



The Extinguisher



**DEPARTMENT
UPDATES
3/21/24**

This week, we saw our first brush response of the season. The department responded mutual aid to Rutland for a fire in the State Park. It was a good opportunity for us to get the equipment on the road and make sure that everything is working properly. We also had the opportunity to view and work with the DFS drone program and see what their capabilities are with large scale brush. The drones were impressive and gave us the ability to view the infrared images of the fire area. Great response by the on-duty and recall personnel, we were able to get staffing for both F1 and F2 along with the UTV to Rutland and still maintained town coverage.

Congratulations to Ryan Buckley, who graduated from the Massachusetts Fire Academy Call/Volunteer Recruit Training Program, Class 110 on March 7. We wish him a safe and healthy career in the Fire Service and welcome him back as a certified FF I/II.

Tomorrow morning, the department will be conducting joint training with HPD on ASHER based scenarios. The training will be conducted at the Holden Chapel, those interested in participating should be at HQ no later than 07:30. If you have not already done so, contact Asst. Chief Montiverdi if you are attending. This is a great opportunity to put our plan in practice and get some much needed training time with our law enforcement counterparts.

As we have sent out in the past, we are taking orders for off-duty embroidered department sweatshirts. We have received the proofs from the vendor and we will be ordering them next week. If interested, please contact Laura prior to Wednesday 3/27 with sizes, color and amount.



We have completed background checks on 2 candidates for the open career Firefighter/Paramedic position. Over the next week, we will be meeting with the final 2 candidates and hope to make an offer shortly.

No updates on Cutler Road *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 1 – The vehicle has been taken out of service twice over the past couple of weeks for a coolant issue. Fixed both times by DPW but keep an eye out for any further issues.**

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.**