

Barrington Municipal Fire Service

Then and Now



Where we started

- 8 Fire Departments and Stations
- 27 Vehicles Ranging from New to Obsolete
- Varying Levels of Service, Training, Membership & Equipment
- Departments were Struggling
- Lack of Funding
- Minimal Departmental and Municipal Engagement



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Amalgamations

- 2002 - 3 Departments Amalgamated to 1
- 2012 – 2 Departments Amalgamated to 1
- 2014 – 2 Departments Amalgamated to 1
- Last Amalgamation - 2018



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Study & Implementation

- 2010 Fire Services Study
- Hiring of a Fire Services Coordinator in 2012
- Approval of Policy 54
- Improved Training Standards
- Better Funding Model

Equipment And Administrative Efficiencies

- 3 new stations and 6 new vehicles from 2002 to 2018
- Reduced Vehicle Fleet from 27 to 17 - Including A New Quint
- Development of a Vehicle Replacement Plan
- NFPA standard Turnout Gear and SCBA
- Yearly Testing and Certification
- Automatic Aid Protocols
- Standardized Budgeting

Training & Membership

- Improved Level of Firefighter Training
- Developed a Training Program
- Personal Development Credit Through the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.
- Increased Number of Volunteer Firefighters

How did we get here?

- Collaboration
- Understanding the Benefits
- Adequate Funding
- Fairness
- Awareness



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Was it always easy?

- Absolutely Not
- Important to Look Forward
- Open Minds are Required
- Communication is Key
- Equality



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Conclusion

We are now in a position where we have a high-quality, cost-effective fire service with an adequate number of volunteer firefighters, a first-class training program and top-notch equipment. We hope that our story will inspire others to take the journey as well!

Questions?



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Thank you!



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