



The Extinguisher



**DEPARTMENT
UPDATES
1/20/23-2/3/23**

We end the month of January on a similar call pace as 2022 with 270 calls for service. Out of these calls, 210 were EMS related. Just a reminder for recalls, if you are available during the day, we can really use the response and if you are an EMS provider, do not hesitate to sign on for station coverage when needed.

Starting today and into tomorrow, the temperatures are going to take a nose dive into some areas that we haven't seen or had to deal with in many years. With the wind chill factors falling into sub-zero territory, how we dress for calls becomes very important. Ensure that you have some gloves and a knit hat to protect you on calls and make sure you have your winter jacket (with the liner in) or DRY turnout coat available at all times. If you need a new winter hat, we will leave some with the Shift Officer. The important thing to remember is that frostbite and hypothermia happens rapidly in such temperatures. Frostbite alone can begin in less than 15 minutes, so cover up. As of right now, we have the CERT team on standby if we need to open up an emergency warming shelter should there be a long term power outage or heating concerns with a multi-unit building.

From the Deputy:

Zottoli Road Building Fire-

On Wednesday, the Department was dispatched for possible basement fire, caller unsure if smoke condition was from boiler issue or a fire. At the time of dispatch, one ambulance was waiting at a hospital with a patient and the other ambulance was returning to town. Car 2 arrived on scene first to find moderate smoke from the structure and requested a working fire assignment. Engine 2 arrived with Amb 3 shortly behind

them. A second alarm was requested because of the limited crews along with concerns extension of the fire to the 1st and 2nd floors. Crews made entry into the basement from a bulkhead on the C side to be met by active fire. Tower arrived on scene and was used to ladder the building, provide ventilation, and backup the attack crew from Eng 2. Mutual aid companies arrived and were instructed to establish the water supply. The primary hydrant was a 2 port hydrant which initially caused some confusion but was deployed to feed Eng 2. Primary attack crews did an outstanding job getting water on the seat of the fire. No doubt this prevented further extension to the 1st and 2nd floor.

Some takeaways from this incident:

Manpower- As we see more and more, the on duty crews are not always available to respond to incidents. It is important to respond for call backs when you are available.

Run Cards- As discussed previously, this serves as another example why our alarm card is being overhauled with the intention to get mutual aid resources to our scenes quicker.





Vehicles

- 1. New Car 3 – Pre-build meeting with McGovern is scheduled for next week**
- 2. Ambulance 4 – As of right now, we have secured a chassis for the ambulance. As you are aware, we had an issue with Dodge not making the chassis we were assigned and as of now, Dodge has not produced nor delivered any 2023 Chassis. We were able to secure a 2022 Ford F550 that is on the ground in Ohio. The Horton factory has the VIN and is estimating a build completion date of 7/25/23. We will see it that holds true.**
- 3. New EM Pickup – The grant pickup awarded through Homeland Security has been put out to bid.**
- 4. Ambulance 1 – All needed repairs made.**
- 5. Ambulance 2 – ABS wiring issue repaired**
- 6. Ambulance 3 – Rear door latch was repaired, back in service.**

Training

- 1. Reminder – On Saturday 2/11 and Saturday 2/25, the department will be hosting the NEROS Law Training for EMS providers. This is a mandatory training for all EMT's and Paramedics in Massachusetts and must be completed this month. Any questions, please contact LT. Naiman.**
- 2. M&M Rounds with Dr. Weisberg will be held virtually on Monday 2/6 at 18:00. Medics are reminded that attendance at 4 rounds per year is required.**

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Password: 2023

Stations

- 1. Adams Road: The Adams Road fuel pumps are now out of service. All fuel will be out of the new DPW facility on Industrial Drive. Please use caution with the Tower when attempting to fuel, it appears that it will only fit on the side of the island closest to the building.**
- 2. With winter upon us, please make sure to close the apparatus bay doors behind you when leaving on calls at both stations and especially the Station 2 ambulance annex building.**
- 3. Annex – We had an issue with the boiler during the week. It seems that this is an ongoing issue. Please check the heat especially over the cold weekend to make sure that it is still operational.**
- 4. With the DPW moving out of the building, we will be assuming control of the 2 former mechanics bays upstairs. We are still awaiting the DPW to move items out of the bays and liquidate equipment left behind at auction. The plan going forward is to use those 2 bays only and not the office space/day room or bathroom areas. Those rooms will be placed out of service, heat/water shut down for the foreseeable future.**