



## CAPITAL AREA MUTUAL AID FIRE COMPACT



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### **2019 ANNUAL REPORT TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The 2019 annual report is prepared for the Board of Directors of the Capital Area Mutual Aid Fire Compact as a summary of general activities and events occurring through December 31, 2019. It is also provided to the Town offices of the Compact's member communities for information and distribution as desired.

The Compact serves 23 communities in 4 counties. The Compact's operational area is 817 square miles with a resident population of 135,796. The Equalized Property Valuation in the area we protect is over 15.1 billion dollars. We also provide and receive mutual aid responses with communities beyond our member area.

The Compact provides 24/7 emergency dispatch service to member communities. This service is contracted with the City of Concord Fire Department's Communications Center under the direction of dispatch supervisor Captain Elisa Folsom. A detailed activity report by town/agency is attached.

The 2019 Compact operating budget was \$ 1,279,005. Expenditures were \$37,299.57 under budget. Funding for all Compact operations is provided by the member communities. We continue to apply for State and Federal Grant Funds when available. The Compact received a 2016 Homeland Security Grant to provide training on the Statewide Mobilization Plan for agencies throughout the State. Work on that grant was completed during 2019. During 2018 we received a Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$387,415.00 to replace the existing dispatch console equipment. Work on that project began in 2019 and will be completed during 2020.

The Compact and Hazmat Team have received over 3.4 million dollars in grant funding since 1999. These funds have been used for communications improvements, training and equipment. The direct benefit that your community has realized from these grants is made possible by your participation in the regional service that we provide.

During 2017 we selected a vendor, signed a contract and began the process of replacing our Computer Aided Dispatch software. We worked on this throughout 2018 and 2019. The vendor missed two scheduled implementation dates. We have turned this matter over to an attorney for resolution.

Some of the simulcast system equipment purchased with a 2015 grant failed and the vendor was out of business. During 2019 we replaced two microwave links; from Gould Hill to Craney Hill and from South Bow Road to Dispatch to correct these failures. The cost for these replacements was \$49,691.00.

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As Chief Coordinator, I responded to 537 incidents, a significant increase over 2018. In addition to responding to provide command post assistance at those mutual aid incidents, I also aid all departments with response planning, updating addressing information, and I represent the Compact with several organizations related to public safety.

Compact officers serving during 2019 were:

President, Chief Jon Wiggin, Dunbarton  
Vice President, Chief Ed Raymond, Warner  
Secretary, Chief Guy Newbery, Chichester/Concord  
Treasurer Chief Jeff Yale, Hopkinton

The Training Committee, chaired by Concord Captain Mick Costello; with members Concord Paramedic/FF Matt Cole, Warner Deputy Chief Jon France, Northwood Lieutenant Daryl Morales and Bradford Lieutenant Rob Steiz, assisted departments with mutual aid exercises. These combined drills provide valuable training in the delivery of mutual aid services.

The Central New Hampshire Hazmat Team represents 58 Capital Area and Lakes Region communities and is ready to assist or respond to hazardous materials incidents in our combined areas. Chief Anthony Manning has revitalized the team and has been moving the REPC forward. The team added a second Hazmat response truck during 2019 and now has one truck housed in Concord and one housed in Campton.

Gary Sleeper has volunteered his services to create and maintain a web site for the Compact at <https://www.capareafire.org/>. Please visit the site for incident photos, news, scheduled events, training info, SOGs and department profiles.

All departments are encouraged to send representation to all Compact meetings. Your input is needed. The Compact was created for the mutual benefit of member communities and active participation is a necessity to ensure the needs of all are being met.

I invite anyone with questions or comments to contact me. I thank all departments for their cooperation. Please contact any Compact officer or the Chief Coordinator if we may be of assistance.

Keith Gilbert, Chief Coordinator  
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# Capital Area Mutual Aid Fire Compact

## 2018 Incidents vs. 2019 Incidents

ID #	Town	2018 Incidents	2019 Incidents	% Change
50	Allenstown	688	746	8.4%
51	Boscawen	197	186	-5.6%
52	Bow	1,100	1,196	8.7%
53	Canterbury	337	328	-2.7%
54	Chichester	515	549	6.6%
55	Concord	8,987	8,885	-1.1%
56	Epsom	984	1,012	2.8%
57	Dunbarton	242	221	-8.7%
58	Henniker	970	1,009	4.0%
59	Hillsboro (includes Windsor)	1,193	1,061	-11.1%
60	Hopkinton	1,144	1,173	2.5%
61	Loudon	940	918	-2.3%
62	Pembroke	352	372	5.7%
63	Hooksett	2,390	2,425	1.5%
64	Penacook RSQ	862	927	7.5%
65	Webster	184	181	-1.6%
66	CNH Haz Mat	8	7	-12.5%
71	Northwood	666	608	-8.7%
72	Pittsfield	876	900	2.7%
74	Salisbury	171	131	-23.4%
79	Tri-Town Ambulance	1,305	1,219	-6.6%
80	Warner	413	407	-1.5%
82	Bradford	178	171	-3.9%
84	Deering	276	240	-13.0%
86	Washington	108	152	40.7%
	WINDSOR	49	30	-38.8%
		<b>24,201</b>	<b>25,024</b>	<b>3.4%</b>

Fire Alarm Systems placed Out of, or In Service for maintenance in 2019:

2019 Incidents that Mutual Aid Coordinator Responded to:

Inbound Telephone Calls Received on Emergency Lines:

Outbound Telephone Calls Made: