



## The Extinguisher



**DEPARTMENT  
UPDATES  
8/20/22 -9/2/22**

**The Department has been very busy over the last two weeks with calls, activations and details. We were activated 3 times over the course of a week for both strike teams and task force mobilizations. The department staffed and sent F1 to the City of Marlborough on a Brush Task Force, E4 on a Tender Strike Team to Ashby and Tower 1 on a Structural Strike Team to Ashby.**



**It was great to be back at the Holden Days event which was very well attended by our community. The Department had a great showing with a nice display of equipment and fire education materials!! Thanks again to everyone that helped out, we had a great turnout from members this year.**

**We as a department have seen a significant increase in call volume compared to previous years and it continues to grow. We are currently running almost 300 calls over last year (2021), which was a historical high at the time. The increase in volume over the years is staggering:**

**35% increase compared to 2020**

**45% increase compared to 2015**

**55% increase compared to 2012**

**The department is sending equipment and personnel to assist the Town of Bolton with Fire and EMS coverage of the LIV golf tour over this weekend. The first detail took place yesterday at the International Golf Course and it was a success. It is good for our department to take part in these events as it strengthens abilities to handle a big event and allows us to work together with many other governmental agencies.**



**Recently, you may have seen or heard that several reps from apparatus manufacturers have been meeting with the department. In looking at the age of our current Tower, we have determined that it would be beneficial to move it up for replacement on the Capital plan to FY24. With the post COVID price increases and inventory concerns, not to mention a 24 month build time for this type of apparatus, it makes good fiscal and operational sense to do this. For this reason, we have**

**started to come up with an estimated cost of the vehicle, solely for budget purposes. Obviously we need support from the Town and FinCom for it to move forward but preliminary conversations have been positive. If the project looks like it will be moving forward, input from Department members will be welcomed at that time. Stay tuned!!**

### **Vehicles**

#### **1. Engine 2:**

- a. The Amdor representative was here last week and replaced all the roll up door sensors, everything appears to working good!! Any issues, please contact Lt. Naiman**
- b. There is an electrical issue that we are dealing with. The last 2 times the vehicle has malfunctioned, the fire truck gods miraculously fixed the issues before mechanics could diagnose the problem. Some issues were found/ corrected that may or may not be related. We are currently running the truck (in service). If the truck starts with the errors, please immediately contact Deputy Smith or DPW Mechanic Adam Roy.**

### **Equipment**

- 1. The officers are in the process of reviewing the Check it inventory and checklist program. We understand that this program has not been rolled out the proper way over the last couple of years. We are working with their support to build it out so that it suits our needs and will work to train individuals in how it works.**

### **Fire Prevention**

- 1. The new DPW facility is close to completion. All of the systems are online including the Fire Alarm, Sprinkler and Fuel Island suppression system. The building access keys have been updated in the Knox Boxes, the only exception at this point is the big glass entrance doors to the office space which do not have the master lock installed yet. The entry gates are still not operational, if you need to get through to respond for a call, there is a switch located on the left side near the electrical box which will raise the gate.**

## **Training**

- 1. Live Fire Training: The department will co-host live fire training to be held at the Worcester Fire Training Facility. The training will be held on 10/2 and 10/16 with Rutland, West Boylston and Paxton Fire. As a reminder, all department members will need to attend one of these sessions to satisfy the live fire training requirement. Currently, ISO, which is the organization that reviews the department and issues our protection classification ratings does not recognize live fire training in an acquired structure. That reduces the amount of makeup or alternative live fire trainings that can be used to satisfy this requirement.**

## **Stations**

- 1. PSB- The repairs from the water leak are wrapping up. The tile floor/ new carpet was finish up last week. The finishing touches are being completed!!**