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7/4 the fire department was proud to have most of our newly replaced apparatus help start the parade. It wasn't hard getting volunteers to participate in the parade this year as everyone was on the same page of showing the public a important part of our rebuilding efforts. We had a truck on standby for the fireworks as normal on ferry dock. I started inforcing "authorized personnel only" at the fire work show on the break wall. The past few years the crowd claiming to be helping with the show had gotten out of hand.

7/7 ferry line personnel reported dark smoke coming from the interior of the island. We were toned out by dispatch find this source of obvious fire. We quickly located the 2 burn piles at a fire department's repeat customers land. One "burn pile" was dangerously close to a structure and the second burning pile was furniture and garbage. There was one home owner trying to manage these two fires. This was reported to the d.n.r and was a horrible example of the use of a burning permit. The town Will be drafting an ordinance to allow fines to be enforced by the fire department on island as the DNR would appreciate not having to deal with these situations that are also a burden to the taxpayers. Legal management of property ond brush is one thing.....burning garbage and furniture is and never allowed...please read the rules that go with having a burning permit and abide by them because it is a very expensive call that soon will be paid by violators.

Downed powerline #1

Fire department responded to powerline on big bay road near Uxbridge road. A tree had fallen on a feed line to a cabin leaving it across the county road. We blocked the road until Excell energy relieved us. Big thanks to Nelson Construction as a dump truck was used to block the road until fire department arrived.

Downed powerline #2

This was also a tag/feed line across the road in front of the parsonage. A civilian accidentally back into a guide wire in the church parking lot causing feed line to be torn from building. We closed road until the utility company arrived. This call a big thanks to the town and the road grader was commandeered to block the road.

Tree on road #1

Fire department toned out to remove tree from road as the road crew was not conntacted.

Tree on road #2

Fire department toned out to remove tree from road as the road crew was not contacted. Hopefully this middle of the night tree in road call is dealt with in the right order....the town crew removes trees from roads unless they are on powerlines.

Training twice a month is paying off with the familiarization of our new equipment.

Happy August and stay safe
Chief Reichkitzer

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