



The Extinguisher



**DEPARTMENT
UPDATES
03/24/2023-3/31/23**

All department members will notice that they have been issued a new Department photo ID, which has been placed in your mailbox at Fire HQ. The reason for the new ID's is that the old ones have expired. We do in fact put a time limit on them just in case. Please discard your old department ID's and pick up your new ones.

Yesterday, MA Fire District 7 reported that they were at a class 4 day for burning. Although we are a little behind our partners in the south due to our increased snow pack over the last couple of weeks, we will be seeing this type of high risk soon. The forestry vehicles have been gone over and everything appears to be in working order and ready to go. We still have a month left of open burning and it will ramp up as the 5/1 deadline approaches.



As we approach the end of the fiscal year, we are looking closely at year end spending. If you have an idea for a piece of fire/ems equipment that needs to be replaced (within reason), training equipment or new equipment, please let us know as soon as possible. It will be much easier for us to plan if we have the necessary information sooner rather than later.

We are still looking for shift coverage for 5/20. Thank you for those of you who have already offered to cover. FF Ryan Pescaro's wedding is on that date and we are looking for coverage. There will be multiple shifts available, so any career or call member who is cleared to work shifts that has availability, please email me to be put on the list. We will need medics, EMT's and an Officer. I would like to get coverage for Group 1 well before the wedding date.

Reminder, we have reworked the payroll sheet for recalls. This is going to allow us to better track our EMS and Fire recalls for statistical data analysis. The top header of the payroll sheet will now allow for checkoffs on Fire, EMS, Other and Training with a spot to write the address and call reason such as Fire Alarm, CO alarm, Unresponsive, Ladder Training etc. The Other category would only be used for items such as details, public education, CPR, vehicle delivery etc. Only use these new sheets moving forward. Any old versions can be discarded!!

Fire Prevention

- 1. Jefferson Mill Project – the project is progressing rapidly- Floors 2 and 3 are generally enclosed with Sheetrock- Currently installing wood floors/ tiling. Sprinkler system still not active. Temp fire alarm system is still active. Gas is on throughout the building. Still be cautious for holes in the walls/ floors that are part of the construction. Installation of permanent water and electric systems in the building is currently on going. Phase 2 building closest to Main Street is showing more activity with crews analyzing the structure/ conditions for the final design. This building is still considered dangerous but there will be construction/ design crews working in it.**

- 2. The new Greenwood II Subdivision on Union Street is starting to be occupied. Familiarize yourselves with the where it is and how to access the homes.**

Vehicles

- 1. Car 3 – The new Tahoe for Car 3 has been painted with our black over red color scheme. It is now awaiting upfit, no end date has been given to us at this point.**
- 2. Car 2 – Going to Dick's Autobody 4/10 - During the recent snowstorm, the vehicle was struck by a plow on Main Street. Awaiting the insurance adjuster to review the damage prior to repair.**
- 3. Squad 2 – DPW maintenance division will be removing the bed and attempting to fix the rotted areas around the bolts.**

Training

- 1. District 8 Fire Instructor/Fire Officer Training – The fire district is hosting both a Fire Instructor and Fire Officer training program. These programs will be taught by Chief Officers in the district and will mirror those put on by the MFA. Because department's are having difficulty getting FF's into any MFA programs, the local delivery model is being utilized around the state. The Fire Instructor program will start on 5/2 and run for 5 consecutive Tuesdays from 8a-4p. The Fire Officer program will start on 9/7 and run for 4 weeks 8a-4p. Those who take the Instructor program will get first preference on the Officer program. Anyone interested, please contact me prior to signing up or to get the application.**