

Deer Isle Firemen's Association

P.O. Box 275

Deer Isle, ME 04627

November, 2012

Dear Friends,

The Deer Isle Firemen's Association is asking you to join us in our effort to keep our firefighters and community safe from fire and other life safety hazards. Our firefighters strive to provide the community with the best possible department, providing residents and visitor's with quality protection and help when needed. Over the years we have broadened our scope of protection to include about everything that law enforcement and EMS does not. By providing the best equipment and extensive training, we have been able to achieve this.

This year our focus is on the "Jaws of Life". This past year we lost the seals in the ram, so we sent it out for repair and was informed it is not repairable. We were told because of the age and where our tools were built (Germany) that parts are no longer available. The cost for a replacement ram is \$4,200 and that would still leave us with cutters, spreaders and a power unit that are old (purchased used in the 80's) possibly not repairable when the time comes. The cost to upgrade the complete system would be \$32,000. The new tools we are looking at are battery powered, eliminating the need for gas operated equipment around the scene, and hoses to limit our movement. When these tools are needed, time is important, and we need the confidence that they will perform as expected.

The Deer Isle Fire Department greatly appreciates your support in the past, and hopes you will continue to help us in our efforts.

If you might be interested in belonging to a very aggressive and community minded group with the focus on public safety, we could use your help. If interested, call Brent Morey at 348-6133 or come check us out on Wednesday nights at 6:30.

I would also like to emphasize that private drives need to have a 15' x 15' clearance to allow for emergency vehicles. Narrow drives could hinder or prevent us from getting our equipment to your home.

Sincerely,

Brent Morey, Chief

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Please make checks payable to Deer Isle Fireman's Association, a 501(c)3 organization.

The Deer Isle firefighters remind you that **SMOKE DETECTORS SAVE LIVES**. Is your smoke detector working? Please check it! We suggest that you change the battery when you change your clocks. If you have questions about this very important piece of protection for your home and family, give us a call, we would be glad to help you.

BURNING PERMITS: Any person burining the following: logs, stumpt, roots, brush, slash, fields of dry grass, pasture, and blueberry land, debris, must obtain a permit 365 days a year. For permits call Brent or Georgia Morey 348-6133, John Weed 348-6092, Russell or Carol Bray 348-6619 after 5pm.