



## The Extinguisher



**DEPARTMENT  
UPDATES  
5/12/23 - 5/26/23**

**On Monday, we will celebrate Memorial Day. As the unofficial kickoff to summer, this is a great time of year for all of us in the Northeast who suffered through another winter! The true meaning of Memorial Day though is a day to honor all those who gave their lives while serving our country. Please take a moment to thank all veterans for their service in protecting our way of life.**



**We will be taking part in the annual Memorial Day parade on 5/29. Members participating are asked to be at Fire HQ by 10:30 am. Currently, we have the Honor Guard, Engine 2 and possibly F2 in the parade.**

**National EMS Week is May 21-27. This week is dedicated to celebrate EMS workers for all of their hard work and dedication to caring for patients nationwide 365 days per year. This recognition was authorized by President Gerald Ford in 1974, in the early days of EMS. Over the last 49 years, EMS has grown tremendously from ambulances that provided just a ride to the hospital with little to no care to today where Paramedics can provide high acuity medical care that mimics the same care provided in emergency departments. Congratulations to all of our EMS providers and thank you for all that you do for the citizens of Holden and the “greater” Wachusett region.**



### **Personnel**

- 1. For career members – June is the annual physical fitness exam. We will be scheduling the dates for the last week of the month. To be eligible, a physician signed physical wellness form must be on file with the Chief**
- 2. Schedule Alert!!! – Holden Days will take place this year on 8/26. We will be taking part as in the past with apparatus and SAFE displays. Anyone who has any fresh ideas to make our displays better please let me know. Mark your calendars early and come in for a fun day!**

### **Vehicles**

- 1. Car 3 – Lettering has been approved and should be installed next week.**

- 2. Engine 4 – There is an issue with the tank to pump valve in E4 that is not allowing the pump to build sufficient pressure for the handlines. The vehicle is in service for tanker operations and to respond with personnel to a scene, it should not be used as a primary piece in any way. We have contacted Perkins to repair the issue and they will be here on Tuesday 5/30.**
- 3. Ambulance 4 – The new A4 is currently in production, has a chassis and the box has been mounted. Finally some progress on this project.**





## **Equipment**

- 1. E1's Hurst ram has an issue with shutting down. It is in service but the battery needs to be removed so that it doesn't get drained. We have contacted Firematic and they will be here either today or Saturday to pick up the tool for repair.**

## **Stations**

- 1. Leahy excavating was awarded the contract to remove the UST's from the old fuel island. The work is scheduled to begin on 5/30. Fire apparatus will be relocated to the bays up top.**
- 2. With the DPW moving to the new facility, some of the bays upstairs became available for the Fire Department to store vehicles/ equipment. Crews have been working hard to prep the first two bays (old mechanic bays) over the last few weeks. Effective 5/25, Engine 3 will be relocated upstairs. Engine 1 will remain in the current location with the on duty crews utilizing the old Eng 3 bay for the ambulance. The temp metal outbuilding will be used for other things/ storage.**

## **Few points to remember-**

- **The man door upstairs had a new coded lock installed with the same code as downstairs (8703)**
  - **There are no garage door remotes for the upstairs bays. Please remember to close the doors behind when leaving/ responding.**
  - **A new light switch was installed upstairs to control the bay lights. First switch on your left when you walk in.**
  - **The man door at the bottom of the stairs going into the living quarters does not have to be locked, as we have access control of both entrances.**
  - **1 camera has been installed at the entrance, other cameras will be installed in the future as to monitor the equipment being stored upstairs.**
  - **Once the vehicle lift from the other bay upstairs is removed, that space will be available for additional storage.**
- MOST IMPORTANT- When pulling out of the bay with Eng 3, please proceed slow and take a wide turn. The truck may scrap if the turn is made too sharp. We did install a temp jersey barrier as a visual reminder.**