



The Extinguisher



**DEPARTMENT
UPDATES
7/28/23 - 8/11/23**

We have taken delivery of the new Ambulance 4. It is almost an exact duplicate of the 3 current ambulances. The 2023 Ford F550/Horton ambulance was purchased by the town using Federal American Rescue Plan Act funding. Currently, the vehicle is stored behind Tower 1 so please be cautious and use spotters on both sides while backing in. We are awaiting the registration but installation of equipment has begun.



The vehicle iPads are in the process of being updated. We have created a master account through Apple for all of the department devices to be under a single user name and password configuration which will make managing them easier. Some things may look different but functionality should be the same. Any issues please contact FF Sposato.

Holden Days is fast approaching on 8/26. We need department members to staff our display area on the day, 8a-2p. This is a paid

event as usual and currently we have 1 interested firefighter for the day and 1 other that can only do partial time. Please let me know if interested so I can add you to the list. We need at least 4 members to make it work.

For the last few years we have been trying to create a fireground/tactical channel for the town's public safety departments to utilize during a large incident to reduce cross talking on the main frequencies. Recently we have been able to start the process of acquiring a new UHF frequency for the department. We are in the early licensing stages at this point. Part of the requirement for the frequency is to change out the antenna from the old radio system to a directional antenna that will point north and cover the town. The frequency will be licensed at 40W and should allow us to re-use one of our spare repeaters for the project. We have no timeline or costs on the completion of the antenna or programming project but hope to have numbers soon. In the meantime, we will work with Worad to at least get the channel up and running as a non-repeated option while we build out the rest.

Vehicles

- 1. Car 3 – Some re-programming of the lighting package has been completed, awaiting Whelen to come back and fix a couple of issues that have been identified.**
- 2. 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**
- 3. CERT Van – The vehicle is OOS, scheduled to go to auction by DPW.**

Fire Prevention

- 1. We have started to do the annual fire prevention inspection in the schools. Now is a good time for all shifts to review the school layouts and fire protection systems.**
- 2. Lynch will be replacing a section of the water main at the intersection of Boyden and Main Streets. The fire service for Pholicious will be shut down for 24 hours during the work. We will be placing a fire detail at the restaurant from open on 8/22 until the service is back up. We will look for those interested once we get a firm timeline from DPW.**

Equipment

- 1. 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 approval to place the order****
- 2. 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. The bottle fill station has been installed at HQ, we will now begin to shift the 5 gallon water cooler bottles to Station 2 only and will be removing the cooler from the HQ day room. Please start utilizing the fill station for your water drinking needs.**

2. Station 2 –

- a. 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 elements. 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. **DPW has been working with the auction company and on Tuesday 8/15 they will be setting all the lots to go to auction.****
- b. We have been having lingering issues with the computer at Station 2. We are aware of the problem and are looking into solutions to make the network connection better and to update the desktop unit.**