

**Noank Fire District  
Office of the Fire Chief  
Annual Report  
20 May 2025**

During the period from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025, the fire department responded to the following:

5 – Fires

227 - Medical Calls

19 - Hazardous Conditions (Gasoline spills, CO alarms, vehicle accidents with no injury, power line down or arcing, shorted electrical equipment)

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

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

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

**Total Of 409 Calls**

Mutual Aid provided to other Districts - 114

- 10 - Mumford Cove
- 87 - Groton Long Point
- 9 - Poquonnock Bridge
- 3 - Groton City
- 3 - Mystic
- 2 – Ledyard

Mutual Aid Received – 214 Groton Long Point – 206 Mystic – 3 Old Mystic – 3 Poquonnock Bridge – 1 Subase - 1
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May 28, 2024 – Halyard Rd. for a kitchen fire.

A first alarm was requested, and we received mutual aid from Mystic, Old Mystic, Poquonnock Bridge, Subase, Mystic River Ambulance and L&M medics.

December 3, 2024 – 350 Groton Long Point Rd. for a chimney fire.

November 3, 2024 – Spicer’s Marina for a sunken boat

Due to the nature of the incident, the Old Mystic Dive Team was requested to ensure no victims were still on the boat. They also assisted with deploying oil booms around the boat.

This past year the Department was fortunate enough to have two new members certified as EMTs. And the Department restarted the Cadet Program for individuals aged 14 – 18.

While the majority of the Departments responses are Medicals and Fires in our own District, the Department also provides:

- 1: Cover Company to other Districts: a crew goes to that District and responds to all calls for service in that District.
- 2: Sea Stretcher assistance: Fishers Island brings patients to Noank Shipyard, usually in bad weather conditions.
- 3: Incident Command for water rescues on Fishers Island Sound.
- 4: Search and Rescue assistance throughout the Town of Groton.

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 batteries. And it is recommended that Detectors be replaced after 10 years in service.

With calls ranging from a lift assist, through a major fire, to coordinating a large-scale Search and Rescue, the Noank Fire Department is dedicated to providing help 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,

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Michael Gale  
Fire Chief