



The Extinguisher



**DEPARTMENT
UPDATES
7/14/23 -7/28/23**

We are finally seeing our first extended “heat wave” of the summer. With high humidity and temps over 90 degrees, make sure to stay hydrated and rehab from any incidents. With the temps staying in the 90’s until Sunday morning, the uniform of the day for those working shifts will be Class C (Dept. T-Shirts) until 07:00 Sunday 7/30.

We are in the process of finalizing a contract with a new inventory management software company. This new software called PStrax will take the place of the vector solutions application that never really worked for us. This new platform is more user friendly, will enable all of our vehicle checks to be electronic and we will also incorporate our Narcotics inventory into this format. Once we have signed the contract, we will let everyone know what the training process will be.

As some of you know, we are currently re-training and signing everyone off on the department vehicles and apparatus, regardless of department tenure. We have already done the classroom portion with the majority of the call staff and all career workgroups will be doing the same classroom lecture. Once the classroom is complete, everyone will be doing training on the road with the ultimate sign off on each apparatus provided by a department officer. Any driver training from this point forward should be logged with the firefighter and the number of hours so that we can maintain our training records. Any questions, please contact Deputy Smith.

Finally, Holden Days is scheduled for 8/26, 08:00-14:00. This is a paid event and we look to staff both our static displays and the EMS bikes to patrol the event. Please let me know if interested in working so I can

add you to the roster. This is a great opportunity we are afforded every year to get out in the public and show them what we are all about.

Vehicles

- 1. Car 3 – The striping and lettering was redone at McGovern earlier this week and the vehicle is back in service.**
- 2. Engine 1 – was sent to DPW with a coolant leak, repaired and retruned to service.**
- 3. Foam Trailer – Although it is still OOS, the foam trailer has been moved to the outbuilding at Station 2 to free up some space in the Annex**
- 4. Ambulance 4 – At Greenwood EV, installation of department items is ongoing.**
- 5. CERT Van – The vehicle is OOS, scheduled to go to auction by DPW.**

Equipment

- 1. We have taken delivery of the new drone. The Deputy is working on putting together the necessary training and licensing so that we can have multiple individuals able to deploy it.**
- 2. We have decided to do a trial of Morning Pride gear with 2 sets that have been ordered. The reasoning behind this is due to the 10 month wait time for Globe to fulfill orders. With Morning Pride we have been told that it is about a 2 month window for order fulfillment, so we will see. The specifications are the same as the gear we get from Globe so we will see how it is and make a decision on whether to continue with this vendor.**

- 3. In this years Capital budget, we have received funding to replace our oldest Lucas, Captain Naiman is working on quotes. PO has been sent to Town Hall, awaiting apporval to place the order**
- 4. We have received our phase 3 distribution of Motorola APX 8000 tri-band portable radios. We sent out 8 of the original phase 1 officer portables for reprogramming so that they can be used on the WFD Vehicle repeaters if needed at the water treatment plant. This radio allotment will get the majority of department members up to the new portables and the APX 6000 UHF portables will be re-purposed for spares in the apparatus.**

Stations

- 1. Station 2 – We have spoken with the DPW regarding the lift in the upstairs bays. The plan currently is to have an auction starting 8/1 to sell those items and hopefully we will see it removed towards the later half of August. We will be relocating some equipment to Station 2 to alleviate the congestion in the Annex. The intent is to garage Squad 2 in the winters and also garage Car 4 rather than leave it outdoors in the elemements. Once A4 is in service, we will also be locating a spare ambulance in one of the stations/annex but that is yet to be determined.**