## HAMPDEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

In 2003 the Hampden Volunteer Fire Department responded to 77 calls for assistance. The breakdown is as follows: house fires 1, carbon monoxide 5, motor vehicle accident 5, chimney fire 2, electrical 7, burnt food 3, brush fire 14, false alarms 39, mutual aid 1.

As always, the HVFD extends our thanks to the Hampden Police Department and the Hampden Highway Department for their help and support throughout the past year.

If any town resident is interested in joining the HVFD and is 19 years of age or older, please contact the department at 566-3314.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Hatch, Chief Hampden Volunteer Fire Department

## REPORT OF THE FOREST FIRE WARDEN

The Hampden Volunteer Fire Department responded to 14 brush fires in 2003. Burning season begins January 15, 2004 and extends through May 1, 2004. Permits are issued on a daily basis, weather permitting. To obtain a permit, call 566-3314 after 9:00 am. Burning hours are from 10:00 am and must be extinguished by 4:00 pm. No permits will be issued after 1:00 pm. All fires must be attended by the individual issued the permit. Brush is defined as trimmings with a butt-end smaller than 1 inch. The burning of grass, hay, leaves, stumps, and building materials are prohibited.

Respectively submitted,

Peter Hatch Forest Fire Warden