



The Archangel Committee

The Russian Sister City Committee of Greater Portland

P.O. Box 105, Portland, Maine 04112

2016 - Year in Review

- January - The "Russian North" Photography Exhibition opens at the Maine Charitable Mechanics Hall in Portland. Five Fire/Rescue professionals from Archangel visit Maine on the Peer-to-Peer grant from the US Embassy in Moscow.
- February - Committee members meet the Russian delegates at the Arctic Council meeting in Portland. Committee member Steve Notinger teaches law at NARFU.
- March - The Arctic Convoy Essay Competition opens in Maine and in Archangel; the project is funded by the US Consulate in Saint Petersburg.
- April - Committee Co-Chair Carol Lord and seven Maine Fire/Rescue professionals visit Archangel for America Week; they meet with US Consul General Tom Leary.
- May - Our communities exchange messages commemorating Victory Day.
- June - Seven Archangel Fire/Rescue professionals visit Maine on the Peer-to-Peer grant.
- July - Our communities begin intensive planning for DERVISH 75.
- August - We send a large delegation to Archangel for DERVISH 75, including Committee Co-Chair Carol Lord, Westbrook Fire Chief Andy Turcotte, Westbrook Deputy Fire Chief Steve Sloan, Conner Richardson and our three Arctic Convoy Essay winners. Our group meets with US Ambassador John Tefft. Our firefighters also meet with the UK delegation from the non-profit Fire Safety Friends of Russia.
- September - The three Archangel Arctic Convoy Essay winners visit Maine. Professor Tatiana Zykina from NARFU visits Maine judges and lawyers. Eight Fire/Rescue professionals from Maine visit Archangel on the Peer-to-Peer grant.
- October - The "Russian North" Photography Exhibition opens at the Saint Lawrence Performing Arts Center in Portland. Archangel City Councilor Dimitri Akishev again leads a delegation of runners to the Maine Marathon Race.
- November - Our Committee hosts an Open World Media delegation from Archangel and Moscow. The Maine State Museum hosts Natalia Shpanova, the Director of the Archangel Museum of Local Lore. Casco Bay High School and Deering High School host eight students from Archangel School Number 6.
- December - Westbrook High School hosts four students from Archangel School Number 21. Committee member Steve Notinger returns to NARFU to teach Employment Law in the Master of Laws Program.