



The Extinguisher



**DEPARTMENT
UPDATES
11/17/23 -12/1/23**

Tomorrow, 12/2 is our mandatory live fire training to be held at the MFA Springfield Campus. If you haven't signed up at this point or filled out the live fire training forms, please contact Captain Pierce today. Please be at your respective stations ready to go by 06:30. Before departing, please inspect your gear to ensure that it is within compliance and is not older than 10 years (except helmets). This is something you may want to do today! Ensure that you have your hood and gloves, SCBA mask etc. as we will not be bringing spare inventory to Springfield. The department will be providing sandwiches for lunch and other items throughout the day if you need a snack.

For those of you that received an email from FF Patch regarding NIMS training, this is a requirement for you to complete. The majority of department members have completed this training and we have certificates on file. If you took any NIMS training and have not provided us with your certificates, forward them along. If you need assistance with the FEMA site, obtaining an SID number or retrieving certificates from the portal, please contact Bryan. These certifications are tied to our federal grant funding so compliance is mandatory.

As a quick reminder in light of the recent stolen fire department ambulance situation from Heywood Hospital, please remember to secure the ambulance when not physically in the station. OEMS does require that these vehicles be secure at all times under the DPH drug control program. Make sure the doors are closed and secured along with the vehicle keys in your possession. It was very unfortunate for Ashburnham Fire to lose the use of their vehicle after it was stolen from the ED.

Finally, this weekend is Holidays in Holden. The department will be bringing Santa to the Town Hall for the annual tree lighting on Saturday 12/2. On Sunday 12/3, the town will be hosting an inaugural holiday parade on Main Street. The department will be decorating trucks as we have done in past years and taking part in the parade. If you are interested in taking helping out, please contact Asst. Chief Montiverdi. This is a paid event for department personnel.

Personnel

- 1. Public Safety Education Coordinator: As of 12/31, FF Joe Sposato will step down from this position. We would like to thank FF Sposato for all of his hard work over the last 3 years in growing the SAFE programs and creating relationships with town organizations. The position has been posted and is open to all career members. The closing date for applications will be Friday 12/8.**

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. With winter upon us, please make sure to close the apparatus bay doors behind you when leaving on calls at both stations.**