

Wareham Fire Department inundate with calls for emergencies, accident, fallen trees

On Tuesday, October 26, at about 9:30 p.m. the Wareham Fire Department on-duty staff began to answer a series of calls related to the fall storm which was bearing down on the town. Captain Colin Kelley along with Firefighters Evan Moretti, Chris McIntosh, Dana Lofgren, and Joshua Dessert responded on multiple incidents being dispatched by Fire Alarm Operator Karen Metell.

During the height of the storm at about 2:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Captain Kelley ordered a full department recall of off-duty career and on-call firefighters to respond to their respective stations. At this point the department was fielding a large number of alarms and calls for service. These calls included live wires down, utility poles on fire, medical calls, trees down, fire alarms, and a structure fire.

Captain Mark Rogers remained at headquarters, and coordinated the responses of equipment and personnel, while Chief Matthew Rowley went to several of the incidents in the field. As of 2:30 p.m. the department has responded to over 100 calls during the storm and anticipate responding to several more before things begin to wind down.

Chief Rowley said, "While the department has remained busy during the storm, we have a very dedicated, highly trained staff prepared to serve the community."