

Exeter Fire Department Administration Staff



Chief Fire Brian Comeau joined the Exeter Fire Department as a Firefighter/EMT-I in 1982. He worked up through the ranks, becoming Lieutenant in 1991, and then Assistant Fire Chief/Health Officer in 1992. He was promoted to Fire Chief/Emergency Management Director in 2000. Chief Comeau supervises day to day operations of the fire department responding to 1600 EMS calls for service, 3500 fire responses and 800 inspections. He supervises 28 line personal, consisting of 2 Assistant Fire Chiefs, 4 shift Lieutenants, including 13 certified paramedics. The Chief supervises emergency operations, including fires and natural disasters. The Chief serves as the Vice President of the Seacoast Fire Officers Associations, Chairman of the Board of Directors of S.T.A.R.T. (Seacoast Technical Assistance Response Team), serves on the Board of Directors of the New Hampshire Association of Fire Chiefs and is Director for the New England Association of Fire Chiefs.



Assistant Fire Chief Ken Berkenbush joined the Exeter Fire Department as a Career Firefighter/Paramedic in June 1995. He was promoted to Assistant Fire Chief in November 2000. In addition to being Assistant Fire Chief he is also the Exeter Health Officer and has a Bachelor's Degree in Business. Prior to coming to Exeter, he was a firefighter/paramedic for the West Newbury Ma., Fire Department and a Paramedic for Amcare in Newburyport MA.



Assistant Fire Chief Eric Wilking joined the Exeter Fire Department in April 2005 as the Assistant Chief in charge of training. He is also the Assistant Emergency Management Director. Prior to coming to Exeter Chief Wilking was Senior Captain/Instructor/Supervisor for the State of New Hampshire Division of Fire Standard and Training and was a Lieutenant with the Belmont Fire Department since January 1989. He began his fire career on the Eddington Maine Fire Department in 1980, transferring to the Gilford NH Fire Department in 1983. He has been Special Deputy Forest Fire Warden for the State of New Hampshire since September 1999 a position he still holds.



Fire Prevention Lieutenant Paul Morin joined the Exeter Fire Department in February 1995. He transferred to Exeter Fire Department from the No. Hampton Fire Department as a Firefighter/Paramedic, one of the first of two Exeter's Paramedics. He worked his way up the ranks to Crew Chief, then becoming the Fire Prevention Lieutenant in April 2005. He was recognized by his peers as "Fire Officer of the Year" in 2012.



Office Manager Susan Baillargeon began her career with the Town of Exeter at the Department of Public Works in March 1987. She transferred to the Exeter Fire Department in May 1999. Susan provides administrative assistance to the Fire, EMS, Emergency Management, Health and Grant Divisions. She also serves as the Emergency Operations Center Controller during all drills and major emergencies and is the Department's Webmaster.



Deputy Health Officer Judy Jervis joined the Exeter Health Department in June 1990 as the Deputy Health Officer.



Mary Cook joined the Department in May 2011. She is the Public Health and Safety Coordinator. This is a Grant Funded Position.

Exeter Fire Department - A Shift



Lt Donald Matheson joined the Department as a "Call Firefighter in January 1990. Don was promoted to the Career Department in February 1991 and worked his way up through the ranks to Lieutenant in June 2007. He is also a certified EMT-I and Hazmat Team Leader.



Crew/Firefighter Lee Dawson joined the call Department in March 1996 and was promoted to the career department in December 1996. He began his fire service with the Newfields Fire Department. He was promoted to Crew Chief in June 2011.



Firefighter/Paramedic Todd Preble joined the Call Department in September 1999 and was promoted to the Career Department in December 2000. Todd earned his paramedic certification in January 2001.



Firefighter/EMT-I Kevin St. James joined the Department in November 2007. Kevin is a lateral transfer from the Kingston Fire Department.



Firefighter/EMT-I Ryan Booth joined the Department in November 2007. Ryan began his career at the Tilton-Northfield Fire Department, transferring to the No. Hampton Fire Department in 2006 prior to coming to Exeter.



Firefighter/Paramedic Steve Turner joined the Department in January 2012. Steve was a lateral transfer from the Kingston Fire Department.

Exeter Fire Department - B Shift



Lt. Jason Greene joined the Department as a fire explorer, joining the call Department in August 1996 and was promoted to career firefighter in October 2000. Jason became a paramedic in March 2001 and was became Lieutenant in July 2009. Prior to joining the Exeter Fire Department, Jason was a Combat Squad Leader with the United States Marine Corps between 1992 - 1996.



Crew Chief/Firefighter/Paramedic Roswell (Skip) Galvin joined the fire Department in December 1998 as a firefighter, he became and Paramedic in 2001 and was promoted to Crew Chief in 2005.



Firefighter/EMT-I Paul Stevens joined the Department in January 2003. Paul was a lateral transfer from the Durham Fire Department.



Firefighter Jason Fritz joined the Department in July 2007. Jason was a lateral transfer from Hudson Fire Department. Prior to Hudson Fire, Jason served on the Brunswick Naval Air Station and the Pease Air National Fire Station Fire Departments. Prior to coming to the Exeter Fire Department Jason served as a Combat Squad Leader with the United States Army between 1992-1996.



Firefighter/Paramedic Mike Avellino began his career in the fire service with the Bristol Fire Department. He joined the Exeter Department in November 2007, earning his paramedic certification in June 2011. Prior to joining the Exeter Fire Department Mike spent seven years with the United States Marine Corp, completing one combat tour in Kuwait and Iraq, retiring as a Sergeant.



Firefighter/EMT-I Patrick Robicheau joined the Department as a Fire Explorer while still in high school. He joined the Call Department in August 2007 and was promoted to the career Department in June 2009. Patrick was recognized by his Peers as "Firefighter of the Year" 2012.

Exeter Fire Department - C Shift



Lt. Robert Irish joined the Call Department in 1978 and joined the Career Department in May 1979 as a firefighter, earning his EMT-I in January 1996. He then worked his way through the ranks to Lieutenant in September 1997.



Crew Chief/Firefighter/Paramedic Justin Pizon joined the Call Department in 2002, while also working with the Stratham Fire Department. He joined the Career Department in Exeter in April 2003. Justin earned his paramedic certification in September 2010 and was also promoted to Crew Chief in 2010.



Firefighter/EMT-I Peter Wasiewski joined the Call Department in 1983 and was promoted to the Career Department in April 1986



Firefighter/EMT-I Mark Bradford began his fire service career working with the Newmarket Fire Department in 1999. He became a Career firefighter/EMT-I with the Exeter Fire Department in April 2005. Prior to joining the Exeter Fire Department, Mark was an Aircraft Mechanic/Crew Chief with the United States Air Force between 1985-1988.



Firefighter/EMT-I Andrew Martin joined the Career Department in November 2007. Prior to coming to Exeter, "Drew" was employed with the State of California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.



Firefighter/Paramedic Rich Curtis joined the fire Department in January 2010. Rich transferred to Exeter from Schenectady NY Fire Department, where he was a paramedic/firefighter since 2006. Rich was formally a US Army Medic in the 1980's. He has a Bachelor's Degree from the NY State University in Emergency Management.

Exeter Fire Department - D Shift



Lt. N. Ward Byrne joined the Department as a fire department explorer while still in high school. Ward joined the call Department in 1986 and was promoted to the career Department in 1987. Ward was promoted to his present rank as Lieutenant in June 1995.



Crew Chief/Firefighter/Paramedic Jeff Liporto joined the Call Department in 1989, transferring to a career firefighter position with Dover Fire Department in 1991. Jeff transferred back to the Exeter Fire Department in August 1996. Jeff earned his paramedic certification in August 1998 and was promoted to crew chief in 2005.



Firefighter/EMT-I Anthony Albine joined the call Department in November 2000, being promoted to the career Department in June 2004. Prior to joining the fire service, Anthony was a Corporal with the United States Marine Corps from 1996-2000.



Firefighter/Paramedic Shana Clark joined the Department as a call fighter in 2001. She was hired by Hampton Fire Department in 2002 and transferred back to Exeter in March 2005 as an EMT-I, earning her Paramedic Certification in May 2005.



Firefighter/ EMT-I Mark Cook joined the Department in April 2011. Mark was a lateral transfer from the Hampton Fire Department.



Firefighter Steve Holmes joined the department in July 2011. He began his fire service with the Sandown Fire Department. Steve is currently working on his Paramedic Certification. Prior to joining the Exeter Fire Department Steve was a Squad Leader with the United States Marine Corp serving 3 tours in Iraq. He organized and led counterinsurgency patrols during Operation Iraqi Freedom. He retired with the rank of Sergeant.