



The Extinguisher



**DEPARTMENT
UPDATE
12/12/24**

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays from myself and the command/admin staff of the department. I hope that everyone enjoys their time spent with family and friends. We would also like to wish everyone a safe and Happy New Year!



As we approach Christmas and New Years the administration staff will be very light in the office with year-end vacations and how the Holidays fall during the week. Any issues should be directed to the Shift Officer on Duty. Any schedule issues or requests can be emailed to Assistant Chief Montiverdi as per usual.

The department Holiday party was held last night at Mexicali. Always a great time to get together, enjoy each other's company, have fun and enjoy some well-deserved down time. Although we were a little cramped in the restaurant, it was still a fun time. Next year we will change it up a little with some new and fresh ideas.

Big thank you to all department members who took part in the Holidays in Holden on 12/7. The annual arrival of Santa for the tree lighting is always a highlight for town residents and again this year we did not disappoint. This year along with the parade, the festivities included a fireworks show which went very well. With all the added events, it spread our staffing thin, but we were able to pull it off. Again, thanks to everyone who helped.

Another big thank you to Captain Miller, Acting LT Connor and FF Roy who along with Deputy Smith and I, took part in the parade and ceremony for Marine Sergeant Craig Brady and his family. During his third combat deployment, Sergeant Brady was conducting a battle damage assessment with the 2nd Combat Engineer Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, when he was injured in an improvised explosive device (IED) blast in Nowzad, Afghanistan. He lost his right leg below the knee and sustained injuries to his back and left forearm. Stateside, Craig underwent surgeries at Bethesda Naval Hospital. Homes For Our Troops constructed a new home for the family on Chapel Street and dedicated it on Saturday 12/7. I was an honor and a privilege for the department to take part in such a special event.

Personnel

- 1. We are currently in background checks for the open FF position and hope to have an offer to the final candidate as soon as possible. The new FF position for 1/1/25 has a candidate that we are awaiting to complete the pre-hire process. Hopefully that individual will be able to start in early January.**

Vehicles

- 1. Ambulance 1 – Currently at DPW having major engine work completed by an outside vendor. Awaiting further parts, time to complete is unknown at this time.**

2. Ambulance 4 – New rear tires were installed by Pete’s Tire Barn on Wednesday 12/12. Please remember to note tire wear in PS Trax on the daily inspection. This helps the department plan for the preventitave maintenance.

Stations

1. With winter upon us, please make sure to close the apparatus bay doors behind you when leaving on calls at both stations.