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Training Schedule

Nov 5 19:00–22:00
Sept 19 19:00-22:00
Dec 3 19:00-22:00
Dec 17 XMAS Party

Chief's Corner

By Chief Jack Chandler



It is with pleasure that I announce that three members of the department will be receiving an award at the annual "Firefighter of the Year" ceremony. **Lt. Dave Chapin, Lt. Barry Tupper and FF Paul Pierce** will be honored at the ceremony. The award signifies the efforts put forth by these Firefighters who rescued a worker trapped in a Silo at

Paquette's Concrete Company last summer. The event will be held **on December 19th at 10:30 am inside the Kresge Auditorium at the MIT Campus in Cambridge.**

Please join me in congratulating these members in their efforts and if other members would like to attend the ceremony please inform Leah or the Chief and arrangements will be made.

The Mid State Mutual Aid Association is sponsoring a Seminar on Building Construction and Predicting Building Collapse. The seminar will be November 14, 2013 at Cyprian Keyes in Boylston. As usual, the department will pay for anyone who is up to date on their training. If you would like to go please let Leah know by October 25th.

If you have not yet returned your *Rules and Regulations* sheet please do so as soon as possible and turn it in to Leah.

EMS New

By EMS Director David Russo

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



Please join the EMS Coordinator in congratulating **Amanda Beahn** on becoming an EMT. She recently passed the National Registration exam and is also a certified EMT in Massachusetts.

Also, thanks to Amanda who has done an outstanding job with recertifying approximately 30 Recreation Center town employees in CPR and First Aid.

Administration Staff News

By Leah Francese-Wood



- Please give to Leah new emails, certifications, phone numbers, and licenses.
- As a reminder, please include MILEAGE on run reports!
- If you have questions on clothing and uniforms see Heidi. Need long-sleeve shirts or sweatshirts? See Heidi to order.

Upcoming Events:

11/11/13-Veteran's Day (town offices closed)

11/14/13-Mid State Seminar & Dinner
Building Construction & Predicting Collapse
6:00pm at Cyprian Keys

11/25/13-Mandatory Rounds
10:00 am at Public Safety Training Room

11/28/13-Thanksgiving (town offices closed)

12/7/13 - Holden Fire Member Children's Christmas Party

12/17/13 – HFD Member Christmas Party

12/25/13 - Christmas (town offices closed)

Admin News cont.

November Birthdays

Kevin Fagerquist – 11/7
Paul Pierce – 11/7
Eric Fasshauer – 11/9
Derryl Dion - 11/11
Dan Hazen – 11/11
Bob Connor – 11/17
Tom Morin – 11/26

December Birthdays

Chief Chandler – 12/13
Sean Smith – 12/16
Nicholas Kakalecz – 12/24
David Chapin – 12/28

November Anniversaries

Pete Benoit – 12 yrs
Peter Bergstrom - 35 yrs
Steve Dewitt-19 yrs
Andrew Miller-13 yrs
Tom Morin-12 yrs
Rob Nickerson-4 yrs
Joshua Poznanski-7 yrs
Michael Rosen-35 yrs

December Anniversaries

Kevin Fagerquist-21 yrs
Michael Himmer-14 yrs
John Whipple – 21 yrs

Department Christmas Party December 17th, 7:00 PM. NIMROD Club, Mason Rd.

Cocktails from 6:30-7:30 and dinner to follow. The dinner will be prime rib/chicken buffet, and there will be a slideshow of events through the year.

It is \$15 per person. For HAFF members who are paid up on dues it is \$5.00, for retirees there is no charge.

Though this is hosted by HAFF, this is a DEPARTMENT wide gathering and all are invited and encouraged to attend and enjoy the night. Come on out! PLEASE LET LEAH KNOW IF YOU WILL BE ATTENDING!

Training at Auburn burn building



Deputies Desk

By Deputy Chief Bergstrom



We have received a number of applications for Call Firefighter positions. We have just begun the process to review these. Looks like a new group of Auxiliary Firefighters will begin training in the January timeframe.

As you are probably aware, fire related calls have been down this year. We are approaching the winter months which typically show a rise in calls due to heating equipment and weather related issues. Now is the time to be sure you have what you need for colder weather operations. Re-familiarize yourselves with tool locations on the trucks and see any Officer if you have questions on procedures for heating related incidents. Of course, the best way to keep familiar with the trucks is to complete your assigned truck checks.

Congratulations to Eric Fasshauer on moving up to a Lieutenants position. Eric and Lt. Whipple are already looking at ways to improve equipment and operations out of the Chaffins Station. Anyone with suggestions or questions can see Eric or John.

The Mass Call roster has been submitted and member cards and info should be in hand soon.

The Annual Department Christmas Dinner for all members will be held Tuesday, December 17th at the Nimrod Club. The menu is Prime Rib, Chicken, salad, potatoes and veg. I hope we can get a good turnout for this.

I wish everyone an enjoyable holiday season with family and friends. Keep safety in mind as we enter the winter season.



Fire Prevention:

By Assistant Chief Hall

Roadway Incident Operations Safety

No. HS-2012-3 March 21, 2012

Learning Objective:

The student shall identify techniques for improved safety during roadway incident operations.

Numerous firefighters and other emergency responders have been struck on the roadway with some resulting in fatalities.

Some of the basics of safely operating on the roadway:

- When operating on the roadway, always wear an appropriate American National Safety Institute (ANSI)-certified high-visibility traffic vest.
- Park your emergency vehicle in a manner that shields the incident area from oncoming traffic in a manner that does not place you, other responders, or bystanders in danger. Also park away from hazardous areas such as downed electrical lines, falling debris and structures, flames, toxic gases, and smoke.
- Ensure that your emergency vehicle can be seen by oncoming traffic by appropriately using its emergency warning lights. Do not blind oncoming traffic with the vehicle headlights, spotlights, scene lighting, or any other bright white light—turn them off when parked, especially at night.
- Use orange Department of Transportation (DOT)-approved traffic cones at least 28 inches in height with retro reflective collars when setting up a safety zone on the roadway.

Another important safety measure is using retro reflective coral DOT-approved signs stating “EMERGENCY SCENE AHEAD,” positioned “upstream” from the incident scene to warn approaching drivers. The use of illuminated warning devices such as flares and/or other equipment such as arrow boards can channel moving traffic away from the lane(s) in which emergency responders are working to create a safe working zone.

To enhance the roadway operations for emergency responders, the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) has developed the following programs and partnerships: www.usfa.fema.gov/fireservice/research/safety/roadway.shtm

Fire service traffic control personnel setting up traffic cones on roadway.

For archived downloads, go to: www.usfa.fema.gov/nfa/coffee-break/