

# *Lamoine Volunteer Fire Department*

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Lamoine, ME 04605

Emergency: 9-1-1  
Station: (207) 667-2623



## Proposed 2014/15 Budget

On behalf of the Lamoine VFD, please find the proposed budget for next year.

**Chief's Salary** – No change is proposed to the \$1,500 stipend for the chief.

**Personnel Reimbursements** – The department pays a small reimbursement to the members in recognition of their efforts. The amount varies at the discretion of the fire chief. The amount totaled \$7,200 last year. It is proposed to increase by \$300 as there are more members this year.

**Electricity** – The line is proposed to decrease by \$200 based on the actual cost in 2012/13.

**Water** – The Cold Spring Water Company serves the fire station and charges \$250/year.

**Telephone** – There is a land line going into the fire station at roughly \$45/month and a cell phone in one of the trucks at roughly \$15/month. That rounds up to \$750 which is about the 5-year average.

**Heating Oil** – We budget for 1,500 gallons of oil at \$4.00/gallon, thus the \$6,000 budget.

**Truck Maintenance** – The actual maintenance costs on the 4-trucks (which will become a 5-truck fleet shortly after this writing) for 12/13 was \$5,300. We've had some big expenses this year already, but hope we have licked most of the issues. The \$5,000 proposed addresses this increased cost and is a \$1,500 line increase.

**Pump Maintenance** – We've also had some pump issues with the 1995 pumper truck – a foam line broke and was repaired. Other than that, the pumps are in good shape and we anticipate we can drop that line by \$1,000 to \$2,000.

**Body Work** – We keep \$50 in this line and hope to never have to use it. The 5-year average is \$295.

**Rescue Boat Maintenance** – The boat is aging and we had some serious motor troubles over the past year, thus the large bill for 12/13. A \$100 increase is proposed.

**Radio Maintenance** – Based on the \$777 5-year average, this line is increased to \$800.

**Equipment Maintenance** – This includes work on chainsaws, the rescue cutters, fans, gas monitor, thermal imaging camera and other pieces of equipment used in the day to day operations of fire and rescue. Based on the 5-year average, a \$400 increase is proposed.

**Lights/Batteries** – No change from the \$200 budget is proposed. It was pretty close in the 12/13 budget (\$197)

**Station Supplies** – This includes cleaning supplies, toilet paper, and the things that keep the fire house in good condition. No change is proposed from the \$300 budget.

**Hand Tools**- No change from the \$150 budget is proposed.

**First Aid**- We're seeing this become more costly. Just to replace outdated pads for the AED's is about \$156.00. A \$50 increase is proposed.

**Inoculation Program** – Firefighters are offered hepatitis shots and a flu shot annually. The \$1,000 budget is unchanged from the current fiscal year.

**Respiratory Fit Testing** – Interior firefighters are required to have a medical evaluation periodically (over a certain age it's every year). We have a contract with Maine Coast Memorial Hospital to perform that. It's also required that an airpack mask fit test be done afterwards. The costs have varied, and it looks like we can do this for less than the current \$1,500, so \$1,000 is proposed.

**Station Maintenance** – The fire station is almost 25-years old now and has started to require more maintenance. In the 12/13 year the big expenses were the annual boiler license, repairs to the water drain, a faucet repair, and generator maintenance. The 5-year average is \$1,913. The proposed budget increases \$500 to \$1,500.

**Hydrants** – Damage to just one hydrant will exhaust this budget. The proposed \$500 line is unchanged from the current year.

**Gas/Diesel** – The amount of consumption depends on how many fire calls we have. The 5-year average is nearly \$1,200. Depending on the price of fuel, we could see this jump. No change from the \$1,500 budget is proposed.

**Extinguishers** – The cost last year for the annual extinguisher certifications and maintenance was \$176. The \$200 is unchanged from the current year.

**Oil & Fluids** – The proposed budget is down to \$200 based on the 5-year average.

**Foam**- The \$800 proposed budget is unchanged.

**Airpack Maintenance** – These have to be flow tested annually, and the bottles hydro tested periodically. The proposed \$1,500 budget is unchanged from the current fiscal year.

**Fire Prevention** – We generally do a short program with the school. This will help buy "supplies" (plastic helmets). It is unchanged from previous years, though we've not bought anything for a while (we are now out of helmets).

**Dues/Memberships** – The LVFD belongs to the State Firefighters Federation, the Hancock County FF Association and the Maine Fire Chief's Association. The dues average about \$500/year.

**Training** – The Hancock County Fire Academy costs about \$500/person. We don't have anyone attending this year – many of our members are fully trained. But, we are required to do continual training, and the average cost is \$1,015/year, thus the \$1,500 which is unchanged.

**Other** – if we get a particularly long call, we'll order a couple of pizzas from the store to feed the men and women fighting a fire. There are other minor costs that don't fit anywhere else in this line.

**Pager** – No pagers are proposed this coming year.

**Attack Hose/Nozzle** - \$800 is proposed again. Hose testing requires that we retire an occasional attack line.

**Supply Hose** – Again, no change from the current budget. See the note above about hose testing.

**Turnout Gear** – It costs about \$2,500 now for coat, pants, boots, helmet, gloves and a hood. This would equip one firefighter. The department was fortunate to receive a grant from the Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation to replace 9-sets of gear in the past year, and the department itself kicked in several thousand dollars in fund raising to update gear.

**Radio Purchases** – none are proposed. The department is funding the radio in the new tanker truck.

**Airpack Replacement** – No new airpacks are proposed. Three of the trucks carry airpacks.

**Equipment** – No new equipment purchases are proposed.

**Truck/Ladder/Hose Testing** – Hose testing is an annual requirement and costs about \$2,200. The trucks also need service testing annually, and the ladders require a visual inspection which we usually do in-house.

**Total Fire** – The proposed budget is up by \$1,450 or 3.36%. The biggest increase is truck maintenance.

*George Smith, Fire Chief*