



# The Extinguisher



**DEPARTMENT  
UPDATES  
4/19/24**

**We have had some recent changes to our department personnel. As most of you have known, Mike Himmer returned to the department in January and has been working to get back up to speed. We are happy to have him back. As of 4/11, FF Luis Garcia has resigned from the department. We thank him for his years of service and wish him well in the future. As of 5/25, FF/Paramedic Cam Charchafliah will be leaving his career role with the department to take a position with the Providence Fire Department. We would like to congratulate him on this new position and wish him good luck on a long and healthy career in Providence.**

**We have hired a new fulltime FF/Paramedic for the open position. He is Joseph Lillis from Worcester. Joe comes to the department with EMS and call firefighter experience from both Massachusetts and Connecticut. He is a member of the Niantic CT fire department working as a FF/EMT. He also has experience in MA working for the Lawrence General Hospital EMS system. Currently, he is going through the pre-hire process of medical physical and PAT. We hope to have him on board to start orientation in early May.**

**The new style intake valves have been delivered and will be installed on E4 this weekend. Please make sure to familiarize yourselves with this newer style valve and its operation on both E1 and E4.**

**We are nearing that time again for the Memorial Day Parade. Looking for the Honor Guard and members to drive apparatus. Report**

time has not been established but we are usually at the station by 10am. Anyone interested, please let me know.

**\*\*The Off duty sweatshirt order has been submitted to Mastermans, standby for payment instructions.\*\*** 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.

**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/Meetings

- 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**
- 2. Massport will be holding a disaster drill on Wednesday 5/29. The department will be taking part with staffing for E4. EMS credits will be available. We will be looking for interest as we get closer to the date.**

### Vehicles

- 1. Engine 1 – The Kussmaul air compressor has been replaced and the air issues should be resolved. Recently, the vehicle has had some coolant leak issues. The mechanics are working to find a solution, but keep an eye on the coolant levels.**
- 2. Engine 2 – Emergency lighting flash pattern issues have been fixed by Greenwood. Identified “dents” in the hydrant compartment door has been identified as corrosion, not damage.**

**3. Ambulance 4 – Liquid spring issue is a sensor in the system, Out of service until further notice**

### **Fire Prevention**

**1. Fisher Road – The two 20,000 gallon cisterns are installed and have been tested by the department. They are both completely full and ready for service. We will be training on their operations once the weather is better and travel to that part of Fisher Road has dried out.**

### **Stations**

- 1. We have been working with the DPW to find a solution to the roof problems in the day room at station 2. This week, they were able to identify some areas around the chimney that were open to allow water to enter. These areas have been patched and hopefully will stop some of the flow. On another note, the rubber membrane roof will need to be replaced soon, we are working to get quotes to figure out the cost.**
- 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.**