

**Noank Fire District
Office of the Fire Chief
Annual Report
20 May 2026**

During the period from 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026, the fire department responded to the following:

11 – Fires

259 - Medical Calls

8 - Hazardous Materials (Gasoline spills, CO alarms)

176 – Other

Hazardous Conditions (Vehicle accidents with no injury, power line down or arcing, shorted electrical equipment)

Service Calls (Water evacuation, smoke or odor removal, assisting invalids, cover assignment at another department)

Good intent calls (Cancelled enroute, wrong location, nothing found, etc.)

False Calls (Alarm malfunctions, accidental activations, activation from cooking, etc.)

Total Of 454 Calls (12% increase)

Mutual Aid provided to other Districts - 151

26 - Mumford Cove

103 - Groton Long Point

22 – Other Districts

Mutual Aid Received – 250 (approx.) Groton Long Point – 250 (approx.) Poq. Bridge, Old Mystic, Mystic, Subase - 2
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Of the 11 fires, 2 were significant:

August 13, 2025 – 68 Front Street for a basement fire. Cause - Lithium-Ion Battery thermal runaway.

February 23, 2026 – 103 Brook Street for an attached garage fire. Cause – Improperly disposed fireplace ashes.

January 28, 2026, the Department performed a water rescue off the docks at Spicer’s Marina with the assistance of the Groton Town Police. The individual made a full recovery.

This past year the Department has had 5 members certified as Firefighter Level 1 with one more member awaiting his final written exam. We also have 1 new member certified as EMT and 1 member certified as Firefighter Level 2. Each of these Certifications represent over 200 hours of individual training.

The Department would like to thank the Taxpayers of Noank for authorizing the purchase of our newest piece of apparatus. On February 26, 2026, Engine 41 was placed into service.

The Department would like to ask all members of the Public to have clearly identifiable numbers on your mailbox or house that are visible from the street. This will assist us in locating you during an emergency.

The Department would also like to remind the Public to check your smoke detector and Carbon Monoxide detectors. It is recommended that Smoke Detectors be replaced after 10 years in service and CO detectors be replaced every 5 to 7 years.

And finally, the Department would like to advise the Public that ashes, whether from fire places or BBQ's, whether hot or cold, should be placed in a metal bucket with a lid and placed outside 10 feet from any structure.

With calls ranging from a lift assist, through a major fire during a blizzard, to coordinating a large-scale Search and Rescue, the Noank Fire Department is dedicated to providing aid and caring to all in their times of need.

We very much appreciate the support that we receive from the fire district commissioners, who do an outstanding job supplying the fire department with the equipment and training we need, and we also thank the residents of Noank Fire District for their continued support and trust in us.

This report respectfully submitted by,

Michael Gale
Fire Chief