



The Extinguisher



**DEPARTMENT
UPDATES
5/17/24**

National EMS Week is May 19-25. This week is dedicated to celebrate EMS workers for all of their hard work and dedication to caring for patients nationwide 365 days per year. This recognition was authorized by President Gerald Ford in 1974, in the early days of EMS. Over the last 50 years, EMS has grown tremendously from ambulances that provided just a ride to the hospital with little to no care to today where Paramedics can provide high acuity medical care that mimics the same care provided in emergency departments. Congratulations to all of our EMS providers and thank you for all that you do for the citizens of Holden and the “greater” Wachusett region.

50TH ANNIVERSARY



EMS WEEK

May 19-25, 2024

**HONORING OUR PAST.
FORGING OUR FUTURE.**

On Monday 5/27, we will celebrate Memorial Day. As the unofficial kickoff to summer, this is a great time of year for all of us in the Northeast who suffered through another winter! The true meaning of Memorial Day though is a day to honor all those who gave their lives while serving our country. Please take a moment to thank all veterans for their service in protecting our way of life.



We will be taking part in the annual Memorial Day parade on 5/27. Members participating are asked to be at Fire HQ by 09:30 am. Currently, we have the Honor Guard and two pieces of apparatus in the parade. Anyone who would like to take part please let me know

The S.A.F.E program will be hosting a luncheon at the senior center on June 3rd. The event will run from 10-1 with an anticipated serving time of 12. We will be serving hamburgers, hotdogs and macaroni salad. We will also be providing a summer safety program as well as a stroke awareness and recognition table. FF Algarin will need assistance in setting up, cooking and serving. If you are interested in helping please email FF Algarin by 05/28/24.

I will be away on vacation from 5/29 through 6/6. During that time, Deputy Chief Smith will be in charge of operations and Assistant Chief Montiverdi will be handling the schedule.

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. Massport will be holding a disaster drill on Wednesday 5/29. The department will be taking part with staffing for E4 and an ambulance. EMS credits will be available. If interested in attending, please email me to be put on the list. This is a paid training.**

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.**