



The Extinguisher



**DEPARTMENT
UPDATES
11/3/23 - 11/17/23**

HAPPY THANKSGIVING



**I hope everyone has a great
Thanksgiving Holiday!**

On Monday 11/6, FF Adam Roy began his 10 week career recruit program at the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy. On the same date, FF Issac Popek also began his 10 week program in the same class for his new career with the Marlborough Fire Department. We wish them both success and look forward to their return to the department.

The HFD Christmas party will be held on Wednesday 12/20 at Mexicali. Start time is 18:00 and we have reserved the bar area just for the department. It should be a great time to celebrate, please sign up with our admin staff if you will be attending. Also in regards to Christmas, Leah has sent an email looking for feedback on whether there is enough interest in holding a Kid's Christmas party this year. So far, we have no responses. Please get back to her ASAP if interested.

The new Ladder Committee will be going to Greenwood EV on Monday 11/20 for the pre-build conference with eOne. This is an important step in the process to set the truck for final specifications. Big thank you to those on the committee who have put in many hours reviewing the specs and dialing them in to meet our department needs.

The Board of Health agent, Trevor Brusco, who has been working out of our building since July has given his notice and will be moving on to another community. His last day here in Holden will be Wednesday 11/22. He has been a great partner to us in that time, working very hard to get us caught up with health inspections and has been a great resource for the department. We wish him well in his new job. I will keep everyone updated when a replacement is found.

Vehicles

- 1. Engine 1 – The pump leak that was identified last week was repaired by W.D. Perkins and there should be no further issues.**

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.**

Stations

- 1. Fire HQ – We have hired a new HVAC company to replace Control Tech who had been managing our systems since the building opened. DPW B&G is working with them to diagnose why we have an accumulation of dust in the vents.**
- 2. With winter upon us, please make sure to close the apparatus bay doors behind you when leaving on calls at both stations.**