



The Extinguisher



**DEPARTMENT
UPDATES
10/20/23 -11/3/23**

The department took part in the annual Halloween in Holden last Saturday. Thank you to Captain Naiman and FF Charchafliah for representing the department at the event. These town wide events are an excellent opportunity to interact with the public and show them what we are all about.

We have officially entered budget season for the upcoming Fiscal Year 2025 budget. The process begins in November with our Capital Budget planning. The town requires each department to submit a capital plan that spans a 5 year period so that planning can be done over time to acquire capital assets. This year, we are requesting to replace Car 2, Ambulance 2 and one Newport Ventilator. The vehicle requests are very difficult to navigate as the surplus of available vehicles are unknown and costs have skyrocketed in a single year. The ambulance has been moved up due to a delivery timeline of approximately 28 months from date of order. If approved, we would see that vehicle in the fall of 2026, putting it on the timeline of when we should be ordering it per our replacement plan. One project that we are seeking funding for is the build out of a tactical channel for use as a fireground. The department secured a new UHF frequency for use but part of the FCC requirements for its use is to update the antenna from our old radio system to a new directional antenna that will point the radio signal north from Steele Street. This will help to keep interference with other communities on that frequency to a minimum.

I will be away next week starting on Tuesday 11/7 and returning on Tuesday 11/14. For any operational issues, please contact Deputy

Smith. For any scheduling issues, please contact Asst. Chief Montiverdi. I will be available by phone and email if needed.

A contractor is starting remediation work around the ECC property on Princeton Street. This involves removed the top layer of contaminated soils. Project is expected to last into the spring, so plan for construction activities in this area.

In regards to the condition of Main Street, it is reported the contractor will be back some point this month to make improvements to the road.

Training

- 1. The mandatory live burn training has been scheduled for 12/2. We will be utilizing the burn facility at the Springfield Campus of the MFA. Please plan on meeting at your respective stations no later than 0630. We anticipate being released by 1600 hrs. Lunch will be provided. Training plans will be provided in the near future. Please contact the Deputy via email or text to confirm your attendance by 11/10. Any questions can be directed to the Deputy or Captain Pierce.**

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.**