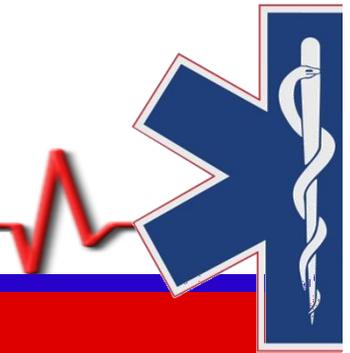


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Sandra L. Mason Celebrates 35 Years of Service

On Saturday, May 21st, 2016, during EMS Week, Sandy Mason announced that she has been serving on the Groveton Ambulance for the last 35 years.

Sandy was the Director of Groveton Ambulance, prior to Chief James R. Gibson, Jr. Sandy has seen how the department has changed from Director to Director. She served as the Director for 6 years before retiring in February of 2014.

Sandy's only request after retiring was that the department wasn't destroyed. She still wanted to serve on the department as an EMT-I. To this day she is still working on the department as an Advanced Life Support (ALS) provider.

Although Sandy has retired from being the Director, she still finds herself caring for the department just as she had done while serving as the director. She does not



want to see the department fail, and picks up as much time as she can to help out, as well as taking transfers when needed and teaching CPR courses, especially the ones that nobody wants to do.

Sandy is a great asset to Groveton, and her service is more than appreciated. Providers find her fun to work with

and she is very knowledgeable about what she does. Most new providers train with her, and pick up 35 years' worth of knowledge.

It takes a special kind of person to work in EMS and it takes an even greater person to serve for 35 years, especially on one department. If that isn't dedication I don't know what is.

EMS Week 2016 "EMS Strong – Called to Care"

The Week of the 15th to the 21st of May was the 42nd Annual National EMS Week. This event was created by President Gerald Ford in 1973 to celebrate EMS providers and the important work that they do in our local communities.

Groveton Ambulance held a small gathering for department members. During the event each provider received "Years of Service" certificates as well as other gifts as a way to thank them for their

dedicated service on Groveton.

Remember to thank an EMS provider, not only during EMS Week, but when you see them. A heartfelt "thank you" goes a long way.

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A Textbook CPR Save for Groveton

On Friday, May 20th, 2016 a Groveton Ambulance EMT heard cried for help outside of the Ambulance Office.

Upon further inspection the EMT discovered a man on the phone with 911 and an unresponsive person in a vehicle. The EMT opened the Office door and with his confidence in the on-call EMS crew, all he said was “Help!” The crew rushed outside and removed the unconscious and

unresponsive patient, who was in cardiac arrest and pulseless.

An EMR rushed into the Northumberland Police Department and removed the public access AED while CPR was started. The AED was deployed and a shock was delivered to the patient.

CPR was continued until the AED confirmed no shock was needed and

pulses had returned. The patient was placed into the ambulance and was transported to a local hospital. The patient has since made a positive recovery.

The quick response of EMS and Police, as well as the presence of a public access AED were the key elements in the positive outcome for the patient.

Training of the Month – Transition to TEMSIS Elite

On Thursday, May 19th, 2016, the Groveton Ambulance held their monthly training in the Northumberland Town Meeting Room.

This subject this month was the Transition from TEMSIS to TEMSIS Elite. The instructor for this training was Paramedic Jason P. Mellett. This training was mandatory, due to the fact that all medical licensed providers

will use this program at some point during their career, especially Advanced Life Support (ALS) providers.

Throughout the training Jason showed the changes, additions, and things removed between programs.

Jason also discussed the changing forms used by the Groveton Ambulance. This includes *Run Forms*,

which are used during all medical calls, *Refusal Forms*, which are used when a patient refuses care and transport, and *Mileage Forms*, which are used to document transport time and mileages, which aid in accurate billing.

TEMSIS Elite is a “living program” and changes are made almost every day. All providers are encouraged to look over the program frequently.



Weeks Hospital EMS Coordinator Position – Open for Hire

During the beginning of May, Weeks Hospital employee, Jason Grey, handed in his two week notice, stating that he was getting done from his position as the EMS Coordinator. Several people applied. However three applicants have been selected and have been

interviewed for the position.

The position acts as a gateway between the Hospital and the EMS services that contract with the Hospital, such as Groveton, Lancaster, Whitefield, etc. The individual who is hired will not only work with the

agencies as an administrator, but as an intercept paramedic, responding to calls when requested.

Those with the Groveton Ambulance wish the best of luck to Jason Grey with his future endeavors, we will miss having you around.

Groveton EMS Chief's Monthly Report

"Everyone has been doing a great job, I have heard no complaints. Only a few things I want to mention. It is getting to that time of the year again. I know it is a hassle trying to wash the ambulances with the lack of space in the ambulance bay, but if you can, please at least give the ambulances a hose down. The bugs have been awful this year.

Make sure to wash the

floors of the ambulances and keep the inside of the ambulances clutter free.

Please write down any equipment you used on the mileage sheets if you couldn't replace it. I am going to be ordering things that we need, like cravats.

Coverage has been short, so please, if you need to come out of the schedule, give me more than 24

hours' notice. It is getting very difficult to fill in the empty spaces.

We are working on a Ride-Along policy; hopefully this will get more people interested in joining.

TEMSIS Elite will be rolled out at the end of the month as well as the Drug Boxes from Weeks.

Other than that, things have been fine."



The Hunt to Become a Paramedic

During the last two years, Deputy EMS Chief Samuel J. Oakes has been working towards becoming a Paramedic.

Sam has been working on the department for the last 13 years and has been the Deputy EMS Chief since 2014, while working as an AEMT on Groveton for some time.

Sam finished the didactic portion of the Paramedic program at the end of 2015

from the New England EMS Institute (NEMSI) at the Elliot Hospital in Manchester, New Hampshire.

After spending two to three months at Weeks Hospital in Lancaster, New Hampshire, Sam finished his hospital Clinical hours for the program.

Sam is currently spending time on the Stewart's Ambulance Service in Meredith, New Hampshire

trying to finish his EMS hours for the program.

Currently Sam estimates to be done the entire program and be a Paramedic by September of 2016.

Sam has only a few things left to do, and all of us at the Groveton Ambulance wish him the best of luck throughout his remaining hours.

Mario Audit Named Officer in Charge for NPD

As of April, 2016 Mario Audit was named Officer in Charge (OIC) of the Northumberland Police Department. Mario has been working on the PD for a long time as a part-time patrol officer.

After the previous Chief of Police got done, Mario stepped up and offered to

help run the PD until a new Chief was hired.

Mario was the Chief of the Dalton Police Department for some time.

Mario was the Acting Chief, until the Northumberland Selectmen agreed to name him the Officer in Charge. Mario was going through

his part-time hours rapidly, however, this position allows him to separate his officer hours from his administrator hours.

Mario has been doing a great job as OIC, and has been doing great for the Police Department.

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About Groveton Ambulance

Groveton Ambulance (EMS) is a municipal service in the northern New Hampshire town of Northumberland (a.k.a. Groveton). A town located on the Connecticut River bordering the State of Vermont, and about an hour's drive from Canada. We currently have a full-time EMS Chief, Jim Gibson EMT-185 and a part time Deputy EMS Chief, Sam Oakes AEMT. We have approximately 30 dedicated volunteer members. Groveton Ambulance is a member of NH EMS District A-3, also VT EMS District 5.

Our main objectives are: *To provide quality emergency medical services to the Town of Northumberland, along with the surrounding towns that we contract with. To provide mutual aid service to other surrounding areas when requested. To educate the community in EMS practices, CPR/First Aid, and general health and safety practices. To provide other community services.* In doing this, we provide ambulance services at community events, we organize and volunteer at the Red Cross Blood Drives, we do health screenings at community events, we hand out glow in the dark accessories to the children during trick-or-treating annually, and many other activities.

We cover the towns of Northumberland, Stark, and Stratford in New Hampshire. We also cover the towns of Maidstone, Brunswick, and Bloomfield in Vermont.

For more information contact the Groveton EMS Office at the information provided or email Trevor J. Gibson at tgibson@grovetonambulance.com

Groveton Ambulance Looks for a New Building

As volunteerism dies, Ambulance services need to find a way to grow. Small town Ambulance services are slowly disbanding, and small towns have to contract out with larger departments such as American Medical Response, or AMR. This costs a great deal of money, not only to the town, but to the people transported by the service.

Groveton Ambulance has been growing in the last couple years, and has gotten to a point where they are too large to stay in the places they are located. Groveton needs more people outside of the area to support the service; this is only possible with a

building with living quarters. Groveton is looking mainly for Paramedic providers, and has received interest from many, but when the individuals discover that there are no living quarters, they have to refuse. Living quarters allow providers to stay with the ambulances. This not only allows for better service, but better response times. In EMS better times can mean everything.

Another issue that Groveton has is the separation of Ambulances. Groveton has two ambulances stationed at the Groveton Fire Department, however, the ambulances almost cannot fit in the bay anymore, and there is no space to fit

around them. Groveton's third ambulance is stationed at the Stark Fire Department. This puts the ambulance out of town, making it hard to get to when it is needed and neglected in terms of maintenance and expirations on equipment and medications.

Having all three ambulances housed with the Office and having living quarters allows Groveton to better themselves as a department, and allows growth and development. In the long run, Groveton will be able to make more money on transfers, while still having a crew for special events and town coverage.