



The Extinguisher



**DEPARTMENT
UPDATES
11/04/22 -11/18/22**

The department continued on the theme of increased call volume with a busy October. For the month, the department responded to 276 Incidents, 84% of which were EMS. Out of the remaining volume the most responded to fire response was for Alarm Activations. Just a reminder that even though the majority of alarm activations whether they are in a commercial or residential application are false in nature, there is always the instance where the alarm is caused by fire. Be alert and prepared responding to these calls so that on arrival the proper decisions and skills can be applied to safely mitigate the situation.

As always this time of year, the department will be taking part in the holiday festivities in town. This year, Santa will be at the town tree lighting on Saturday 12/10 and we will be hosting the Holiday Light drive thru at the High School on Sunday 12/11. For more information on the help that will be needed, contact LT. Montiverdi.

Currently, the command staff is looking at updating our response procedures to critical incidents across the board. We will be looking to utilize mutual aid upon dispatch for some high hazard structures and complexes along with reported structure fires. We will also be looking at our current alarm card and improving it. The goal is to have a sufficient amount of firefighters on scene of an incident within the accepted NFPA benchmarks. This will be the first goal of 2023 to update and improve how we operate as a department.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very happy and safe Thanksgiving holiday. I hope that you enjoy the important time spent with your family and friends.

SAVE THE DATE – The Holden PD will be holding a 5K road race to help raise funds for the Police K9 program this 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! They are still looking for runners and it will be cold out, so what better way to warm up!!

Vehicles

- 1. Ambulance 4 – We received word from Greenwood that our chassis for the vehicle was not built under model year 2022. What this means is we now have to wait for the 2023 model year chassis to be delivered. Ours was one of 15 or so that were scraped. Just another issue in the long line of delays for equipment and vehicles.**
- 2. The department was approved by the Central Region Homeland Security Council to purchase a new Crew Cab pickup truck due to the departments many Homeland trailer assets that need to be moved throughout the region. This vehicle will be replacing the old CERT van. Currently we are working with MAPC to try and finalize the specs and then it will be a waiting game for procurement.**

Training

- 1. We will be hosting the MFA MTU trailer on January 21-22. The class is scheduled for 8-4 both days and sign ups need to be done through the Academy LMS system. This is a good live fire prop and excellent training to sharpen your skills. Any questions in how to sign up, please contact an officer.**

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.**