“Jim Dooley Race Results”

It’s off to the Boston Marathon for Jim Dooley, Norfolk Fire Operations Manager, and sixty-year-old marathon runner.

He recently competed in the Lincoln Marathon held May 1 and qualified for the Boston Marathon with a time of 3 hours, 44 minutes and 15 seconds. In his age group of 21 participants, he finished in second place. He needed to come in under four hours at the Lincoln Marathon to qualify for Boston’s on April 16, 2012.

Since Dooley finished 16 minutes short of his qualifying time, he will have an opportunity to register early for the Boston Marathon securing his spot in the race.

“The marathon was what I expected. I had trained appropriately for it. Lincoln had pacers this year so I ran with the 3:45 group. I still felt good with a mile to go so passed the pacer on last mile. The weather was good but was bucking the wind on the way back from Homes Lake which is the last leg of the marathon,” Dooley said.

With 10,000 participants, Lincoln draws runners from all 50 states and several foreign countries.

“I was running with one guy from California and another one from Rhode Island. They both had run several marathons before and were a little bit intimidating but in the end this old Nebraska boy out ran them.” Dooley said.