

2015 Annual Report

Auxiliary of the Francestown Volunteer Fire Department

Officers elected for 2015:

President	Karen St. Cyr
Vice President	Linda Abbott
Secretary	Donna Barbalato
Treasurer	Judi Miller

It is with honor and deep appreciation for his service that this report is dedicated to the late Clifton Frederick Foote, Retired Francestown Fire Chief. A lifelong resident, Clifton was born in Francestown on February 1, 1927 and died Monday, April 13, 2015. He was devoted to his family and his community, and had been active in various capacities with the fire service for the majority of his life. Most of all Clifton will be fondly remembered for his warm and engaging smile, his sense of humor and his generosity and overall kindness.

The Auxiliary is committed to the support of the Francestown Volunteer Fire Department with service and financial support and extends its service to our community and beyond.

March fundraising included refreshment sales at the Saturday deliberative session of Town Meeting and wraps up with a catered corned beef dinner at the firehouse for the annual meeting of the Hillsborough County Forest Fire Warden's meeting. Support for these efforts is always greatly appreciated.

Blood donations collected at the May blood drive boosted the total number of pints collected to date over the 1100 pint mark! The Auxiliary began semi-annual blood drives in Francestown in response to the need for blood following 911.

Refreshments were provided for Francestown firefighters and numerous area fire companies who were called out to a forest fire on Woodward Hill Road in September.

The October Fire Prevention & Safety program held at the firehouse for all Francestown students was a resounding success. Smokey and Francestown firefighters delighted close to 90 students, teachers and parents with a multi station presentation, and the Auxiliary provided refreshments and presented Toadstool Literature vouchers to each class at FES.

A rainy November 11th didn't dampen the spirit for close to ninety attendees at the annual Veteran's Day service. The assemblage included veterans, brownies, girl scouts, cub scouts and boy scouts, as well as townsfolk and neighbors from abutting communities. Following a moving service held inside the Meeting House because of the weather, attendees gathered at the FIHS Lodge for the luncheon hosted by the Auxiliary. A Francestown veteran won a beautiful handmade quilt thanks to the generosity and talents of a Francestown resident.

By fall, production of the 2016 Francestown Directory was well underway. It is the Auxiliary's primary fundraiser and provides a community service for residents and supports the "shop local" initiative. The \$2500 donation to the fire department towards a replacement rescue unit in 2014 wasn't needed at the time because the warrant article for a replacement rescue didn't pass. It remained available to the FVFD for a priority need.

The Auxiliary participates in Francetown's annual "Giving Tree" at Christmas and supports the Welcome Basket Project whereby new residents are welcomed with baskets filled with baked items along with community and local information.

Thank you, friends and neighbors, for your loyal support.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen St. Cyr