

# Bay Roberts Fire Department reports busy year

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Last year the Bay Roberts Volunteer Fire Department responded to 65 incidents.

"That included house and vehicle fires, motor vehicle accidents, mutual aid (assisting another department or ambulance service) and even pet rescues," said the department's secretary Silas Badcock.

Mr. Badcock made note of that fact in the fire department's year-end report for 2002.

Several new pieces of equipment were also purchased for the department and its members during the year.

"Each fire fighter was fitted out with a new helmet light, coveralls and a dress uniform," Mr. Badcock said. "We also purchased a rescue tarp and high angle rescue gear for our rescue truck."

In the event of training for high angle rescue, the department agreed to erect a training tower, currently under construction at the rear of the fire department building.

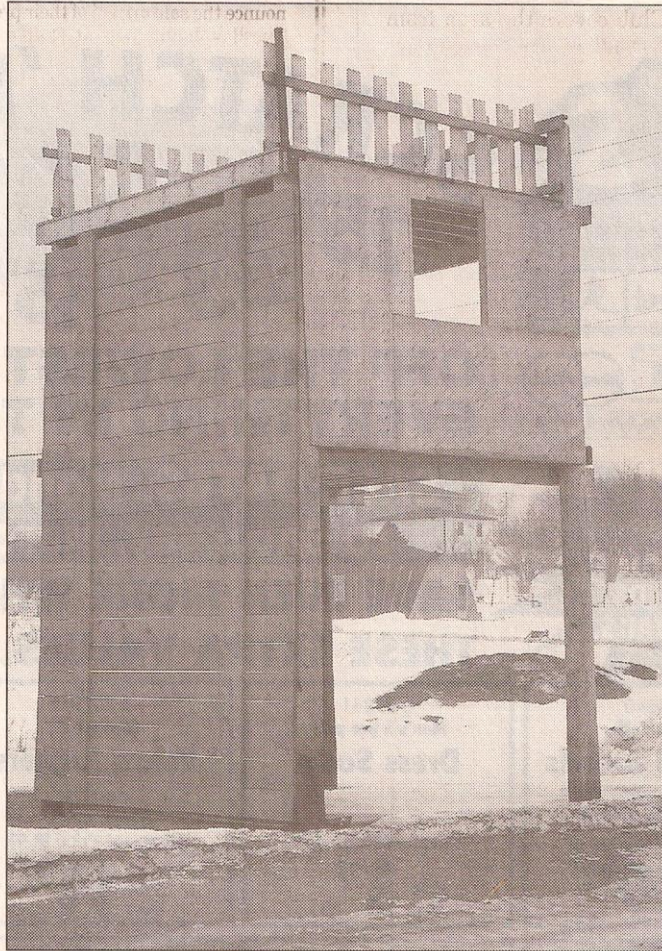
"We were also grateful to receive a computer, fax machine and photo copier for our office."

Last year began with the annual dinner and election of officers Jan. 28.

Clarence Russell was elected chief; Newman Parsons, asst. chief; Glenn Bradbury, fire captain; Rick Gifford, rescue training captain; Paul Moore 1st lieutenant; Kevin Greenland, 2nd lieutenant and Richard Sheppard, chief operator.

Executive elected included Ches Mercer, president; Terry Tuttle, vice president; Silas Badcock, secretary; Rick Gifford, treasurer and Barry Caravan, Paul Moore and Doug Thompson, directors. Eric and David Churchill were chosen auditors.

During a meeting early in the year it was also decided president Mercer, vice president Tuttle and secretary Badcock be



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**UP SHE GOES!** — A training tower is going up behind the Bay Roberts Fire Hall on Water Street East. The structure will be used to train firefighters in high angle rescue.

responsible for public relations and fundraising. Director Doug Thompson and fire fighter Derreck Ross were chosen as fire prevention officers. Senior fire fighters Ches Mercer and Newman Parsons were elected to act as liaisons for the town council's special events committee.

Fundraising and events during the year included a Jiggs Dinner; St. Paddy's Day dance; annual in-house social night; a benefit dance for the Janeway Hospital; participated in the Bay Roberts Ground Search and Rescue annual bowling tour-

namment fundraiser, headed up by fire fighter Doug Mercer; sale of vegetable hampers; a Sept. 11 memorial service; a patrol of the town on Halloween night with treats for children; and participation in the town's annual bonfire. The firemen also held a children's Christmas party and donated \$2,500 to the Janeway Telethon and \$1,622.50 to the Trinity Conception Placentia Health Foundation.

In July, the Ladies Auxiliary (Firettes) was formed. Darlene Moore was elected president;

Emmie Thompson, vice president; Daisy Petten, secretary; Rose French, treasurer. Other members are Joanne Russell, Glenda Seymour, Emma Jackson, Brenda Butler and Debbie Tuttle.

Mr. Badcock acknowledged the support received from individuals, both public and private who contributed to the cause during the year.

"Our town management and staff work together with us to make the Town of Bay Roberts a secure place in which to live."

The Bay Roberts Volunteer Fire Department plans to purchase a new pumper truck in 2003, and host a 60th anniversary Fireman's Ball.

Should anyone need to contact the department for emergency services, the response number is 786-6666.