

February 3, 2004

Mayor & Council  
City of Dover  
P.O. Box 475  
Dover, De 19903

Dear Mayor & Council:

Attached is the January 2004 report. The Robbins Hose Company responded to 80 incidents during this time.

During the month of January due to the snow we staffed both fire stations for 72 hours to in ensure prompt response times throughout the city. Firefighters trained for Ice Water Rescue, Structural Firefighting and Emergency Vehicle Operations.

On January 24, 2004 after completing live fire training at 110 Roosevelt Avenue during the demolition of the property an explosion occurred within the property injuring four firefighters. All four firefighters were transported to KGH and released that same day with minor injuries. Following the accident an investigation determined that a firefighter had misplaced a water extinguisher inside the property, the extinguisher then created a Boiling Liquid Expanding Vapor Explosion that caused a bomb type effect. Actions are now being taken to ensure this type of situation does not injure firefighters in the future.

The incidents of the most interest during the month are the following:

1. 52 Glenn Street. Firefighters arrived on location with fire involving several rooms of the residence. Forty-four Dover firefighters responded and contained the fire to the area of origin.
2. 761 Bacon Avenue. Firefighters arrived on location with a fire involving the contents of a bedroom. Twenty-nine Dover firefighters responded and contained the fire to the area of origin.
3. 1156 Walker Road. Firefighters responded to the intersection of Walker Road and Bicentennial Boulevard for a reported vehicle fire. Fire fighters arrived to find a Verizon tent and propane tank involved in fire. Several thousand West Dover homes were without telephone for over 48 hours.

4. 820 Carvel Drive. Firefighters arrived on location with fire involving a first floor apartment. Twenty-Nine Dover firefighters responded and contained the fire to the apartment of origin.

After reviewing my report if you have any questions or comments please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

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