



The Extinguisher



**DEPARTMENT
UPDATE
02/7/2025**

We have started 2025 off in a similar fashion to the end of 2024. To date, we have responded to over 315 incidents with multiple full recalls and EMS recalls. Please make every effort to respond in for calls if available. We do rely on the additional staff for responses, especially structure fires. Even if you will not make a truck going mutual aid, we do need coverage in town too.

Over the first 6 months of the fiscal year, we have had a difficult time with staffing due to a mix of reasons. Currently we have 5 of the career members out and not available for duty, the equivalent of an entire shift. This does not include the positions we are hiring for. This has put an extreme strain on the overall budget outlook for the rest of the fiscal year. Therefore, we will be reducing the amount of funds we spend on the expense side of the budget to only items necessary to the vital operations of the department. On the personnel side, we will be cutting the call firefighter weekend shifts for the rest of the fiscal year and will revisit them in July. Currently, these are the only operational changes.

Personnel

- 1. We have a new hire for an open position that is awaiting his PAT. Once this is completed, we are hopeful that a start date will be the first week of March.**
- 2. We have re-posted a position for a Firefighter/Paramedic. Hopefully, this can be a quick process and we can fill the spot.**

Vehicles

- 1. Squad 2- The vehicle is unable to get an inspection sticker without a substantial amount of work. A request in next year's budget has been made to either replace or refurbish the truck. It has been decided not to complete any repairs/ work to the vehicle until the budget is finalized and there is a direction to go. The truck will only be used to plow the PSB and not used otherwise. The DPW has been informed that snow plowing will be needed at Station 2 and potentially at scenes during storms.**

Stations

- 1. Station 2 – We have had preliminary meetings regarding temporary quarters and the future demolition of the building on site. Currently, the DPW is working to put together specifications for temporary living quarters and apparatus bays to get cost proposals. The goal is to get something in place soon but we will know more once cost estimates are in.**