

**DUE TO CRAZY COVID BRAIN AND WACKY MEETING CIRCUMSTANCES,
REPORTS FROM THE 3 ORGANIZATIONS BELOW
WERE MISTAKENLY FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR (2019).**

**PLEASE DISREGARD THE 3 REPORTS YOU SEE IN THE TOWN REPORT
AND REPLACE THEM WITH THESE 2020 REPORTS!**

OUR SINCERE APOLOGIES!

MARLBORO VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC. (MVFC)

With the trials and tribulations that the year 2020 has provided us, we at the MVFC are excited to bid it farewell, and happy to welcome in 2021. This past year we have had two members leave us, and we have gained several new members in spite of the new requirements and restrictions we need to follow to maintain safety for our members as well as the safety of the citizens of our town.

Although these new safety measures have slowed some of our planned projects, we are still making some headway on repairs to the building and apparatus that need attention. And we will continue to work at these improvements in the future, as well as looking towards replacement of our 52-year-old Engine 1. With this, our annual third-party inspections of our apparatus and air packs, as well as our weekly department apparatus and equipment checks continue, allowing us to effectively and safely provide our services to you.

Early on in the year, the fire station experienced a brown out, which caused damage to our furnace, computer, printer, router, cell phone booster and fire alarm system. This required us to replace some of these items, and to have our furnace repaired. This incident also brought on the repair of our fire alarm system, which included complete replacement of the older fire alarm panel to bring the system up to code. In the near future, we will be looking at having this system monitored by an alarm company. This will monitor our alarm and heating systems and allow us to have a “master box”, for use of the public to notify us of an emergency, mounted on the exterior of the station.

I must take this opportunity to mention those who make what we do possible by their dedication to our town 365 days a year, no matter the time, weather or incident. To the members of the MVFC, you have my most sincere gratitude for everything you do to help us achieve our mission statement.

I would also be amiss if I failed to thank all of the residents and taxpayers of the Town of Marlboro who, through your enormous support and generosity, have made what we do possible. Without all of you, there would not be a Marlboro Volunteer Fire Company. You are all greatly appreciated.

Our current roster stands at 23 members, who respond to both the fire and emergency medical needs of our town, and surrounding communities. Our roster is as follows:

OFFICERS

Rusty E. Sage, Chief
Raif Southworth, Assistant Chief
Jason MacArthur, Deputy Chief
Andrew Richardson, Captain
Allison Turner, Rescue Captain

FIREFIGHTERS

Morgan Broadfoot
Josh Corey
Thomas Drummey
David Elliott
Daniel Garcia-Galili
Karinna Gerhardt
Whitney Hammilton
Lisa Hecht

Nik Katrick
Mesa Kennedy
Jason Kohn
Thorin MacArthur
Eric Matt
Ben Moore
Didi Prignano
Alex Richardson
Ethan Sage
Liam Woods

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Raif Southworth, President/Treasurer
Ann Bartlett, Vice President
Lynn Perna, Secretary
Norman Peters, Member

Many of our members hold both fire and emergency medical certification.

Our total call volume as of my submission of this report stands at 120 calls, which include fire, rescue, first response emergency medical, and public assistance/service calls. This number is up slightly from last year. I hold strong to my hopes that none of you need to call for our services in the future. If you do, however, rest assured that the MVFC is ready and will be there to help.

As always, if anyone has questions in regards to the fire company, please feel free to contact the station at (802) 254-2860 and leave a message, or contact me directly.

Respectfully Submitted, Rusty E. Sage, Fire Chief, mvfc44c1@yahoo.com, (802) 249-2553

MARLBORO CARES

Marlboro Cares is a non-profit, all volunteer organization. The Mission of Marlboro Cares is to provide no-cost, non-emergency assistance to Marlboro residents and to assist in enriching townspeople's lives through a variety of activities. We have a ten-member volunteer board of directors and a pool of over 60 wonderful volunteers.

Access to our services is via our call-forwarding telephone service (258-3030), which is monitored daily. From March on, the pandemic cancelled many of our regular activities, such as Senior Lunches, providing rides, and our annual wellness presentation. Nevertheless, Marlboro Cares was in some ways busier than ever in 2020. We answered 936 calls, triple the number from 2019. We provided 58 different residents with non-emergency assistance, such as transportation, errands, food and pharmacy delivery, information, companionship, at-home medical equipment, and simple chores. In addition, referrals were given to different social service organizations, as well as for in-home care givers, equipment, and handyman-type chores. From January to March, twenty seven of our volunteers provided 118 rides to residents this year, driving over 2,100 miles. We are very grateful to the younger drivers, who volunteered to drive even during the pandemic; however as of April 1st, we cancelled all in-passenger rides in order to keep everyone safe. We also had many new volunteers offering to deliver food.

We were able to hold only one Senior Lunch, before Covid made them unsafe. On March 6th, 41 residents enjoyed a delicious meal and camaraderie with their neighbors. We thank Carol Hendrickson, Andra Horton, Dianna Noyes, and Felicia Tober, from the Marlboro Library Committee, for providing us with 12- one minute entertaining book reviews. We offer a HUGE thank you to Lauren MacArthur our fabulous chef, who made every meal over the past few years delicious and nutritious. We look forward to again providing these terrific lunches, as soon as it is safe to do so.

Marlboro Cares partnered with the Marlboro Alliance Emergency Fund as a way for people without internet to request emergency funds. We assisted 21 residents make 103 requests. Since September, we also partnered with the Marlboro Community Center to deliver bags of free food to those in need. Marlboro Cares board members delivered 56 bags of food and 12 Christmas dinners to our residents. We also delivered 300 Meals on Wheels from the Senior Center to 34 recipients this year. Our volunteers cooked 8 meals for 5 people, who were sick or injured.

Regular check-ins and visits for our elder residents are provided, as requested. This year, 12 residents had someone check on them and/or pay friendly visits and phone calls. In February, we sent out 15 Valentine cards and chocolates to our older residents, who live alone. This December, we delivered Holiday Baskets to 19 of our most senior residents, as well as two wreaths. We honored the memory of the 6 residents and former residents, who passed away this year. We welcomed the **one** new baby in town with a gift certificate to Carters. If we over-looked anyone for any of these gifts, please let us know. Tai Chi classes, begun with Marlboro Cares support, are ongoing. Strong Living has been suspended due to Covid. We have a regular information article in the Mixer. Marlboro Cares is part of the town's Emergency Plan.

Marlboro Cares is a component organization of the Marlboro Alliance, which is our Federal non-profit umbrella organization. Marlboro Cares is represented on the Board of the Alliance, and on the Emergency Shelter and Marlboro Assistance Fund committees. A representative from the Marlboro Cares Board is on the Board of the Marlboro Community Center. We are also affiliated with the regional Windham County Cares Network and are associated with Senior Solutions. Our funding comes from a Senior Solutions Transportation grant, as well as grants from Marlboro Town Meeting and the Marlboro Alliance. We are also extremely thankful for this financial help, as well as for the generous tax-deductible donations received this year from residents and their families.

The Board of Directors would like to publicly thank our dedicated volunteers. In addition to the board of directors, they are: Bob Anderson, Ann Bartlett, Laura Berkowitz, Fred Bisbee, Jean Boardman, Jeff Bower, Michael Boylen, Louise Cochran, Barbara & Bruce Cole, Ellen Dudley, Lucy Gratwick, Mary Greene, Forrest Holzapfel, Michelle Holzapfel, Andra Horton, Andrea Howe, Jill Hulme, Carol Ann & Peter Johnson, Sylvia Johnson, Andrea Livermore, Jerry Lundsted, Gail MacArthur, Francie Marbury, Edie Mas, Andrea Matthews, Joe Mazur, Staley McDermet, Rob Merriam, Malcolm Moore, Jonathan Morse, Susan O'Hara, Gemma Ollis, Linda Peters, Bradley & Lauren Poster, Didi Prignano, Kate Ratcliff, Saint Rosner, Kelly Salasin, Mary Sargent, Celia Segar, Peggy Tiffany, Felicia & Jim Tober, Nancy Waring, Cherie Watson, Kent Webster, Brian Whitehouse, and T. Wilson. Additional volunteers this year to help during Covid have been Aaron Betts, Dan and Sophie Dennis, Kimi Hasegawa, Steven John, Doug Korb, Sarah Lepkoff, Max Magen, and Kate Morgan. If you would like to volunteer for Marlboro Cares, please speak to any Board member below or call our answer line.

Current Board members are: Nancy Anderson, Augusta Bartlett, Carol Hendrickson, Susan Kunhardt, Jennifer Mazur (President), Beth McDermet (Treasurer), Carla Meskill, Joe Prignano, Patty Webster, and Nora Wilson (Secretary). The telephone number for our assistance, referrals, to volunteer, to attend a lunch or for questions is 258-3030. Leave a message and someone will return your call within 24 hours.

MARLBORO TOWN LIBRARY

The Marlboro Town Library is located in the back room of the Community Center in the center of town. It is run by volunteers who buy books and stock the shelves through donations by generous patrons that allow for monthly purchases of new titles. There are currently about 2500 books on the shelves with a wide selection of picture books, middle grade and YA, adult fiction and mystery, biography, history, science, cooking, crafts, graphic novels, and more. We try to buy a sampling of new titles as well as honor patrons requests. Covid has certainly put a damper on our circulation this year, but we hope this will change once things begin to open up. Currently we offer online ordering through our website: <https://marlborocommunity.center/library/> and are open for vestibule pickup whenever the Community Center is open. We hope to resume in-person Saturday browsing hours this spring. If you have book recommendations or if you want to sign up for a library card, please talk with one of the board members or email us at marlborotownlibrary@gmail.com. We are not, at this point, accepting book donations except by prior approval. But if you wish to donate money for book purchases, checks to the Marlboro Town Library can be mailed c/o The Marlboro Alliance, Box 165, Marlboro VT 05344. And once again, thanks to the Alliance and to the Community for providing us a rent-free space in which to serve you good reads.

Andra Horton- Chair, Felicia Tober – Secretary, Gemma Ollis – Treasurer, Dianna Noyes, Carol Hendrickson, Cathy Osman, Kate Purdie