



# “Called to Duty”

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Methuen Fire Department

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[Methuen Fire Department Web Page](http://MethuenFireDepartment.com)

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## Regional Links

[MA Dept. of Fire Services](http://Mass.gov/Fire)

[MEMA](http://MEMA.state.ma.us)

[National Fire Protection Assoc.](http://NFPA.org)

[Office of Emergency Medical Services](http://OEMS.state.ma.us)

## Contact Us

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Monday - Thursday:

7:00 am to 4:30 pm

Friday - Sunday: Closed

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(978) 691-5056

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24 Lowell Street

Methuen, MA 01844

See map: [Google Maps](https://www.google.com/maps)

## Methuen Fire Department Open House, 10/7/23

*Thanks to all who joined us on this fun day!*



## ++ Message from the Fire Chief ++



Thanks for taking the time to read this edition of “Called to Duty.” I’d like to take this time to remind everyone to please use caution on the roads with the unpredictable autumn weather and the start of holiday season traffic. This month’s newsletter features stories on some great events and happenings in our department. As always, If you have any questions or concerns regarding fire-related issues, please call our general business line at 978-983-8940. For all emergencies, please call 911.

Regards,

*J. Tim Sheehy, Fire Chief*

## Thanks for Your Support of our MFD “Fill the Boot” Campaign



We appreciate everyone who took a drive by our Central Fire Station at 24 Lowell St. and helped contribute to our annual Fill The Boot campaign to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association.



Our firefighters were out on Lowell Street and Osgood Street the weekend of September 22 accepting donations. We truly thank you for your support.

## MFD Joins Texas Roadhouse in “Tip a Firefighter” Night



We would like to send great thanks out to our good friends at Texas Roadhouse in Methuen. They recently hosted a “Tip a Firefighter” event, where all tips provided by customers would go to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association, our longtime charity partner. Several of our firefighters were at the Roadhouse. It was a great event for a tremendous cause. We appreciate the Texas Roadhouse and everything this caring business does for our community all year long.

## Haffner's Brings Flammable Liquid Training to Central Station



Over the past couple of weeks, our firefighters have been undergoing flammable liquid transportation training.





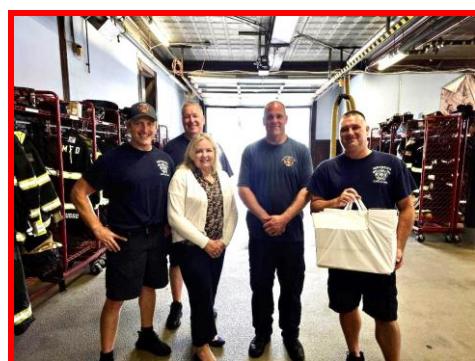
In cooperation with our friends at Haffner's, they are learning how to deal with emergencies in such situations. This is one of the many topic-specific training efforts that Lt. Jim McLachlan coordinates for our department regularly.

## Sir Pennycandy's Apothecary Sends Sweet Treats to MFD



We want to send out great thanks to Brenda Haryslak, owner of Sir Pennycandy's Apothecary at 246 Broadway in Methuen. Brenda sent our firefighters some delicious candy samples, and they were unbelievably great. Thank you so much!

## Methuen Village Offers Thanks to Methuen Firefighters



Speaking of tasty treats, we also want to send out thanks to the great people at Methuen Village. They were kind enough to stop by our Central Station recently and dropped off some awesome food. We appreciate the impact that Methuen Village has in our community.

# Gallery: Methuen Fire Department 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony

We shall never forget.

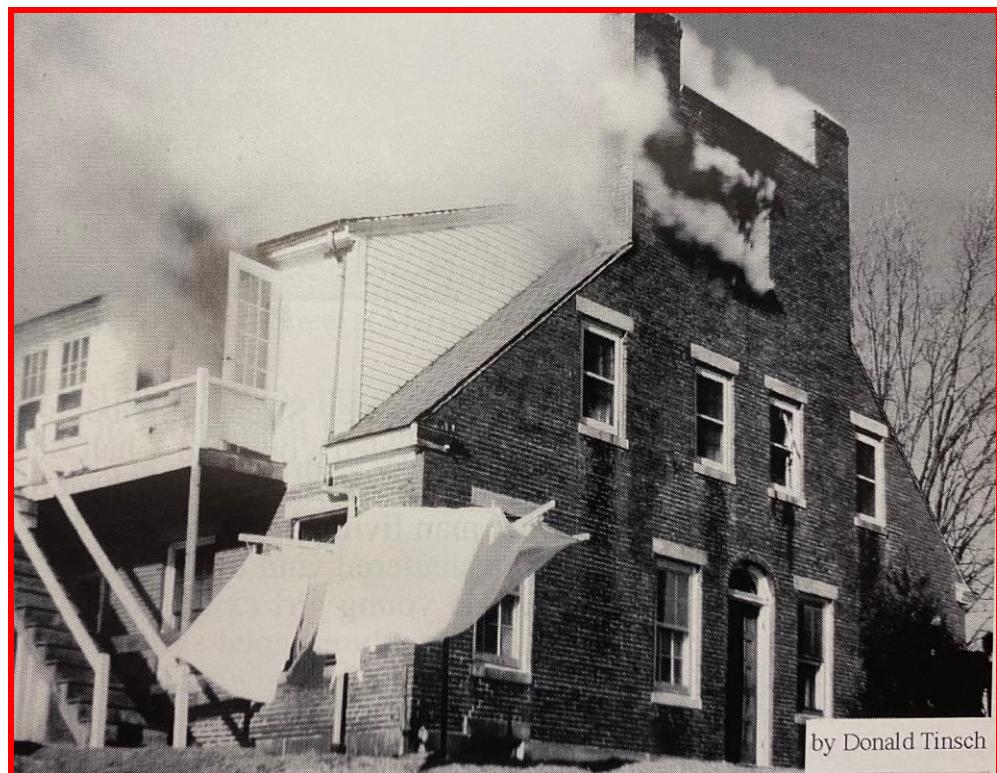


## Through the Fire, Through the Years

“Through the Fire, Through the Years” looks back at Methuen Fire Department history with a memory from 72 years ago.

The first direct-dial coast to coast telephone call was made. The popular television show "I Love Lucy" premiered on CBS. The first Color Television Pictures are broadcast from Empire State Building.

UNIVAC, the first commercial computer, is put into use at the U.S. Census Bureau and Bobby Thomson's walk off “Shot Heard ‘Round the World” home run gives the New York Giants the National League pennant over the Brooklyn Dodgers.



Through the Fire, Through the Years goes back to 1951 and a fire at Old Town Farm.

In the early 1800's, Methuen was home to a publicly funded town farm. The purpose of the farm was to provide food and housing for needy members of the community.

According to the book “A History of Methuen and its Fire Department” by Retired Methuen Firefighter Kenneth H. Doherty, “Around 1850, Methuen built a new town farm at the end Pelham St. near Hampshire Road. The large two-story brick building remained in that capacity until 1935 when the town built a much larger facility across the street.”

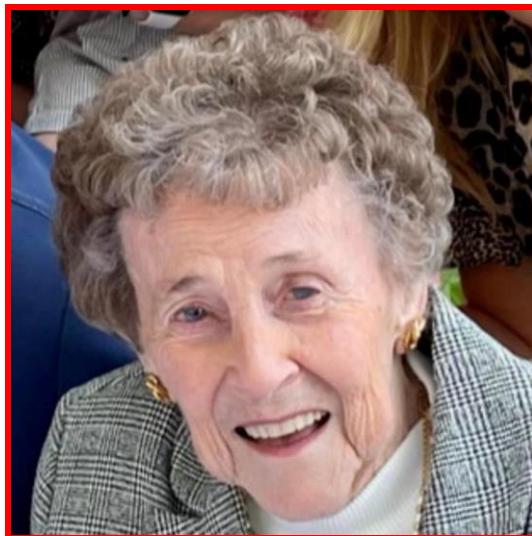
Eventually, the farm building was turned into residential apartments. In 1951, the building was engulfed in flames as the owner accidentally started a fire due to faulty use of a gasoline blowtorch. The challenging and damaging fire destroyed the front of the building top to bottom with damages in the thousands of dollars. The 430 Pelham Street site remains a residential structure today.

## MFD Presence at English Language Learners Event



As school reopened in Methuen, our firefighters participated in the English Language Learners Family Fun Fair at Methuen High School. It was a terrific event and we appreciated being a part of it!

## In Memoriam



The men and women of the Methuen Fire Department mourn the loss of Kathleen "Kay" Sheehy, the mother of our Chief Tim Sheehy and grandmother of firefighters Matt and Anthony Coco. Mrs. Sheehy passed away on September 1 at the age of 90. She was an active member of Saint Monica's Parish and attended many Methuen Senior Center events.

Mrs. Sheehy was known for her selfless, thoughtful, and kind nature. The mother of four children, Mrs. Sheehy had several grandchildren and great grandchildren, and numerous friends throughout our community. We offer our sincere support and condolences to her family and many friends and will always fondly remember her impact and gracious personality.

# MFD to Participate in Upcoming Events Honoring Our Veterans



POST 122 Methuen, MA  
John Dowd, Commander



## VETERANS DAY PARADE

**SATURDAY, NOV 11, 2023**



GROUPS WILL FORM UP AT THE AMERICAN LEGION POST AT 9:30am AND PARADE BEGINS ON BROADWAY AT 10.



Join us in a celebration to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

**TO REGISTER, CONTACT:**

TOM HARGREAVES ([thargreaves@hotmail.com](mailto:thargreaves@hotmail.com))

**DEADLINE TO REGISTER : FRI, NOV 3**

Route: North on Broadway; left at clock tower onto Hampshire street; left onto Lowell Street past Central Fire Station; left on Grove Street to Legion Memorial plot in Walnut Grove Cemetery for brief ceremony. After ceremony, the parade will reform and return to Legion post via the same route.



VETERANS OFFICE



## ANNUAL FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY

WHEN: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7  
TIME: 11:00 AM  
WHERE: ELMWOOD CEMETERY  
130 N LOWELL ST, METHUEN

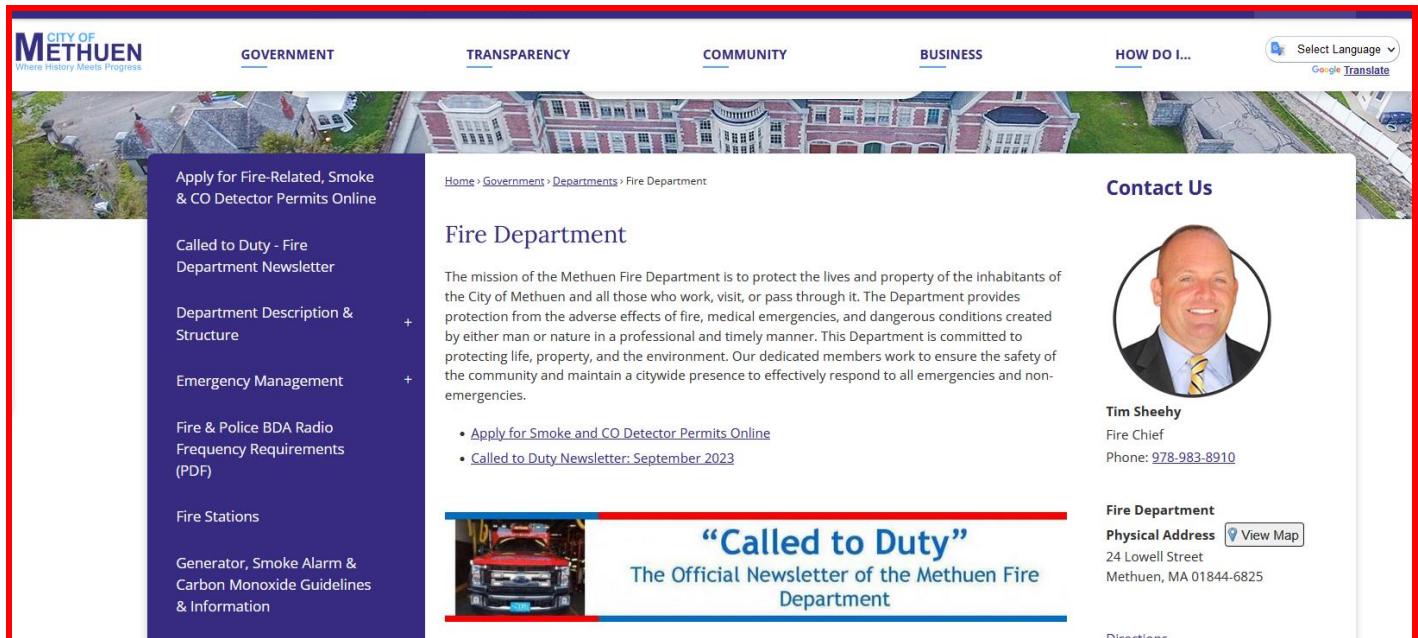
**PLEASE DROP OFF ANY OLD FLAGS AT ELMWOOD PRIOR TO THE EVENT!**

*IT IS PRESCRIBED THAT A FLAG, TO BE RETIRED FROM SERVICE, BE BURNED BY FIRE, TO RETURN TO ASHES, TO BE RETURNED TO THE DUST FROM WHICH SHE WAS MADE, AND THAT A NEW FLAG FLY, TO ONCE AGAIN DEMONSTRATE THE STRENGTH OF OUR GREAT NATION. THIS IS TO BE ACCOMPLISHED IN A SIMPLE, DIGNIFIED MANNER.*



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# Methuen Fire Department on the Web & Social Media



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Methuen, MA 01844-6825

The Methuen Fire Department Web Page features links, safety tips and news you can use.

**CLICK HERE** to access the Methuen Fire Department web page.

Be sure also to visit the Methuen Fire Department on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram - a terrific way to keep up with MFD news, happenings, and events.

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**THIS NEWSLETTER** is a way to keep the public informed of Methuen Fire Department news and happenings. If you have any questions or would like to be added to our Email List to receive the newsletter, call John Molori at 978-208-5112 or email [jrmolori@ci.methuen.ma.us](mailto:jrmolori@ci.methuen.ma.us). Please include your name and email address. Thank You!