



## The Archangel Committee

The Russian Sister City Committee of Greater Portland

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### 2017 - Year in Review

- January - Public Affairs Officer Suzanne Bodoïn from the U.S. Consulate in Saint Petersburg meets with Committee members in Maine to discuss future opportunities.
- February - "Project Brotherhood" is formed to carry on the work of the recent Peer-to-Peer Grant from the U.S. Embassy in Moscow; the Project is the effort of many Maine fire and rescue professionals.
- March - Sergei Kvashnin, Svetlana Kuznetsova and Ekaterina Maksimova from the Archangel Regional rescue Service and Rescue Student Cadets Maxim Grigoryev and Pavel Kaliaev from Archangel School Number 28 visit Maine and give presentations at the Maine Fire Chiefs Association Annual Conference.
- April - Committee members Andy Turcotte, Douglas Reighley and Neale Duffett visit Archangel for America Week activities and visit schools, NARFU, museums and Fire Station 17.
- May - We host an Open World delegation of firefighters from Archangel and an urban forester from Krasnoyarsk.
- June - Waterville sends a delegation to Kotlas to help celebrate the 100th Anniversary of that city's founding.
- July - The Archangel Regional History Museum begins work on adding the construction of Liberty Ships in Maine to the Museum's Great Patriotic War Exhibit.
- August - Open World alumnus Valentin Alfimov and wife Irina visit New York, Washington and Maine.
- September - Dimitri Akishev, wife, daughter and son-in-law arrive for the Maine Marathon. They also visit Peaks Island, the Portland Police Department, the Portland Fire Department and spend some time fishing on the Androscoggin with Committee member Douglas Reighley.
- October - The Maine rock band "Sunrunner" perform at Archangel's "Belomor-Boogie 2017" thanks to a grant from the U.S. Consulate in Saint Petersburg. A seven member People-to-People delegation from Maine visits Archangel where they focus on fire/rescue, national parks and photography.
- November - Our Sister City Treaty marks its 29th year and we begin preparing for the 30th Anniversary in November 2018, including a major photography exhibition at the Yarmouth History Center organized by Committee member Dennis Marrotte.
- December - We exchange Christmas and New Years Greetings with our many professional and personal friends in Archangel.