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Methuen Fire Honors Recent Retirees

Recently, the Methuen Fire Department and Methuen Firefighters Local 1691 paid tribute to our most recent department retirees. Honored were Firefighter Paul Bolduc, Lieutenant Tom Curtis, Firefighter Rick Tardif, and Lieutenant Mike Hennessy (Pictured 3rd to 6th from Left).



We want to thank Karen Broscoe of ESCO Awards for the beautiful plaques and Methuen Firefighter Danielle Shaheen for the amazing, handcrafted wooden flags given to each retiree. Current and past firefighters, family, and friends gathered to offer thanks and congratulations to these longtime and dedicated heroes. We appreciate all of them and their steadfast and consistent service to our community. Best of luck and much joy in retirement.

++ Message from the Fire Chief ++



Thanks for taking the time to read this edition of "Called to Duty." On behalf of the men and women of our department, I would like to wish all of you a Merry Christmas, Joyous Holiday Season, and Happy New Year. I also ask that you continue to use caution on our roadways as this busy season of travel and shopping continues. 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

MFD Joins TGI Fridays' in Veterans Benefit Event



Several of our firefighters recently took part in a great Veterans fundraising event at TGI Friday's in Methuen. Proceeds went to the Methuen Office of Veterans Services and the many outreach programs they provide for Veterans in need.

Pictured here left to right with TGI Friday's staff are Firefighters Ryan Campbell, Kyle Sheehy, Liam Sheehy, Cody MacInnis, Wayne Borden, Danielle Shaheen, Eric Moreau, Mark Abraham, Matt Melville, Juan Cepeda, and James Traverso.

Methuen Fire Department Urges Portable Generator Safety



Winter weather means potential power outages and the use of portable generators. These tools can be helpful when the power goes out for an extended period of time, but it is important to know how use them safely to prevent fires, carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning, and electrocution.

The Methuen Fire Department receives numerous emergency calls each year emanating from improper portable generator usage. When using a generator, remember to purchase one that has been approved by a nationally recognized testing agency such as Underwriter's Laboratory (UL). Have a licensed electrician install a transfer switch. Never plug a generator directly into a wall outlet to avoid backfeeding which can electrocute utility workers. Read and follow the manufacturer's instructions before you need to use the generator and install working CO alarms on every level of the home. [CLICK HERE](#) for more portable generator safety information.

Firefighter Eric Moreau Honored By Methuen Exchange Club



Recently, the Methuen Exchange Club presented their annual first responder awards. Methuen Firefighter Eric Moreau was honored as Firefighter of the Year for his dedicated service and leadership role in several community outreach initiatives. Pictured left, Firefighter Moreau is flanked by MFD Assistant Chief Mike Fluett and Chief Tim Sheehy. Pictured right, City Councilor Ron Marsan, Mayor D.J. Beauregard, State Representative Ryan Hamilton, Asst. Chief Fluett and Methuen Firefighters Local 1691 President Jim McLachlan join Moreau. The event at the Irish Cottage was terrifically hosted by Jack MacLeod of the Exchange Club.

Methuen Fire Department Responds to Brush Fire

On November 18, multiple Methuen Fire Department engines, rescue, and utility vehicle responded to a widespread brush fire in the Dale Street area of Methuen, one of many brush fires in the region due to severe drought conditions this fall.



Through the Fire, Through the Years

“Through the Fire, Through the Years” looks back at Methuen Fire Department history with a memory from 34 years ago.

The Hubble Space Telescope is launched as the first sophisticated optical observatory placed into orbit around Earth. The Persian Gulf War begins as Iraq invades neighboring Kuwait.

Nelson Mandela is released from Drakenstein Correctional Centre outside Cape Town, South Africa after 27 years as a political prisoner. Dr. Jack Kevorkian participates in his first assisted suicide. George Steinbrenner is forced by Commissioner Fay Vincent to resign as principal partner of the New York Yankees, and the Edmonton Oilers beat the Boston Bruins in five games to win their 5th Stanley Cup in 7 years.



Through the Fire, Through the Years goes back to 1990 and the creation of a Fire Department patch to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the MFD.

In preparation of the celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the Methuen Fire Department, the Anniversary Committee in 1990 wanted to devise a special anniversary logo.

According to the book *A History of Methuen and its Fire Department* by Retired Methuen Firefighter Kenneth H. Doherty, the design chosen featured a drawing of a 1922 Tiger engine. Now-retired Methuen Firefighter David Collier drew the engine from a 1989 photograph sent by the Milo, ME Fire Department.

The anniversary committee also asked Methuen High School Students to design a patch, and Michael Stumpo's entry featuring a waving American flag was chosen. Subsequently, our firefighters voted to place Collier's drawing of the Tiger engine over Stumpo's flag to complete the anniversary patch design.

Bellia Salvatore Appreciation for our Firefighters



Thanks to Bellia Salvatore for bringing some homemade sausage to our Central Fire Station. Mr. Salvatore made the sausage as a thank you to Firefighters Cody MacInnis and Kyle Sheehy for the assistance they provided on an ambulance call. Mr. Salvatore is pictured here with Firefighter MacInnis. We appreciate his generosity.

Terriyaki Madness Comes to Methuen Fire Department



Thanks to our friends at Terriyaki Madness, a new restaurant at the Loop, 90 Pleasant Valley St. in Methuen. They were kind enough to drop off some excellent food to our firefighters recently.

Pictured, Firefighter Shannon Fitzgerald gets ready to enjoy the feast. We encourage everyone to try this new business, and we thank them for their generosity.

MFD at Methuen Flag Retirement Ceremony

Lieutenant Mike Ferris and Firefighters Liam Sheehy and Kyle Sheehy (pictured center) represented the MFD at the Annual Flag Retirement Ceremony at Elmwood Cemetery on December 7, 2024

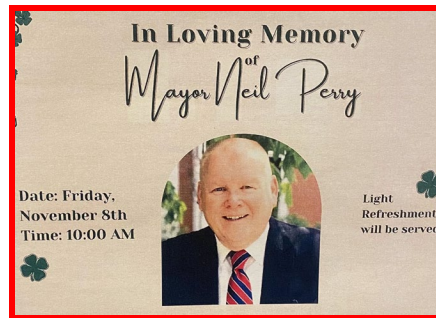


Methuen Fire Department at Methuen Santa Parade

Scenes from the MFD at the Annual Methuen Santa Parade on November 23, 2024. They were so many great floats, bands, attractions, sponsors, and participants. Truly a great community day to kick off the holiday season.



MFD Joins City in Honoring Mayor Neil Perry



In November, a touching tribute Mayor Neil Perry was held at the Methuen Senior Activity Center. Mayor D.J. Beauregard, Fire Chief Tim Sheehy, and MFD Chaplain & First Baptist Church Pastor Nathaniel Burnes joined citizens, local luminaries, friends, and city employees to pay homage to our dearly departed Mayor. There were several touching sentiments shared by a host of tremendous speakers. Thanks to the good people at the Senior Center for organizing this event - one that reinforced the fact that we shall never forget the impact and legacy of Mayor Neil Perry.

Fire Department at Methuen Veterans Day Parade, 11/11/24



Toys For Tots Initiative a Collaborative Effort



Thank you to everyone who was able to donate toys for our Toys For Tots campaign this year. Thanks also to Kim Hebert for her collaboration on this and in distributing the toys, and to the good people at Family Dollar in Methuen for donating boxes.

We appreciate your generosity in making this holiday season a little bit brighter for children in our community. Pictured right: L to R, Firefighter Adam Marino, Lt. Tim Smith, and Firefighters Adam Suliveras and Collin West with our Toys For Tots box, and pictured right: Firefighter Derek Michienzi with Family Dollar staff.

MFD Joins Bruins Foundation & PFFM for Operation Warm



On Tuesday, the Methuen Fire Department joined the Professional Firefighters of Massachusetts Foundation (PFFM) and the Boston Bruins Foundation in Operation Warm. This is an initiative providing winter coats, hats, and gloves for children throughout the Commonwealth.



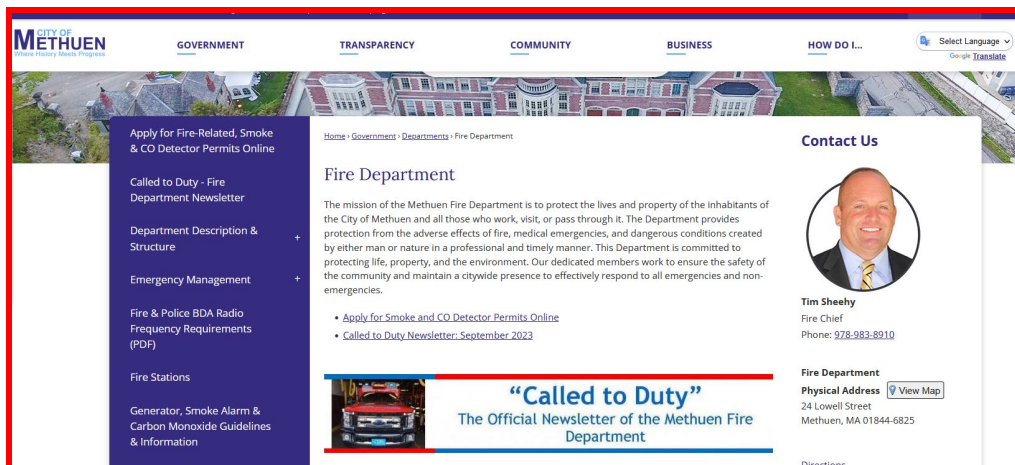
The outreach program came to MAN, Inc. in Methuen's Arlington neighborhood. Fire Chief Tim Sheehy joined our firefighters, the PFFM, and Bob Sweeney, former Boston Bruins forward and Director of Development for the Boston Bruins Foundation. It was a tremendous collaborative effort, and the youngsters really enjoyed the experience. Pictured: Firefighters Pat McKenna, Eric Moreau, and Chief Tim Sheehy choose items with area kids. Group photo: PFFM President Rich McKinnon, Asst. Chief Mike Fluet, Bob Sweeney, Chief Sheehy, Firefighters Moreau, Rick Talbot, and McKenna.

MFD Thanks to Salem Co-Operative Bank



The men and women of the Methuen Fire Department would like to extend thanks to our good friends at Salem Co-Operative Bank, 284 Merrimack Street in Methuen. We really appreciate their generosity in dropping off some cookies to our firefighters to celebrate this holiday season. Pictured with Salem Co-Operative staff are Firefighters Cam Donahue, Kyle Sheehy, and Cody MacInnis.

Methuen Fire Department on the Web & Social Media



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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THE MISSION of the Methuen Fire Department is to protect the lives and property of the inhabitants of the City of Methuen and all those who work, visit, or pass through it. The Department provides protection from the adverse effects of fire, medical emergencies, and dangerous conditions in a professional and timely manner. Our dedicated members work to ensure the safety of the community and maintain a citywide presence to effectively respond to all emergencies and non-emergencies.

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