



The Extinguisher



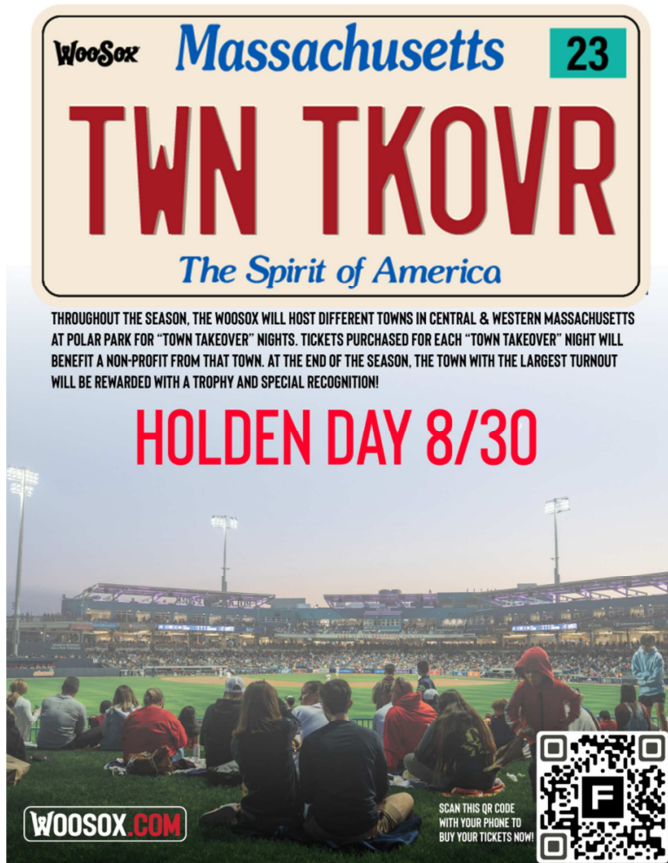
**DEPARTMENT
UPDATES
8/11/23 - 8/25/23**

Tomorrow is the annual Holden Days up in the center of town. The department always has a great representation to show off what we do to both town officials and residents. It appears that the weather has turned a little more favorable, so anyone who has not already signed up to work that wants to come out, can be at the station in the morning.

Those who are working the event should be at Fire HQ for 08:00 so that we can shuttle vehicles and displays to the site by 08:30. We will be taking Engine 2 and A4 for apparatus along with the ATV. The usual easy up tent and SAFE displays will also be set up. If we do have enough staffing, we will deploy the EMS Bikes to patrol the event grounds.

The uniform of the day will be Class B polos with station pants. Those who will be assigned to the bike detail will be allowed to wear the appropriate uniform shorts.

I regret to announce the passing of retired Call Firefighter David MacPhee at his home in Myrtle Beach S.C. on August 22. FF MacPhee served the department from 1977-1996. Please keep his family in your thoughts.



Wednesday 8/30 is Holden Town Takeover day at the Worcester Red Sox. If you are interested in attending the game, scan the QR code in the picture above to go to the website for the special tickets.

Finally, the IT department will be doing multiple upgrades to the IMC server. We have been asked to make sure all HFD computers are logged out of IMC by 08:30 on Monday 8/28 and Tuesday 8/29.

Vehicles

- 1. Car 3 – Whelen did the reprogramming of the lighting system as of 8/24**
- 2. A4 – Has been registered and inspected. Awaiting OEMS licensure to put into service.**
- 3. Car 4 – The mobile radio has been removed and returned to Motorola for repair. Make sure to have a portable if using this vehicle.**

- 4. Engine 1 – The L3 compartment roll up door handle is loose which causes the door to open sometimes when the vehicle is in motion. Please be aware of this when operating the vehicle.**

Fire Prevention

- 1. All school inspections have been completed with minor issues found. School starts this week and we will be conducting fire drills over the first week.**

Training

- 1. We have tentatively secured the MFA Springfield Campus Burn Building for Live Burns on 12/12. More to come on that training.**
- 2. Cancer in the Fire Service MFA training scheduled for 9am on 9/16 at Fire HQ. Any questions please see Captain Pierce.**

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. **DPW will be finishing the wall on 8/28.****

2. Station 2 –

- a. 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.**

b. All crews please remember when leaving Station 2, make sure that all doors are closed and secure including the out building.

c. A new camera system has been installed at Adams Road to allow for security on the site and remote camera access.