



# The Extinguisher



**DEPARTMENT  
UPDATES  
3/1/24**

**Over the last week, the command staff met with the Finance Committee to present our requested Fiscal Year 2025 budget. Overall, the budget was received well and hopefully it will not sustain any cuts as the group goes through the rest of the budget review. We did lose the request to replace Car 2 in the initial round of cuts but we attempted to get it back into the capital budget so we will see how that plays out. The other capital items presented were the replacement for A2, a new replacement ventilator and the directional antenna for our new UHF operations channel. With the school budget coming in higher than expected, I envision that there will be some more changes to the overall town budget prior to town meeting in May.**

**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. Please let Leah/Laura know if you are interested, how many and what color so we can get an idea. [Laura has the pricing for the Carhartt sweatshirts.](#)**

**With the lack of snow cover, we are now entering an early brush season. All of our brush equipment has been put back into service. We have put water back on F1 and the pump is primed and ready to go. The floating pump for F1 is OOS. Currently, F2 is having battery issues and we are working to get that back into service. Check your brush gear and make sure that it is ready to go for the season.**

**We currently have an open career FF/Paramedic position with the resignation of Corey Lemon. He has left his career status to take a position with the Bellingham Fire Department. Although he has stepped down from a career position, he has stayed on with the department as a call FF/Paramedic. We have interviewed candidates for the open position and are currently in background checks on 3 candidates. Hopefully we can get the position filled shortly.**

**I will be away on vacation starting this afternoon and returning to the office on Monday 3/10. 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 week of 3/10, you will need to email him directly so that he is aware that there is a pending request.**

***\*\*Currently there is a sinkhole on Cutler Road just before #50. No apparatus should be crossing this area as it is undermined. For any calls from #50 - #100 use Broad Street to Muschopauge Rd. For #40 or below use the Main Street side.\*\****

### **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. Engine 2 – 4 new rear tires were installed by Pete's Tire Barn.**
- 2. F2 – OOS batteries.**
- 3. F1 – In service with water and pump primed.**

## 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. Both cisterns have been installed in place, once operational we will begin training.**

## Stations

- 1. We believe the boiler issue in the Annex has been repaired, but still keep an eye on the temps.**
- 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.**