



# The Extinguisher



**DEPARTMENT  
UPDATES  
7/12/24**

**I hope everyone had a great 4<sup>th</sup> of July and you were able to enjoy some time with family and friends. I know it has been a few weeks since the last update so here are some items that have been going on with the department.**

**We closed out FY24 on a positive note as we spent pretty much the entire budget throughout the year. This included equipment purchases, vehicle repairs and the new union contract. The new budget cycle, FY25 has begun and we have seen some increases across the board due to inflation and vendor price increases. Within this budget, we will be adding an additional career FF/Paramedic position which will bring the career staffing to 23. The goal is to get each of the shifts up to 6 so that we can have a minimum of 5 on duty 24/7. If all goes according to plan, 3 of the 4 workgroups will be at 6 on 1/1/25. For our capital in FY25, we will be purchasing a replacement for A2. This is not a vehicle that we will see next year but rather 2 years out at a minimum. We ordered it now so that it will be delivered when the normal 3 year replacement rotation is due. We will also be purchasing a new Hamilton Vent to retire one of the older HT70's and we have funding to finish the fireground tactical channel that we acquired from the FCC last year.**

**The open career position is moving forward. We had a very good number of candidates to look at and interviewed the top 4 based upon a resume review. Top candidates were brought back for a second interview and we have moved 2 to the background check phase. We plan on making an offer once this is completed.**

**The date for the annual Holden Days will be August 24. We will be staffing the event as in past years. If you are interested, please let me know, it is a paid event. So far, I have only heard from FF Murphy.**

### **Fire Prevention**

**Oriol healthcare is beginning demolition of the older sections of 56 Boyden Road, the old Holden Hospital building on Monday 7/15. There is fencing installed around the structure and the driveways may be limited. Use caution when responding to 32 Mayo in that area. The hydrants will be live and the fire alarm has been removed from the demolition areas but it is still active in the main hospital building.**

### **Vehicles**

- 1. Ambulance 4 – Out of service, going to Greenwood on Monday for the multiplex screen issue.**

### **Stations**

- 1. The Bay door for E1 at station 2 is out of service until further notice. Allied is ordering parts and will repair when they have them in. Parts are in and tentatively will be worked on next week.**
- 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.**