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Honor a Veteran at the Methuen Field of Honor

Click Here to Sign Up or Call 978-983-8585



METHUEN FIELD OF HONOR

**DEDICATION
CEREMONY**
SATURDAY, JUN 10, 9 AM
NEVINS LIBRARY

CITY OF METHUEN FIELD OF HONOR WEEK JUNE 10 – 17, 2023



**HONOR YOUR LOVED ONES,
VETERANS AND FIRST RESPONDERS**



FLAGS TO BE FLOWN ON THE FRONT LAWN OF NEVINS LIBRARY
FOR ONE WEEK TO HONOR THOSE WHO SERVED. DEDICATION
CEREMONY ON SAT, JUN 10.

OPTION #1. NEW FLAG. YOUR \$100.00 DONATION INCLUDES:

1. 3 X 5 100% POLYESTER FLAG FLOWN FOR ONE WEEK IN OUR FIELD OF HONOR AT NEVINS LIBRARY.
2. TAKE HOME YOUR FLAG ON **SATURDAY, JUNE 17** WITH INCLUDED 6' POLE AND MOUNTING BRACKET TO PROUDLY DISPLAY AT YOUR HOME OR APARTMENT AFTER THE EVENT.
3. PAIR OF CUSTOM DOG TAGS WITH YOUR LOVED ONE'S NAME, BRANCH (OR ORGANIZATION) AND YEARS OF SERVICE.

OPTION #2. IF YOU HAVE A FLAG FROM LAST YEAR, WE WILL DISPLAY IT FOR THE WEEK FOR A DONATION OF \$25.00.

**Proceeds to support Veteran's and Veteran's Events in Methuen.*



Sign-up. Sign-up on-line at: <https://tinyurl.com/MethuenFlags>

or by scanning this QR code

or by calling the Veterans Office at (978) 983-8585



Custom Military Dog Tags

6 ft No-tangle Spinning Pole

High-quality 3 x 5 100% Polyester US Flag

2-Position Flag Pole Bracket



++ Message from the Fire Chief ++



Thanks for taking the time to read this edition of "Called to Duty." Summer is fast approaching, and this edition of our Newsletter is packed with news, information, photos, and happenings. 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

Firefighter Danielle Grenier Visits Nevins Library Youngsters

Special Storytime with Methuen Firefighter Danielle Grenier



Firefighter Danielle Grenier recently appeared at Nevins Memorial Library as part of a reading program for kids. She read books, answered questions, shared fire safety tips, and displayed some firefighting equipment. She also gave the kids their own firefighter helmets to bring home.

Danielle is always there to step up for community events, especially those where she can educate Methuen students and youngsters. We are proud to have her as part of our department, and thanks to Nevins Library for the above photo.

Electronic Vehicles Training at Central Station



Recently, our firefighters participated in Electric Vehicles training from the Massachusetts Fire Academy. Special thanks to Dave Flowers, General Sales Manager at Key Hyundai of Salem, for lending our department an Electric Vehicle for this important training. Pictured left to right with the vehicle are Deputy Chief Dave Toto, Firefighter Anthony Shaheen, Lt. Dave Rule, Firefighters Lee Melillo, Mark Abraham, Eric Moreau, Lt. Jim McLachlan, Firefighters Jeff Solimine and John Bazdanes.

Holy Family Hospital Recognizes National EMS Week



Great thanks go out to our good friends and partners at Holy Family Hospital. They dropped off a nice lunch for our firefighters in honor of National EMS Week. Thanks for showing your appreciation, and know that we appreciate all that you do as well.

MA Department of Fire Services Home Escape Plan



Most fatal fires occur at home, so every family needs a Home Escape Plan with at least 2 ways out and a family meeting place. Be sure everyone knows the plan and can safely manage the routes, and practice it regularly. [Click Here for Details](#)

Generosity from Liban D'Or and Methuen Village



Thanks to the good people at a Liban D'Or for bringing our firefighters some delicious wraps, and to Methuen Village Assisted Living for dropping off some refreshing fruit. We truly appreciate your generosity.

Through the Fire, Through the Years

“Through the Fire, Through the Years” looks back at Methuen Fire Department history with a memory from 29 years ago.

Figure skater Nancy Kerrigan is attacked in Detroit after a skating practice. Four men, including the ex-husband of rival Tonya Harding, are later imprisoned for the assault. South Africa holds its first multi-racial elections after the end of apartheid. Brazil wins the World Cup on United States soil. Major League Baseball players begin a 232 day strike that eventually cancels the season.

In the aftermath of the murders of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman, O.J. Simpson flees police in a white Ford Bronco. He is eventually arrested for the crimes, and the Dallas Cowboys defeat the Buffalo Bills 30-13 winning their second straight Super Bowl.

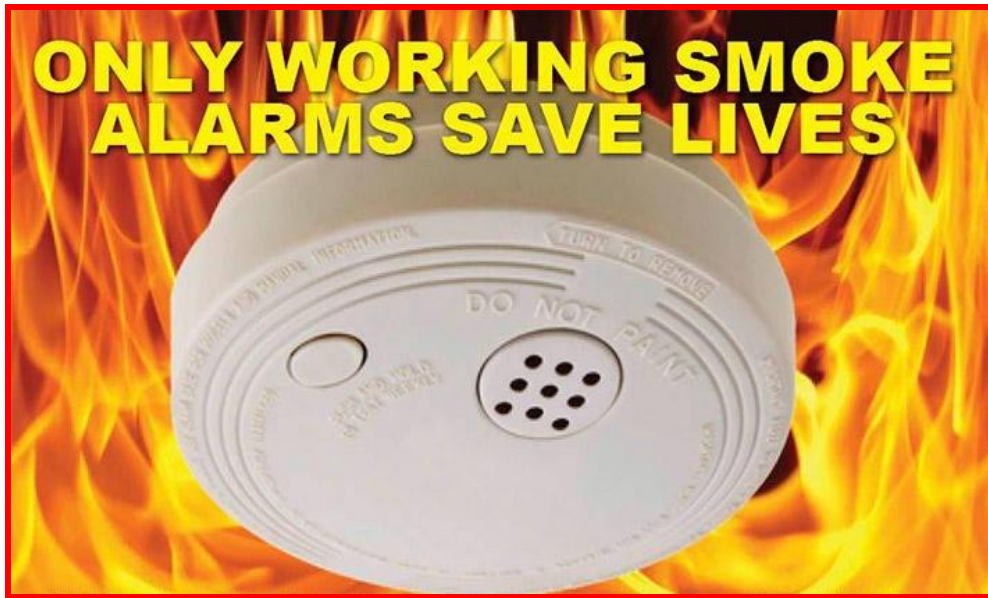


Through the Fire, Through the Years goes back to 1994 and the Methuen Firefighters Memorial Monument Unveiling Ceremony.

According to the book “A History of Methuen and its Fire Department” by Retired Methuen Firefighter Kenneth H. Doherty, the unveiling ceremony was literally years in the making. 1996 would mark the 150th Anniversary of the Methuen Fire Department. In 1990, an Anniversary Committee was formed. This committee would undertake several responsibilities, one of which was planning a fitting monument to our deceased firefighters.

The monument bell had been removed from the station’s hose tower, and the total cost of the monument project was estimated at \$30,000. Local businesses and individuals contributed to the cause, and the black granite base was ordered. Helfrich Brothers Boiler Works in Lawrence created the cradle to support the bell atop the base. On June 8, 1994, a large throng descended upon the Central Fire Station for the unveiling ceremony. Jubilant applause ensued upon the unveiling, and the surviving families of several Methuen firefighters tolled the bell in remembrance. Today, the monument remains the crowning centerpiece of many annual Methuen Fire Department events.

Change Your Smoke/CO Detector Batteries



Do not forget to change the batteries in your smoke and CO detectors. Smoke alarms should be replaced after 10 years, and CO alarms should be replaced after 5-7 years. If you have any questions about your smoke and CO alarms, please contact the Methuen Fire Department at 978-983-8940.

Thanks to US Air Force Sergeant Jonathan Murray



Special thanks to United States Air Force Technical Sergeant Jonathan Murray for visiting our Central Station. Tech Sergeant Murray dropped off doughnuts and coffee as a thank you to our firefighters for their service. Chief Tim Sheehy and everyone here at the MFD certainly return the sentiment. Thanks to Tech Sergeant Murray for his service and generosity. He is pictured here with firefighters Michael Bodenrader (left) and John Jannini.

Chief Sheehy & Firefighter Fitzgerald Read Across America



Chief Tim Sheehy and Firefighter Shannon Fitzgerald recently participated in Read Across America at the Marsh Grammar School. Chief Sheehy read to Mrs. Harris's kindergarten class while Shannon was in Mrs. Lavin's second grade class.

In addition to reading books, both the Chief and Shannon talked to the kids and answered questions about what it's like to be a firefighter. It was an enjoyable time for all.

Methuen Fire Department Family CPR Training



Methuen Firefighters Local 1691 recently sponsored a firefighters family CPR training session. Instructor Tom Beaumont demonstrated to participants the value in learning these life-saving techniques. The families involved were attentive and interested, while also having a great time learning about CPR.

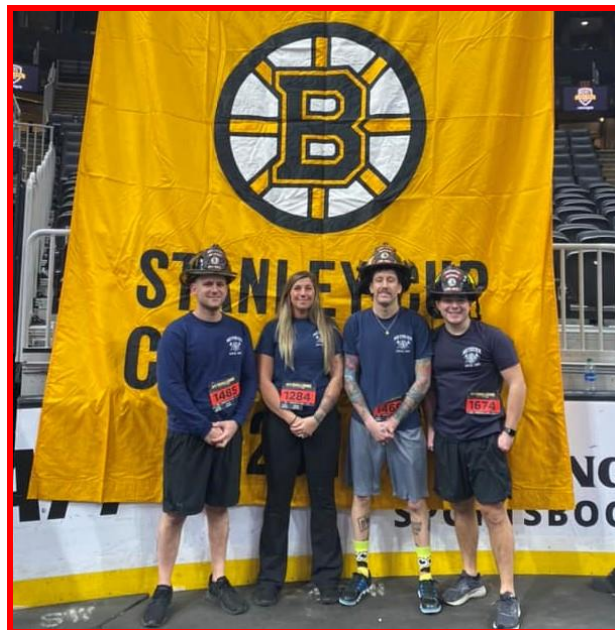
Methuen Fire Department Visits Little Rangers Daycare



Methuen Fire Department Lieutenants Jim McLachlan and Scott Petrie, and Firefighters Kevin Wright and David Lahey had a terrific time teaching fire safety to the students at the Little Rangers Daycare Center.

The youngsters were excited to learn about fire safety and see all of the interesting equipment that our firefighters use. They even had a chance to check out our Ladder Truck. It was a fun time for everyone.

Bfit Challenge Features Methuen Firefighters



Members of the Methuen Fire Department recently took part in the 7th annual BFit Challenge at TD Garden in Boston. The event invites first responders, military members, and anyone in the community to walk, run, or step the stairs at the arena to benefit First Responder Charities. MFD participants pictured are Firefighters Eric Moreau, Danielle Grenier, Derek Michienzi, and James Traverso. Michienzi finished fifth overall in the event. Congratulations to all of our competitors for getting out there for a great cause.

MFD Takes Part in St. Monica's Heroes Breakfast



Thank you to Principal Donna Henderson and all of the great people at Saint Monica's School for their hospitality at the recent Heroes Breakfast.

It was great to see the students interact with Mayor Neil Perry and Methuen professionals from all walks of life.

Pastor Rev. Darin Colarusso addressed the crowd, and everyone enjoyed a terrific breakfast. The students also entertained those in attendance with a couple of musical numbers.

Captain Matthew Tulley, a St. Monica's School alumnus pictured right above, represented the Methuen Fire Department.

Hydrant and Ladder Training for Methuen Firefighters



Our firefighters have been undergoing both hydrant training and ladder training in recent weeks. These are very valuable exercises, both for new firefighters and veteran members of our department. The skills learned are applied in the daily work of the MFD.

Mulch Fire Risk Rises with Warm Weather



Over the past few weeks, the Methuen Fire Department has responded to several calls for mulch fires. Mulch is combustible, and every year, there are hundreds of small and large fires that are started by improperly discarded smoking materials and other causes. Mulch fires often can be well underway before they are noticed, which creates the big risk that a small outdoor mulch fire can quickly spread to buildings. Please call 911 in the event of any mulch fire, large or small. [Click Here for Details.](#)

Enterprise Bank First Responder Breakfast



Thanks to Christina St. Onge and all the wonderful people at Enterprise Bank in Methuen for their recent First Responder Breakfast. Mayor Neil Perry, Fire Chief Tim Sheehy, and Police Chief Scott J. McNamara joined several members of each department interacting with bank staff and community leaders.

A tremendous breakfast was served - just another way in which Enterprise Bank always has an eye on community in everything they do. Pictured above left are Deputy Chief Dan Donahue, Firefighters John Bazdanes and Mark Abraham, and Captain Matthew Tulley.

Join the MFD for Methuen Veterans Cookout, June 24

Click Here to Register or Call 978-983-8585



Forest Lake, Methuen

- ★ Join fellow veterans and their families for a special **COOKOUT** at beautiful **FOREST LAKE** in **METHUEN**.
- ★ Free to all veterans and their families to honor your service and contributions to our community.
- ★ Wear hats/tee shirts to show support of your branch of the service.
- ★ Bring lawn chairs.
- ★ You **MUST** register at <https://tinyurl.com/VetCookout>
- ★ Or by calling the Veteran's Office, (978) 983-8585. Attendance is limited!



VETERAN'S COOKOUT

SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 10 - 2

Commune with nature.

Socialize with fellow veterans.

Open to the whole family.

Attendance limited!

With support from the
Methuen Fire Department.



Thanks to McDonald's on Pelham Street



Thanks to our good friends at McDonald's on Pelham Street in Methuen for sending over some terrific food for our firefighters. We appreciate your generosity and all you do in our community.

Chief Tim Sheehy & Lt. James Garrity to Appear at Happy Hearts Concert

Contact the Methuen Senior Center at 978-983-8525



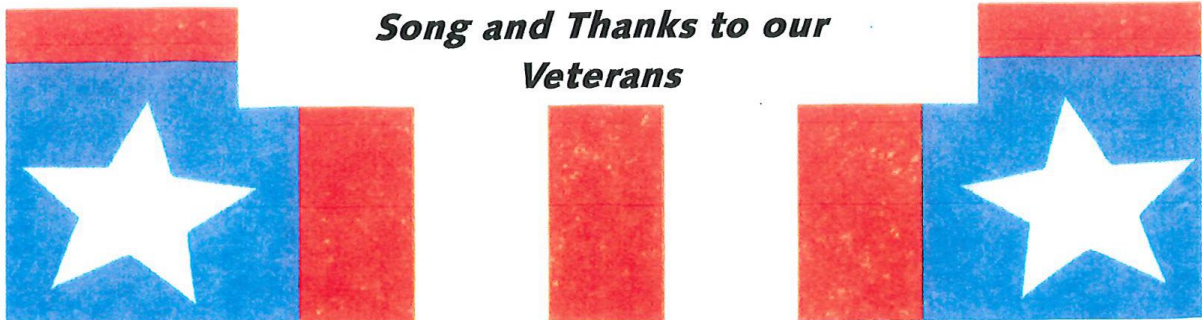
JUNE 15, 2023
Nevins Memorial Library

Happy Hearts Chorus
Presents:
A SALUTE TO VETERANS
CONCERT
1:00pm

Master of Ceremonies:
Methuen Police Chief -
Scott McNamara &
Methuen Fire Chief - Tim Sheehy

Special Guests:
Veterans Agent - Paul Jensen,
Lt. Jim Garrity - Methuen Fire Dept.
Mayor Neil Perry

Join us for an afternoon of
Song and Thanks to our
Veterans



In Memoriam



Fire Chief Tim Sheehy Remarks on the Passing of Steve McKallagat: “I am saddened by the loss of our good friend Steve McKallagat. Our entire department joins me in mourning his passing and sending our sincere condolences to his family.

A lifelong Merrimack Valley resident, Steve was the father of Methuen Firefighter Patrick McKallagat who passed away in 2017. We know how proud Steve was that Patrick was part of our Department. And we know that he is with our brother Pat right now, watching over us.

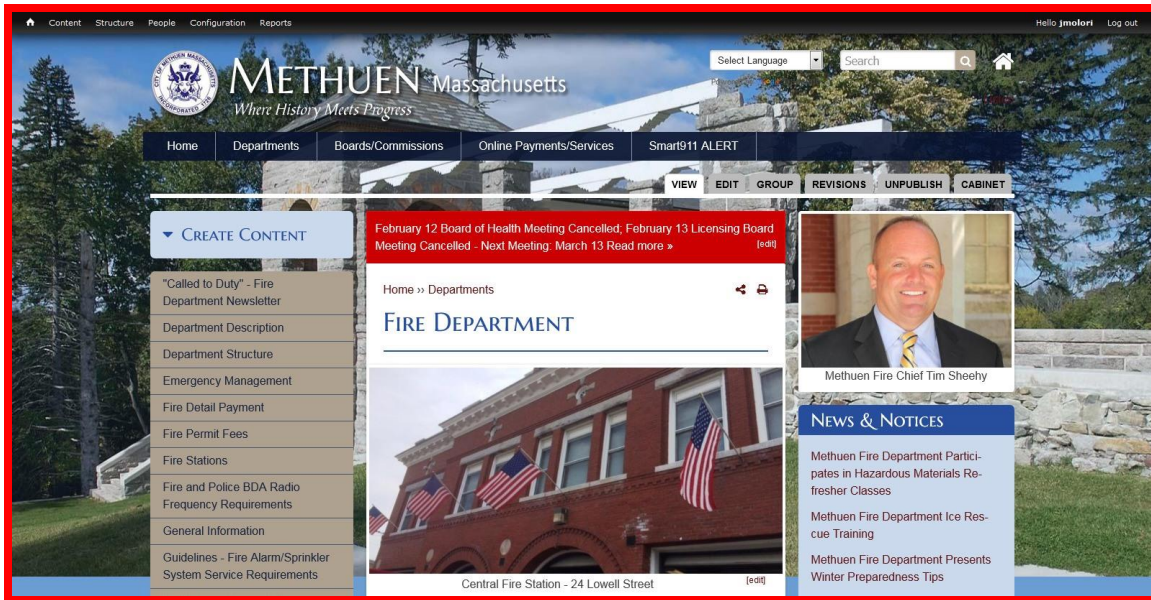
Steve was true family to all of us. He was a treasured friend and dedicated family man. We always enjoyed spending time with him and looked forward to his yearly presentation of the Patrick McKallagat Memorial Award at our Firefighter Sunday event. We will always remember Steve as a devoted husband to wife Patricia.

He truly enjoyed spending time with his siblings, children, grandchildren, extended family, and many friends - they were indeed the blessings of his life.

Steve always had a sincere respect and appreciation for the men and women of the Methuen Fire Department, and we returned those sentiments to him. We offer our support and prayers to the entire McKallagat family and will continue to honor Steve’s memory eternally.”

Pictured: Steve McKallagat, right, presents the Patrick McKallagat Memorial Award to Firefighter Daniel St. Lauren.

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.

Contact Us to Receive the MFD “Called to Duty” Newsletter



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.

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**. Please include your name and email address. Thank You!