



# The Extinguisher



**DEPARTMENT  
UPDATES  
8/23/24**

**Tomorrow is the annual Holden Days event held in the center of Town. Every year we get great feedback and exposure to many citizens and that truly helps when we are looking for support of projects, budget items etc. I want to thank everyone who signed up to work the event this year, we have a great turnout.**

**One item that is new to the event this year is we have worked with HPD, DPW and Dispatch on putting together an Incident Action Plan. This is a comprehensive document that outlines all of our emergency plans, assignments, radio frequencies, traffic plans, road closures etc. The reason for having such a plan is every public safety department understands the mission and we will all be on the same page. All who are working the event have been sent the plan so that they can become familiar with it. In the future, we will build off of it based on need. Big thank you to our EM Coordinator Bryan Patch for all of his hard work on this.**

**The department has received a donation in the amount of \$10,000 from Lightshift Energy, the company that produced and installed the battery storage units at the HMLD sub-station. This donation is for the purchase of a high capability drone that the department can use for many of our incidents.**

**The department was awarded an AHA Mission Lifeline Silver Award for our continued excellence in STEMI care. According to the American Heart Association, *“On behalf of the American Heart Association (AHA), we would like to extend our congratulations on achieving the following for 2024 Mission: Lifeline® EMS Recognition. Your agency is part of an elite group of prehospital providers recognized by the American Heart***

**Association for your commitment and success in implementing a higher standard of care, by ensuring that every STEMI patient receives treatment according to nationally accepted evidence-based guideline recommendations and standards". Congratulations to all of our EMS providers on this award.**



## **PERSONNEL**

- 1. FF Joe Sposato has resigned his career position with the department effective 8/21. Starting in 2019, Joe moved from Call to fulltime and was one of our first SAFER grant hires. He will be remaining with the department as a Call Firefighter. We wish him well in his next chapter.**
- 2. This week, we welcomed new career FF/Paramedic Matt Hansson to the department. He comes to us from Paxton Fire where he has been a career and call member. Once he completes his orientation, Matt will be assigned to Group 1.**

- 3. For the open position created by the resignation of FF Sposato, we have made an employment offer to a candidate pending physical and PAT. We hope to have this individual on staff at some point in September.**
- 4. As most of you know, the department has been overseeing Public Health for the last year. The Town has decided to hire our own in hours Health Director/Agent as we are not getting the best coverage from the Leicester Consortium. On 9/3, Trevor Brusco will begin as Health Agent for the Town. Most of you may remember Trevor, who worked out of Fire HQ for most of last year.**

### **FIRE PREVENTION**

- 1. With the new school year upon us rather quickly, the School Fire Prevention kicks into gear. We have been busy inspecting all of the WRSD schools in town, ensuring that they are up to code.**

### **VEHICLES**

- 1. We have ordered the replacement ambulance for A2. This will be the same specification as A4 with some minor changes. We had to order it now to keep with the 3 year replacement program as we are not slated to see the new truck sooner than 850 days or around 2.25 years.**

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

- 1. The road construction on Main Street will be continuing through at least mid-September. The contractor will be working on the structures and sidewalks to prepare them for pavement. The traffic is not optimal to say the least, especially with school starting next week. Just be cautious when responding, the traffic patterns and lanes change on a daily basis and the raised structures can create issues for the apparatus.**