



## The Extinguisher



**DEPARTMENT  
UPDATES  
12/1/23 -12/15/23**

**I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays from myself and the command/admin staff of the department. I hope that everyone enjoys their time spent with family and friends. We would also like to wish everyone a safe and Happy New Year!**



**Over the next week, the administration staff will be very light in the office with year-end vacations and time off. The Assistant Chief will be on vacation starting today through next week, I will be on vacation starting Friday 12/22 and the Deputy will be in and out over that time. Any issues should be directed to the Shift Officer on Duty. Any schedule issues or requests can be emailed to me as per usual.**

**The department Holiday party is scheduled for Wednesday 12/20, 18:00 at Mexicali. Always a great time to get together, enjoy each other's company, have fun and enjoy some well-deserved down time. We have the whole bar area of the restaurant reserved just for**

**department members and Leah has picked out some great food to be served. Hope to see everyone there.**

**Big thank you to all department members who took part in the Holidays in Holden on 12/2 and 12/3. The annual arrival of Santa for the tree lighting is always a highlight for town residents and again this year we did not disappoint. The new addition to the weekend was the light parade on Sunday and the department showed very well amongst the other floats that took part. We were able to get Car 3, E2, E3, Tower 1 and the Antique Muster truck with Santa on board in the parade. Although the weather wasn't great for a parade, it was a big hit. The department won for being the Best Town Vehicle and with that we got a big prize of "bragging rights" over HPD, DPW and HMLD. Hopefully next year, the parade will be bigger and better and the weekend events can become more streamlined. Again, thanks for everyone who helped out, especially after spending the day Saturday doing live burns in Springfield.**

### **Personnel**

- 1. Public Safety Education Coordinator: The position was posted and closed on 12/8. We are reviewing the resumes and hope to schedule interviews the week after the holiday.**

### **Stations**

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