



The Extinguisher



**DEPARTMENT
UPDATES
10/19/24**

A big thank you to all who took part in the Annual SAFE Open House on 10/12. It is a lot of work to put this together and pull it off so that the public has an opportunity to come to our facility and see what we are all about. Great job by our Public Education Coordinator, FF/P Zach Alagarin in making the event fun for all.

Speaking of FF Alagarin, the Department would like to congratulate both Zach and his wife Caitlin on the birth of their son Logan. Mom and baby are doing well and this is an exciting time for their family!

On Monday 10/21, FF Joe Lillis will be graduating from the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy Career Recruit Program. We would like to congratulate him on his accomplishments. The graduation will be held at 11:00 am at the MFA Springfield Campus.

For those who have not heard, we will have some change in the top town administration. Assistant Town Manager Steph King has accepted the position of Town Administrator for the Town of Northborough. We have had the pleasure of working with her for many years and she has always been a friend of the fire department. We wish her well in her new position. The Assistant Town Manager position has been posted if anyone is qualified to apply.

We met with town departments to discuss the Holidays in Holden event on December 7. This is the tree lighting, Santa's arrival and the light parade that was new last year. We will send out information regarding events and staffing as we get closer.

PERSONNEL

- 1. We have posted the upcoming new career position for a FF/Paramedic with the anticipated start date of 1/1/2025. We also continue in the pre-hire process of a candidate to fill the current open position.**
- 2. Congratulations to FF's Plasse and Roy who have both been promoted into new coordinator positions. FF Plasse will be the Assistant EMS Coordinator, working with Captain Naiman on all aspects of the department's EMS service. FF Roy will be the Fleet Maintenance Coordinator and will be overseeing our vehicle fleet.**
- 3. FF Trevor Dion will be leaving the department shortly after many years of service. FF Dion will be moving out of town as a new home owner. We thank him for all that he has brought to the department and wish him well in all his future endeavors.**
- 4. I am sure that most have seen our new Health Director Trevor Bruso around the station. He will be working out of Fire HQ as in the past and his office is in the rear hallway next to the EMS Coordinator's office. With this new position, Trevor is a Fire Department employee so please make him feel welcome in his new surroundings.**

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.**
- 2. Ambulance 1 has a valve cover leak that is awaiting repair. The oil in the vehicle should be checked daily during the morning checks.**

3. Ambulance 3 is out of service until further notice. Currently in the repair process at the Sunnyside Body Shop.