



BEECHER FALLS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 2025

Current members

Steve Young
Stephen Roy
Norman Flanagan
Bob Couture
Doug Burns
Chris Bissonnette
Dillon Begin
Phillip Rondeau
Nathaniel Rougeau
Donald Gagnon
Asa Boulanger

Bernard Charest
Brian Bissonnette
Alan Leigh
Robert Brousseau
Vernon Crawford
Phillip Pariseau
Christian Anderson
Nick Goudreau
Colby Rodrigue
Hunter Roy
Leland Grenier

Paul Cote
Dan Lepine
Harland Crawford
Jeremy Forkey
Nate Goudreau
Ben Kosalek
Steve Noyes
Jamie Fogg
Roland Roy
Todd Nichols
Ken Knapper

We were able to add five new members in 2025. The new members were Asa Boulange, Donald Gagnon, Leland Grenier, Jeremy Forkey, and Colby Rodrigue. We would like to thank three members who left the department for their years of service to the fire department. Tucker McMann, Raymond Higgins, and Joseph Allen.

The Beecher Falls Volunteer Fire department answered a total of ninety-four emergency calls in the fiscal year December 1, 2024, to November 30, 2025. Our call volume was down by six calls over 2024. There were 6 structure fires in our jurisdiction for the year. The men on the department and all the mutual aid that responded to the Ethan Allen fire in June showed their dedication and commitment as volunteers. The fire was very challenging on a day that was close to 100 degrees. Everyone worked very hard to contain the fire and save many jobs. We would also like to thank all the non-members who showed up that day with food, water and support.

The fire department meets on most Wednesday evenings for training or work sessions. Beecher Falls hosted a weekend training with a company from Manchester NH. United Fire Company instructed the attendees on SCBA training, search and rescue, firefighter survival, and how to take care of our own firefighters if an instance occurs. The training was very informative and has been scheduled again for the end of February 2026.

We continue to build our capital reserves as we can looking forward to the future. The cost of fire equipment has gotten extremely expensive as has the operation of the department. The estimated cost of a new fire engine at today's pricing is in the vicinity of \$750,000 to \$800,000 with a 3 year wait time for delivery. Our newest truck engine 3 is already nine years old. Engine 1 purchased in 1973 with two upgrades is very dated. Engine two is 19 years old. Our tanker and our small rescue are also 19 years old. We currently have vendors scheduled to start the process of purchasing 10 sets of bunker gear if funds allow. NFPA requires that structural firefighting gear be replaced every 10 years. The last 10 sets that we purchased are already 5 years old. We are expecting that the ten sets of gear will be nearly 40,000.00.

The department was involved in three fundraisers for the year. The Border Jumpers Bar and Grill offered to host a Bocci Ball tournament that was well attended and very successful. The American Legion offered to host a Corn Hole tournament that was also successful. The Begin family from Beecher Falls were strong organizers of our annual wood raffle. The firewood was donated by the Begin family and Cunningham Logging. These acts of support are very much appreciated by the department.

The officers of the department would like to thank the membership for all their hard work over the past year. We had some large fires that required extended time on scene and hard work and dedication to see them through. The members never gave up and worked as a team to get the job done. This is not easy when the guys have worked all day, fight fire all night and must go to work the next morning. We want to thank everyone who has reached out to us in any way for your continued support, it is appreciated.

Sincerely,
Chief Steve Young