

Town of Southborough, MA

Burn Permits

"The Burn Permits layer on MapsOnLine have allowed us to access information from a wide variety of locations to determine who is burning on a particular day. This resource is helpful when we get calls for "smoke in the area" so we can track who may be, or has been burning."

- John D. Mauro, Jr., Fire Chief

The Need

The Southborough Fire Department was like many fire departments in regards to Burn Permits. Applications were completed on paper, and applicants would call the Fire Department to burn on any particular day. The problem was that few individuals knew about the active permits on any particular day, and no system was in-place to communicate this information to dispatch or others in the department.

The Solution

Southborough created a form in PeopleForms by PeopleGIS. After meeting to define all of their needs, the Town prepared a form that covered all of the specific information required for the Burn Permit. In addition, two mapping layers were added to the Fire Department's own version of MapsOnline showing "Seasonal Burn Permits" and "Today's Burn Permits". Seasonal Burn Permits shows all of the Town's burn permit holders. Today's Burn Permits reveals those permit holders that are actively burning today.

The Result

The new Burn Permits PeopleForm greatly enhances the utility of burn permit information in Southborough, enabling dispatch to have a real-time map of all daily burn activity. It also enables the Fire Department to share this information with everyone who needs it when they need it. This includes field personnel.

Benefits

The PeopleForms "Burn Permit" enhances burn permit information sharing and access greatly. All Fire Department personnel have real-time access to this data everywhere they have access to the Internet, giving office and field personnel the information they need when and where they need it.



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