



The Extinguisher



**DEPARTMENT
UPDATES
5/26/23 -6/16/23**

Over the last couple of weeks, the department has been very busy with both EMS responses and Fire Calls, of course when I am away on vacation. A big thank you to all of our department members for all the help whether on duty or responding in for the call backs. With the 6 alarm fire in Spencer and our own brush fire happening at the same time, we as a department were able to handle the calls at hand, even though much of our mutual aid was unavailable. We also had a 2 alarm fire in town to contend with and some obstacles to overcome such as all of the E4 supply line on the ground at WRHS, power lines that blocked the hydrant access on Juniper and a new alarm card. The fire had a good head start on us according to the Deputy but as a department everyone performed at a high level to mitigate the situation and work around any problems. I am proud of this department for the way that we respond to and handle all of these situations and that is a testament to the department members we have.

I am pleased to announce that we have hired a new Career Firefighter/EMT to fill the open position that we currently have. We have offered the position to Adam Roy, who as most of you know is a mechanic with the town DPW. He will be internally transferring over from the DPW to the Fire Department. He has completed all of the pre-hire process and we will set a start date soon. Adam has been a firefighter for the Town of Millbury since 2008, is FF I/II certified and is currently an Instructor for the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy. He is very familiar with our operations and fleet and this should be an easy transition for him. Please welcome him to the department!

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 – Has been delivered and is currently awaiting registration and inspection. Over the next couple of weeks it will be getting undercoated and upfit for the equipment switch from the current Car 3.**
- 2. Car 5 – The new F-350 Homeland Security grant vehicle has arrived at the dealer and is currently having the emergency lighting installed and graphics. This vehicle will be replacing the current CERT van and will be utilized in a similar fashion for EM functions. This is also considered a prime mover vehicle for the Homeland Security assets that we are tasked with towing to incidents such as the Tech Trailer, Foam Trailer and the agreement with CMED for the Shelter trailers.**
- 3. Ambulance 4 – The new A4 is currently in production, with some updated build photos. The dealer is projecting a delivery date to them on around July 10. Once there, they will begin installing our department radios and equipment along with applying the graphics.**





Equipment

- 1. We are working on year end equipment purchases and orders. Once we get to the end of the fiscal year, we will have a list of the actual equipment that was ordered and that we will be expecting delivery of.**