

# Pomfret Fire Marshal



## 2023 Year End report

This year the pomfret fire marshal's office (FMO) has made some significant steps to improve our office. The number one improvement to the FMO is the addition of deputy fire marshal Shayne Kettle. We are now able to provide a more comprehensive coverage of the town of pomfret while the fire marshal is out of town. Shayne has completed the fire investigation module as well as the code inspection and enforcement module.

The next significant improvement has been acquiring multiple grants. This has allowed us to improve equipment to better investigate fires more efficiently without using pomfret tax dollars. The office now has a solid set of equipment to properly investigate fires. The grants are as follows:

- Harbor Freight - \$300.00
- CT Fair Plan Equipment - \$500.00
- CT Fair Plan Education - \$250.00
- FM Global - \$1400.00

The Pomfret FMO has also completed many inspections including, making sure our local schools are safe and meet current standards set forth by the State of Connecticut. The relationship with the fire marshals from the Town of Thompson, Putnam, and Woodstock has also continued to strengthen, supporting each other with a record number of fires in the local area this year. The FMO has also completed many cause and origin investigations for this year, including 4 structure fires, one vehicle fire, and other small fires varying in nature in the Town of Pomfret.

This office continues to work to improve and provide the best care possible for the residents of Pomfret, while keeping costs as low and manageable as possible with record cost increases. Goals for 2024 including assisting pomfret officials in acquiring a vehicle for the pomfret FMO to use, along with other town entities such as building official, zoning enforcement, and others. A requirement of the fire marshal office is also continuing education. We will continue to keep current with new codes, trends, and information, so we can provide the best possible coverage to the town. The FMO also puts significant effort into applying for grants to keep costs as low as possible, and most importantly keeping the Town of Pomfret as safe as possible with excellent fire prevention.