



## The Extinguisher



**DEPARTMENT  
UPDATES  
10/28/22 -11/04/22**

**We had a great turnout from the department for the Halloween Trunk or Treat held here at the Public Safety Building. It was a very busy event and thankfully we had help from the DPW and HMLD so that the kids had a lot of trick or treat opportunities. Big thanks to the CERT team for handling parking and traffic for the event. This was the end of an entire day of events held throughout town that were very well attended.**

**During the event, we responded to an MVC in front of the PSB that blocked the entrance and resulted in 5 patient transports. Thankfully, we had enough members for the event that we were able to handle the accident with 2 ambulances and Engine 2 along with another medical at the same time. With the high instance of mutual aid and the long turnaround times at UMass, mutual aid resources are becoming scarce, so if the normal towns are not available, we have to expand to other services that we don't normally call. Luckily, we were able to transport all 5 patients with 4 ambulances.**

**We have been working through an issue with the generator at the Steele Street repeater site. We have found that the contractor who originally installed our new system did not hook up the repeaters to the generator, which in the event of an extended power outage would take down our entire public safety radio system for the town. We are working with the consultant and Lidco to get the generator hooked to the transfer switch to alleviate this problem. Department Officers have been aware of the necessary procedures should there be a power outage in that area of town.**

**Reminder that that in conjunction with the 4 regional dispatch towns, we have made the decision that we will only be doing 1 tone test per day and it will be at 18:30 hours. The dispatchers have asked crews to hail dispatch and wait for a response before sending your message. This will ensure that they get what you are communicating, especially if they are on the phone or one of the other 7 radios that they monitor.**

**SAVE THE DATE – The Holden PD will be holding a 5K road race to help raise funds for the Police K9 program on Sunday 11/20. The race will start and end at Seven Saws Brewery on Industrial Drive. Sounds like a fun day for some exercise and craft beer! We will pass along the information once we have all the details.**

**I will be out of the office next week starting on 11/8 and will not be back until 11/15. If you need any assistance or have any time off, swap or scheduling issues, please contact Deputy Smith.**

### **Vehicles**

- 1. Engine 2: The installation of the headsets has started with Eng 2 and will continue with the other Engines and Tower. Operation manuals and policies will be distributed shortly.**

### **Training**

- 1. No Updates**

### **Stations**

- 1. Adams Road: Still no updated timeline for the DPW to move out of the building. They are awaiting equipment to put their new building online.**