



TOWN OF DEERFIELD

Fire & Rescue Department
Matt Fisher
Fire Chief

December 9, 2019

A Letter from Fire Rescue

The Fire Rescue Department would like to take the opportunity to ask the community to support the Police Department with their current campaign to gain support with their new police station project. Our departments have a long standing relationship of working together in our joint missions of servicing our community and citizens.

A few years ago we participated in a town wide informational program put on through the University of New Hampshire to help study the safety needs of our emergency services. After the year long process there was a community outreach event where your fellow citizens, department heads and Select Board members got together and worked towards evaluating the current and future needs of departments. Following the public meeting the committee working in conjunction with UNH took the response and feedback from the public forum and formulated the recommendations that came from the community outreach.

The community feedback identified the need for improvements in the facilities for both the Police and Fire Rescue departments. The Police Department's need was listed as the priority; with the Fire Rescue Department to be addressed after the Police Department. As a department working within budgets and the fiscal constraints of the community, we understand the need to work towards one project at a time and appreciate the Select Board's decision to follow community feedback of addressing the Police Department's building needs first.

Both departments are here to serve the community, utilizing current best practice; with the best equipment available as provided by the community. The current police department does not represent the most current and best equipped space available; increasing the risks of liability to the Town and safety risks to individuals who are interacting with the police department and department staff.

We encourage the citizens of Deerfield to become engaged with this much needed project; reach out to the Police Department, meet with the Chief, take a tour and find out information on the issues they face first hand.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matthew Fisher", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Matthew Fisher
Fire Chief
Deerfield Fire Rescue