



# The Extinguisher

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## Training Schedule

**May 7<sup>th</sup> 19:00-22:00**  
**May 21<sup>st</sup> 19:00-22:00**  
**June 4<sup>th</sup> 19:00-22:00**  
**June 18<sup>th</sup> 19:00-22:00**

## Chief Corner

*By Chief Jack Chandler*



It was great to see the new **Forestry 2** get tested out at the brush fire behind Dunn's pit! As anticipated it made it through rough and muddy terrain and was able to get into the west side of the fire without much of a problem. Thanks to everyone who responded to that call! We had a great turn out which makes the job easier. I'd also like to thank the

**CERT Team** for coming out with water and sandwiches during the fire. It was greatly appreciated!

Please make sure your brush gear is ready to go so that we are not wearing our structural turnout gear into the woods. That isn't good for it or us! If you need brush gear please let **Chuck Borowy** know a.s.a.p. so that we can get you some this year.

Please remember that the mandatory live fire training is this month. The training will be at the Auburn burn building and should be a great experience!

Thank you to everyone who has been taking the evening and weekend call shifts. This has worked well and helps us to make sure we have adequate coverage. It is also a great opportunity for call members to get more hands on and to work with the full time staff.

The summer vacation Schedule will be going up shortly. Please take a minute and let us know when you will be away on vacation so that we can try and predict how much cover we have available.

## EMS News

By EMS Director David Russo



Last month 23 Holden DPW & water dept. workers were trained in CPR & AED.

There is a **heart screening** at Wachusett High on **June 15, 2013**. The screening is devised to detect sudden cardiac arrest among ages 10-19. EMT's/Medics will be needed to help go over AED/CPR training.

All call-FF/EMT are encouraged to work the weekend shifts (7am-2pm and 2pm-9pm). Sign-up sheets are at headquarters.

For all new EMT's please contact the Lt's for scheduling 3<sup>rd</sup> ride shifts.

There will be new Ambulance vehicle check lists. Please refer to the checklists when performing weekly inventory of equipment.

The Ambulances running order continues to be adjusted. Please make sure, you as EMT's are aware of each vehicle and where equipment is stored.

## Administration Staff News

By Leah Francese-Wood



### May Birthdays:

Robby Beer  
Matt Benoit  
Pete Benoit  
Jack Bryan  
Adam Hickey  
Tyke Lothrop  
John Whipple

### May Anniversaries:

John Bain – 5 years  
Amanda Beahn – 1 year  
Eric Bishop – 2 years  
Dennis Carlson – 1 year  
Scott Charbonneau – 36 years  
Dan Hazen – 5 years  
Rick McGinn – 4 years  
Adam Parslow – 1 year  
Michael Pimental – 1 year  
Brian Rushlow – 5 years

### June Birthdays:

Eric Bishop  
Brian Braley  
Peter Lacy  
Jimmy Oberg

### June Anniversaries:

Matt Benoit – 21 years  
Rich Dewitt – 41 years  
Kevin Harmon – 2 years  
Adam Hickey – 9 years  
Mark Ponte – 4 years

- **Full-timers:** Please check your balance of clothing allowance before making a purchase.
- When you change your email, please let Leah know immediately. We have a mass department email list serve that must be kept up-to-date at all times.
- When you have received a new license, please make a copy for Leah.
- See Heidi if you need Rubens, sweatshirts, or long sleeve shirts. The administration office has a price list if you have questions.

## Deputies Desk

By Deputy Chief Bergstrom



A couple of brush fires to keep us busy this dry spring. Good work by all in some tough areas. Unfortunately Call Firefighter **Chris Davis** has moved to Tennessee. Chris had recently completed his FFI/II and was becoming very active. He'll be missed.

I'm late on getting the 2012 percentages to the Call members. I should have those to you soon. Last year there were 196 toned calls. In general, averages for 2012 were close to 2011.

Still looking for some driver operators, especially for Chaffins. Please see the respective Truck Officer to set up training. See me with your completed check sheet to schedule a check off drive.

It's that time again for me to chase you down for Mass Call dues. Dues will be going up this year to \$15. MCVFA is open to all department members. You can also join the National Volunteer Fire Counsel, NVFC, for \$10.

The annual **Holden Association golf tournament** will be held on **Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at Holden Hills**. Consider putting together a team for this year's tourney. It would be great to see a few more Holden teams this year. Even if you're not a regular golfer, come out for a good day on the course.

We're entering the time of year when many members are on vacation or away for the weekend. Please respond whenever you are around. Enjoy the rest of spring.

# Images over last few months...

## FIREFIGHTER'S BALL, THE MANOR. 5-4-13

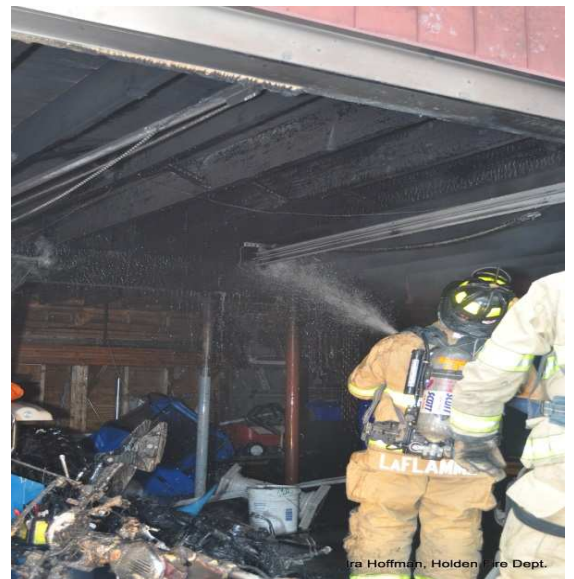


**BRUSH FIRES, APRIL AND MAY 2013**



Throughout the month of April and early May the fire department responded in town and mutual aid for several brush fires. Two separate fires off Quinapoxet St in early May resulting in several mutual aid companies assisting. Holden also provided mutual aid to Sterling and Princeton on May 7<sup>th</sup> for brush fires. Pictured here are several Holden firefighters working during these events.

**608 SHREWSBURY ST, 4-14-13**



Just prior to 11:00 am on Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> the Holden Fire Dept. was dispatched to **608 Shrewsbury St** for a barn fire. Deputy Bergstrom arrived on scene and assumed command, confirming working fire in the basement of a 2 story barn, calling for an Engine company from West Boylston to the scene. Holden Engine 4 arrived on scene stretching a line to the basement. Engine 4's crew extinguished the fire which was confined to the basement. Crews from Holden and West Boylston assisted with ventilation of the building. Mutual aid was provided for station coverage from Rutland, Sterling and Princeton.



# Fire Prevention:

By Assistant Chief Hall

## CSB Commends Massachusetts Authorities for Issuing Tough Hazardous Materials Storage and Processing Rules

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The U.S. Chemical [Safety](#) and Hazard Investigation Board (CSB) announced today that it is commending Massachusetts authorities for improving the regulation of [hazardous materials](#) storage and processing in the state, including monitoring of high risk facilities to ensure they are complying with key federal process safety and [risk management](#) programs.

The action -- taken by the Massachusetts Department of Fire Services -- satisfied a key recommendation made by the CSB in its 2008 final report on the 2006 explosion at an ink and paint products manufacturing facility in Danvers, a suburb of Boston. The CSB concluded that an unattended mixing tank overheated in an unventilated building at CAI, Inc, causing the release of flammable vapors which subsequently ignited. The facility stored alcohols, heptanes, other solvents, pigments, resin and nitrocellulose; all of it which were destroyed in the explosion. Twenty-four houses and six businesses were destroyed. Many other homes were extensively damaged in the blast. Ten people were injured, but no one was [killed](#), possibly because the accident occurred in the middle of the night while people were asleep in bed.

The CSB investigation found that CAI had increased its quantities of flammable liquids over the years. The additional quantities went undetected by local authorities who had not inspected the facility for over four years prior to the time of the incident.

At the time of the accident mandatory notification by companies to local authorities that a facility had increased its quantities of flammable materials from the initial amount listed in the permit was not well enforced. Therefore, the Board recommended that Massachusetts require companies storing and handling flammable materials to amend their license and re-register with state or local authorities when increasing their quantities of flammable materials; they must also verify compliance with local, state fire [codes](#) and hazardous chemical regulations.

A key related Board recommendation to the state remains open. It urges the Department of Fire Services to audit local governments and local fire authorities in Massachusetts for their enforcement of compliance with permit limits and inspection requirements for storage and handling of flammable materials.

The Department of Fire Services informed the CSB that it lacks the resources to audit all local government for compliance, and would instead provide training for local fire authorities to adequately review permits and inspect facilities for compliance with the new requirements. [Training materials](#) are reportedly in development,

CSB recommendation status is determined by a board vote following a staff analysis. Responses may be deemed "Acceptable" or "Unacceptable," and either closed or left open for further consideration. To date, 57% of CSB recommendations have been designated "Closed -- Acceptable action." In some cases, the board has designated responses as exceeding recommended action. Only 2% of CSB recommendations -- open or closed -- have resulted in an "unacceptable" status.

The CSB is an independent federal agency charged with investigating [industrial](#) chemical accidents. The agency's board members are appointed by the president and confirmed by the Senate. CSB investigations look into all aspects of chemical accidents, including physical causes such as equipment failure as well as inadequacies in regulations, industry standards, and safety management systems.

The Board does not issue citations or fines but does make safety recommendations to plants, industry organizations, labor groups, and regulatory agencies such as OSHA and EPA. Visit our website, [www.csb.gov](http://www.csb.gov).  
<http://www.fireengineering.com/articles/2012/05/csb-commends-massachusetts-authorities-for-issuing-tough-hazardous-materials-storage-and-processing-rules.html>