



The Extinguisher



**DEPARTMENT
UPDATES
9/22/23 - 10/06/23**

Over the last 2 weeks, the department has conducted final inspections on the Jefferson Mill Apartment complex at 1655 Main Street. This consisted of the Fire Alarm inspection and the Sprinkler System Inspection. All inspections passed and the units on the second floor should begin occupancy within the next few days to a week. The first floor is still under construction with a target date for occupancy in early November. Some things to remember about this building:

- 1. Even though the building has a Main Street address, the access for the building is off Village Way. For operational purposes, the “A” side of the building will be the Village Way side. See the photo below:**



- 2. The Fire Alarm System is now active. The FA control panel is located on the first floor just inside the main entrance. There is an annunciator panel in the vestibule. All common areas are covered by the alarm system and all apartment units have local smoke/CO detection.**

- 3. The sprinkler system is also now active for the entire building. It is a combination of a wet system and a nitrogen gas system for the dry areas in the parking garage. There is a PIV located on the “A” side of the building along with the FDC. The sprinkler room is accessed on the parking garage level, base of staircase to a separate staircase to the sprinkler room. Training on the nitrogen system will be forthcoming.**
- 4. The entrance to the building is located on the “B” side of the building with the Knox box mounted in that location.**
- 5. Exterior Fire Escape Egress is located on the “D” side of the building**
- 6. Elevator is located on the “B” side with access to all floors including the parking garage in the basement. Fob access is needed for the elevator and stairway door in the basement.**

Please make every effort to familiarize yourself with the layout of this building. Construction on phase 2 will begin over the winter. This is the conversion of the building along Main Street to apartments.

As October began, I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate both Bryan Patch and Ryan Pescaro who are assuming new positions within the department. FF Patch will now be the departments EM Coordinator working in the Division of Community Risk Reduction. FF Pescaro has been promoted into the Senior Firefighter position for Group 1. Please join me in congratulating both members on these promotions.

We have made an offer to FF/Paramedic Zachary Algarin for the vacant FF/Medic position with the department. He will be finishing up some pre-hire requirements and we hope to have him on board later this month. Over the last 2 years, Zach has been a Call FF/Paramedic with the department and he has many years of fire service experience with the Westminster, Douglas and Princeton Fire Departments. Please welcome Zach in his new position with HFD.

Public Education

- 1. The following is a message from Public Education Coordinator Joe Sposato regarding Open House: “I ask that you please mark on your calendar, HFD Open on 10/14 from 12-3. We are going to have 2 or 3 cars for demonstrations (air bags, EHurst, Res-Q jacks), the Fire Safety Trailer, and I am in contact with the local professional teams to have their mascots come by. This event is a 4 hour paid event at your designated rate. Please let myself or Asst. Chief Montiverdi know if you are willing and able to assist”. Open House is another of the important public events that the department puts on for the community. If you are available, please sign up to assist.**
- 2. The department will be taking part in the annual Halloween in Holden on Saturday 10/28. We will be staffing an Engine to be staged at the Senior Center to give candy out to the trick or treaters. Looking for a least 2 members to staff it and it is a paid event. Please contact Asst. Chief Montiverdi if interested.**

Vehicles

- 1. We have been brining multiple vehicles to Worad over the course of this week to have the new mobile tri-band radios installed. This is the 3rd phase of the 911 radio grant and we will have all apparatus with the Motorola APX8500 radios when complete.**
- 2. Please remember when parking any of the fire apparatus whether it is just outside on the apron or on a roadway, the chock blocks need to be used for safety purposes.**

Training

- 1. We have tentatively secured the MFA Springfield Campus Burn Building for Live Burns on 12/2. More to come on that training.**

Stations

- 1. As a reminder, when not on the apparatus floor or when everyone is out, please close the bay doors to secure the building.**