



WATERBORO FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Fire Department and Response Procedures during the COVID-19 Crisis

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Hello to all Waterboro Residents;

Currently we all are experiencing this unprecedented health crisis together and our operations are slightly different, but the Waterboro Fire Department remains dedicated to its mission of protecting lives and property.

Waterboro Fire Department has increased our staffing levels to ensure we are prepared to respond to any emergency. Unfortunately our stations are closed to the general public for day to day business during this crisis. If you need assistance please don't hesitate to contact us at 247-5299. If you require a burning permit these can be obtain online for FREE by visiting www.wardensreport.com.

Responders may look different as we are following the guidance provided by the CDC and Maine EMS. We will be wearing additional personal protective equipment (PPE) when responding to certain calls and responder interactions with the public will be different out of an abundance of precaution for the safety of our responders and you.

If you require fire or emergency medical care, residents should inform the 9-1-1 dispatcher if they or anyone they have been in contact with is experiencing signs and symptoms consistent with the COVID-19 virus. The dispatcher should also be alerted if anyone else they live with or if anyone they have come into contact with either have the virus or have been quarantined as a result.

COVID-19 is the illness associated with the Novel Coronavirus. This has led to a National Emergency Declaration issued by President Donald Trump and a State of Civil Emergency declared in Maine by Governor Janet Mills.

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During this global pandemic, the CDC has issued guidance and information to help combat this disease. The following have been circulated widely by the CDC and also available online:

- Maintain social distance minimally 6' apart
- If you are sick in any way, stay home
- If you are over age 60 or have a preexisting medical condition, stay home and away from other people
- If your children are sick, stay home

Please visit www.coronavirus.gov or www.cdc.gov for more information.

Remember public health officials urge everyone to practice social distancing, stay 6 feet away from others. This will reduce the exposure to someone potentially with the virus. They call this social distancing, however we all still need to be social and interact with others. Whenever possible call family and friends and check in on them. Our technologies today allows us to video chat and communicate much easier during these difficult times.

Over the past week Town Administrator Gary Lamb, Dep. Chief Lisa Bennett and I have communicated daily and have been actively participating with multiple conference calls from the Maine CDC and York County EMA. We will continue our dialogue with these agencies to make the best decisions possible for our community.

If you or anyone needs help please don't hesitate to call. We are here for you during this unprecedented time.

Stay healthy and safe!

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