



## The Extinguisher



**DEPARTMENT  
UPDATES  
1/19/24 -2/2/24**

**Congratulations to Firefighters Adam Roy and Issac Popek on their graduation from the MFA Career recruit program. Attendance at the 10 week program can be difficult to manage and puts a strain on your normal home life. Both did a great job in the program and wasted no time getting back to work the very next day after the graduation. Good luck to both in their fire service careers.**

**We are looking to put an order together for off-duty department sweatshirts. I have been working with Masterman's in Auburn to take our department logo and have it turned to a gray-scale theme similar to the lettering on Car 5. The idea is to put it on a sweatshirt that is not blue, more like gray/black/olive that members can wear outside of department activities. Once I get pricing locked in we will collect prior to ordering most likely through Venmo. If you have any interest in purchasing a sweatshirt, please let Leah/Laura know how many, size and color preference and we will touch base with you prior to ordering.**

**As many of you are aware, Squad 2 has had some mechanical issues lately, including an issue with the plow. As of now, the DPW will be handling the snow removal for the PSB and Station 2. Once we get the plow back in service we will resume taking care of our own areas during snow events. There is no change to the areas that normally are shoveled by hand.**

**I will be away on vacation starting this afternoon and returning to the office on Monday 2/12. In my absence, Deputy Chief Smith will be in charge of all department operations. Also, Assistant Chief Montiverdi will be handling the scheduling duties. If you submit a timeoff request that needs action between now and the end of February, you will need to email him directly so that he is aware that there is a pending request.**

**Over the last week, the department took part in some tabletop exercises with the WRSD on ASHER planning. This is part of our long range goals to get every entity on the same page in the event of an incident. This training will be leading to more interaction with the school, HPD and mutual aid communities in the near future. Staff members went to both Holden Schools and District schools in other communities to conduct these drills. Big thanks to Deputy Smith, Asst. Chief Montiverdi and FF/EM Coordinator Bryan Patch on all their efforts to get this accomplished.**

**As we have entered into the season of flu and illness, please remember that if you are sick, stay home and feel better. Firefighting is a contact sport with close communication so passing along the flu, COVID or a respiratory illness is very easy for both your peers and the public at large. If any department member needs to be vaccinated for the Flu or COVID, please see the admin staff to schedule. Please remember if you are an EMS provider, we need you to fill out the emailed vaccination form for DPH reporting. If you have been vaccinated, fill out that portion of the form and if you do not want or have not been vaccinated, just fill out the declination portion. This is just for reporting only and it does not preclude you from vaccination in the future.**

### **Training**

- 1. The Strategy and Tactics class is scheduled for 5/21/24 from 0800-1700. Register on LMS. The location is Leicester FD HQ. Any questions, please contact Captain Pierce**

## **Vehicles**

- 1. Squad 2 – Plow is here at HQ being evaluated by FF Roy**

## **Fire Prevention**

- 1. The Jefferson Mill is now 100% occupied on both floors, so be aware if responding.**
- 2. Work is continuing on a new fire alarm system installation at the Worcester Water Filtration Plant. Currently, there is no alarm system and progress has been slow.**
- 3. The development of the new house lots at the end of Fisher Road is ongoing. We have approved initial design specifications for the first 20,000 gallon fire cistern to be installed.**

## **Stations**

- 1. We have been having heating issues with the boiler in the annex. Please keep an eye on it and if there is a problem, notify the on duty Shift Officer.**
- 2. Just a reminder, any damage that occurs to the physical stations needs to be reported to the Shift Officer and Chief of Department on the proper incident/accident report form. This allows us to ensure that proper repairs are made.**
- 3. During snow events, please make every effort to salt the entrances to the stations. After plowing, ice tends to build up around the doors and presents a hazard to the public coming to our exterior entrances.**

**4. Please remember to close the overhead doors at both stations during the cold weather. At Fire HQ, it takes quite some time for the radiant heat to recover the bay temps.**