

2021 Annual Town Report for the Bridgewater Fire Department

In 2021, the Bridgewater Fire Department responded to just under 6000 calls for service. The Fire Department responds to an **average daily call volume of just over 16 calls for service per 24-hour shift.**

The list below represents calls for service in 2021:

Total calls for service – 5,907

The Residential growth in the Town of Bridgewater continues to impact the demands on Fire Department resources. This past year we saw a slight reduction of call volume which can be attributed to the decreased population of resident students at Bridgewater State University. Many of the calls are medical emergencies both Basic Life Support and Advanced Life Support in nature.

The Department currently is operating with 51 members including the Chief, Deputy Chief, Training Captain, Fire Prevention Officer, Emergency Medical Service (EMS) Lieutenant and four Duty Groups. Each Duty Group consists of a Captain, Lieutenant and 10 firefighters. Most of our firefighters are certified Paramedics with the remaining firefighters certified as Emergency Medical Technician Intermediate (EMT-I) or Emergency Medical Technician Basic

(EMT-B). We hired the following Firefighter/Paramedics in 2021: Ryan Malone, Ryan Barratt, Joseph Matrisciano, Ryan Young and Michael Murano.

We had a couple of retirements in 2021. The Bridgewater Fire Department would like to congratulate Lieutenant Timothy Donovan and Chief Thomas D. Levy. Chief Levy's full-time career as a Bridgewater Firefighter spanned from July 7, 1987 and concluded on January 6, 2021. Chief Levy wore many hats throughout his career at the fire department, his knowledge and experience will be greatly missed. This will be the first time since the mid-1960s that a member of the Levy family has not worked for the Bridgewater Fire Department. We would like to wish all our retirees a long and healthy retirement.

We are pleased to share several promotions in 2021:

John Schlatz – Deputy Fire Chief
Craig Nedell – Lieutenant, Fire Prevention Officer
Glen Grafton – Captain, Training Officer
Gerald “Jerry” Wainio – Lieutenant, EMS Officer
Daniel Westgate – Lieutenant
Casey Florence – Lieutenant
James Leurini – Captain
Jeffrey Germaine – Lieutenant

The Bridgewater Fire Department and the Bridgewater Police Department held a joint Remembrance Ceremony for the 20th Anniversary of September 11, 2001 in memory of all those who lost their lives that day.

As I reflect on 2021, I am so grateful to the men and women of the Bridgewater Fire Department for everything that has come their way over the past two years during the COVID-19 Global Pandemic. They have come to work each day, given it their all, and even took on added responsibilities. I am extremely proud of their commitment and work ethic! This proves the point that it's not just a job, it's a calling to become a Firefighter!

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael P. MacDermott
Fire Chief