



The Extinguisher



**DEPARTMENT
UPDATES
2/3/23-2/17/23**

Last weekend the department EMS providers had the opportunity to attend the first of 2 scheduled training sessions on Nero's Law. The new law was drafted in response to the shooting that claimed the life of Yarmouth Police K-9 Sgt. Sean Gannon, and severely injured his K-9 partner, Nero. With this new training, our department will be allowed to transport injured K-9 officers to the appropriate animal hospital while providing medical care.

The 4 hour training was instructed by Dr. Lori Gordon, a veterinary surgeon and member of FEMA USAR MA-TF 1. It was an excellent education into the K-9 anatomy and physiology along with hands on skills in the treatment, restraint and transport of these dogs. Currently, the care is at a BLS level but there is a conversation about upgrading it to include some ALS skills.

This was an excellent training and something new that our providers can learn and master. After having worked in the EMS system in Massachusetts for over 30 years, this is the first new program that I have seen in quite some time.

Over the last few months, the Deputy has been working with a new t-shirt vendor in Auburn, Masterman's. They are a large vendor for PPE and clothing and do a high volume of work for many industries including the athletic programs for Holy Cross, WPI and uniforms for Fire Departments and our DPW. Currently, we are putting together an order for new t-shirts, the order form was emailed out and we want to place the order by early next week. Working with this vendor, we were able to keep the same brand and style of t-shirt we use now at a better price point. Just pay attention on the order form, the union logo is only to be applied by those who are union members. We are hoping to streamline

the ordering process whether a member wants to order uniform items through an allowance or purchase t-shirts. This is the first step in working with this vendor and it hopefully will make ordering uniforms a much easier process. Currently, it is just t-shirts but we will be working on setting up our embroidery soon.

Vehicles

- 1. New Car 3 – The build specifications for the vehicle were reviewed with the vendor and we are now awaiting a schedule for the start of the build.**
- 2. Ambulance 4 – Currently we have received updated drawings from engineering with the changes to the chassis and some smaller items.**
- 3. New EM Pickup – The grant pickup awarded through Homeland Security has been put out to bid.**
- 4. Ambulance 1 – Power load repaired by EMSAR.**
- 5. Ambulance 3 – Brake issue checked, no issues found with pads having 75% life left, PM completed. Power load was PM'd by EMSAR and will help the intermittent issues.**
- 6. Engine 2 – Annual PM completed by DPW**
- 7. Engine 1 – Mounting of Vehicle Stabilization jacks to begin, may be intermittently out of service.**

Training

- 1. Message from Captain Pierce - If your interested in the MFA class Fires in 2 1/2 story structures on 4/1 from 0900-1300 hrs please sign up soon. This is a very popular and informative class that will fill up very quick. Reserve code is OZ00 for class. Any questions let me know.**

Stations

- 1. 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.**
- 2. 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.**
- 3. 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.**