	\$2,862.27
Meredith:	\$1,942,983,419	6,435	\$2,862.27
New Hampton:	\$307,821,076	2,162	\$2,862.27
Sanbornton:	\$467,819,518	2,881	\$2,862.27
Tilton:	\$540,343,538	3,654	\$2,862.27
CARROLL COUNTY			
Moultonborough:	\$2,972,689,485	4,933	\$2,862.27
Sandwich:	\$460,399,965	1,370	\$2,862.27
GRAFTON COUNTY			
Alexandria:	\$218,109,635	1,520	\$2,862.27
Ashland:	\$261,606,874	2,077	\$2,862.27
Bridgewater:	\$371,939,067	1,032	\$2,862.27
Bristol:	\$585,009,699	3,170	\$2,862.27
Campton:	\$430,191,073	3,147	\$2,862.27
Dorchester	\$15,196,080	158	\$2,862.27
Ellsworth:	\$14,620,406	87	\$2,862.27
Groton:	\$75,245,464	514	\$2,862.27
Hebron:	\$285,194,359	545	\$2,862.27
Holderness:	\$753,255,622	2,001	\$2,862.27
Plymouth:	\$440,990,856	6,629	\$2,862.27
Rumney:	\$197,842,205	1,549	\$2,862.27
Thornton:	\$396,226,378	2,175	\$2,862.27
Warren	\$85,902,908	939	\$2,862.27
Waterville Valley:	\$388,947,061	285	\$2,862.27
Wentworth	\$117,050,298	876	\$2,862.27
MERRIMACK COUNTY			
Andover:	\$282,275,397	2,208	\$2,862.27
Danbury:	\$136,490,184	1,195	\$2,862.27
Franklin:	\$625,105,390	8,608	\$2,862.27
Hill:	\$114,913,711	1,086	\$2,862.27
Northfield:	\$357,454,343	5,034	\$2,862.27
STRAFFORD COUNTY			
New Durham:	\$450,218,873	2,571	\$2,862.27
Strafford:	\$493,231,606	3,991	\$2,862.27
Total Evaluation	\$21,704,535,537	118,757	\$103,041.73

Total Due:	\$1,030,417.31		
Valuation Factor	.00001898989836497770	\$412,166.92	40%
Population Factor	4.338343464987630	\$515,208.65	50%
Fixed Cost		\$103,041.73	10%
			100%

0 Operating Cost Components			Previous Year	Increase/
Valuation	Population	Total	Total Cost	Decrease
Factor	Factor	Cost		
\$31,296.29	\$21,982.39	\$56,140.95	\$52,157.11	\$3,984
\$10,371.51	\$19,800.20	\$33,033.98	\$31,409.47	\$1,625
\$14,207.85	\$31,101.58	\$48,171.70	\$45,566.91	\$2,605
\$8,881.34	\$4,724.46	\$16,468.06	\$14,861.64	\$1,606
\$34,584.69	\$31,982.27	\$69,429.22	\$63,708.18	\$5,721
\$9,677.76	\$14,884.86	\$27,424.89	\$26,462.10	\$963
\$41,294.37	\$74,762.67	\$118,919.31	\$112,915.23	\$6,004
\$36,897.06	\$27,917.24	\$67,676.57	\$64,125.81	\$3,551
\$5,845.49	\$9,379.50	\$18,087.26	\$16,530.30	\$1,557
\$8,883.85	\$12,498.77	\$24,244.88	\$22,307.92	\$1,937
\$10,261.07	\$15,852.31	\$28,975.65	\$28,311.62	\$664
\$56,451.07	\$21,401.05	\$80,714.39	\$74,964.53	\$5,750
\$8,742.95	\$5,943.53	\$17,548.75	\$16,043.27	\$1,505
\$4,141.88	\$6,594.28	\$13,598.43	\$12,991.57	\$607
\$4,967.89	\$9,010.74	\$16,840.90	\$15,404.61	\$1,436
\$7,063.09	\$4,477.17	\$14,402.53	\$13,577.60	\$825
\$11,109.27	\$13,752.55	\$27,724.09	\$24,941.75	\$2,782
\$8,169.28	\$13,652.77	\$24,684.32	\$23,338.68	\$1,346
\$288.57	\$685.46	\$3,836.30	\$3,603.24	\$233
\$277.64	\$377.44	\$3,517.35	\$3,306.88	\$210
\$1,428.90	\$2,229.91	\$6,521.08	\$6,051.89	\$469
\$5,415.81	\$2,364.40	\$10,642.48	\$9,869.92	\$773
\$14,304.25	\$8,681.03	\$25,847.54	\$24,078.68	\$1,769
\$8,374.37	\$28,758.88	\$39,995.52	\$36,622.10	\$3,373
\$3,757.00	\$6,720.09	\$13,339.37	\$12,639.94	\$699
\$7,524.30	\$9,435.90	\$19,822.47	\$18,241.22	\$1,581
\$1,631.29	\$4,073.70	\$8,567.26	\$8,059.06	\$508
\$7,386.07	\$1,236.43	\$11,484.76	\$10,731.17	\$754
\$2,222.77	\$3,800.39	\$8,885.43	\$7,959.03	\$926
\$5,360.38	\$9,579.06	\$17,801.71	\$17,114.76	\$687
\$2,591.93	\$5,184.32	\$10,638.53	\$10,033.43	\$605
\$11,870.69	\$37,344.46	\$52,077.42	\$50,256.01	\$1,821
\$2,182.20	\$4,711.44	\$9,755.91	\$9,290.76	\$465
\$6,788.02	\$21,839.22	\$31,489.51	\$29,992.64	\$1,497
\$8,549.61	\$11,153.88	\$22,565.76	\$21,685.82	\$880
\$9,366.42	\$17,314.33	\$29,543.02	\$28,061.97	\$1,481
\$412,166.92	\$515,208.65	\$1,030,417.31	\$967,216.84	\$63,200

Budget Summary

	2009 Budget	2010 Budget
LABOR EXPENSE		
Wages	\$ 556,709	\$ 600,957
Benefits	\$ 164,698	\$ 189,070
Employer Mandated Costs	\$ 99,222	\$ 11,645
Training	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
Physicals	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,800
Total Labor Expenses	\$826,429	\$ 907,473
GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSE		
Prof. Svc./Dues/Subscriptions	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000
Insurance/Admin. Exp./Shipping/Fees	\$ 15,500	\$ 16,016
Staff Expense	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
Equipment/Maintenance	\$ 44,250	\$ 44,250
Telephone/Leased Lines	\$ 23,500	\$ 25,500
Site Rental	\$ 3,000	\$ 0
Total General Operating Expenses	\$ 97,250	\$ 96,766
RESERVE ACCOUNTS		
Vehicle Replacement Fund	\$ 15,000	\$ 3,218
Total Capital Reserve Expenses	\$ 15,000	\$ 3,218
FACILITY EXPENSE		
Facility Expense	\$ 23,360	\$ 23,360
Total Facility Expenses	\$ 23,360	\$ 23,360
SPECIAL PROJECTS		
Total Special Projects	\$ 5,178	\$ 5,178
Total Special Projects Expenses	\$ 5,178	\$ 5,178
Total Budget	\$967,217	\$ 1,032,817

2009 Statistics

DEPARTMENT	FIRE	M/E	M.V.A.	S/C	TOTAL
Alexandria	60	91	13	9	173
Alton	165	354	81	40	640
Andover	47	8	17	2	74
Andover Rescue	18	103	22	1	144
Ashland	82	168	49	12	311
Barnstead	182	313	63	31	589
Belmont	283	629	90	84	1,086
Bridgewater	42	68	8	2	120
Bristol	177	540	71	36	824
Campton-Thornton	137	315	53	16	521
Center Harbor	98	89	24	15	226
Danbury	55	67	13	9	144
East Andover	63	10	17	4	94
Franklin	351	981	80	99	1,511
Gilford	403	685	88	66	1,242
Gilmanton	217	215	77	76	585
Hebron	34	78	11	9	132
Hill	46	48	7	11	112
Holderness	73	123	26	5	227
Laconia	730	2,090	160	179	3,159
LRMFA	5	0	1	0	6
Meredith	210	20	75	16	321
Meredith E.M.S.	123	1247	145	48	1,563
Moultonborough	184	406	52	72	714
New Durham	93	204	35	9	341
New Hampton	143	251	90	18	502
Plymouth	299	854	119	98	1,370
Rumney	54	101	25	6	186
Sanbornton	127	169	73	13	382
Sandwich	48	99	14	6	167
Strafford	80	141	26	12	259
Swift Water Rescue	0	0	0	0	0
Tilton-Northfield	360	851	179	72	1462
Twin Rivers	0	18	2	0	20
Warren	35	6	15	1	57
Warren-Wentworth EMS	24	202	21	2	249
Waterville Valley	67	190	5	6	268
Wentworth	36	4	15	1	56
System Total:	5,151	11,738	1,862	1,086	19,837



Training and Education Division

Chuck Campbell	Gilford	<i>Chair</i>
Rick Heinis	LRMFA	<i>Vice Chair/Treasurer</i>
John Keller	Plymouth	<i>Secretary</i>
John Beland	Gilford	
John DeSilva	Sanbornton	
Michael A. Drake	New Hampton	
Robert Goodearl	Franklin	
Chris Harris	LRMFA/Tilton-Northfield	
Kevin LaChapelle	Franklin	
Brad Ober	Tilton-Northfield/Ashland	
Dave Parker	LRMFA/Meredith	



Central NH Haz-Mat Team

Dave Bengston	Moultonborough	<i>Chair</i>
Douglas M. Aiken	LRMFA	
John Beland	Gilford	
Casino Clogston	Plymouth	



Task Force Committee

Deb Pendergast	Laconia	<i>Chair</i>
Ed Maheux	Moultonborough	<i>Vice Chair</i>
Douglas M. Aiken	LRMFA	
Steven M. Carrier	Tilton-Northfield	
James Hayes	Gilford	
Rick Heinis	LRMFA	
Sean McCarty	Belmont	
Tom Morrison	Plymouth	
Kevin Nugent	LRMFA	
Charlie Roffo	Laconia	



Standardization Committee

James Hayes	Gilford	<i>Chair</i>
Douglas M. Aiken	LRMFA	
Chuck Campbell	Gilford	
Steven M. Carrier	Tilton-Northfield	
Rick Heinis	LRMFA	
Paul Steele	LRMFA	
David Tobine	Campton-Thornton	

Available Apparatus and Equipment

(as of 7-23-09)

Engines	92	Snowmobiles.....	7
Ladders	11	Generator Trailer.....	1
Forestry	36	MCI Trailer.....	1
Utilities.....	17	Emergency Mgt. Trailer	1
Towers	2	Special Ops Trailer	1
Tankers	10	Tech. Rescue Trailer.....	1
Rescues	22	Decon Trailer	1
Ambulances.....	39	Dive Team/Truck.....	1
Fire Boats	25	Haz Mat	2
Cascade Trailers	4	LRMFA Interoperability/ Field Ops Trailer	1
ATVs	10		

April 12, 2009, Alton Bay Christian Conference Center fire utilized much of the available apparatus.



LRMFA Staff

Chief, Douglas M. Aiken
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Dispatcher, Christopher M. Harris
Dispatcher, Jeffrey D. Tobine
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