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Lt. Garrity and MFD Honor Guard Star at Celtics’ Game

Methuen Fire Department Lieutenant James Garrity performed the National Anthem at TD Garden on December 27 before the Celtics overtime win vs. Detroit.



Joining Lt. Garrity was our department Honor Guard. Pictured above, left to right are Firefighters James Traverso and Eric Moreau, Celtics' color analyst Brian Scalabrine, Firefighters Derek Michienzi and Patrick McKenna, and Lt. James Garrity.



++ 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 wish everyone a Happy New Year. We hope 2024 brings prosperity and happiness to all. Winter weather is kicking in, so please be mindful of safe driving and usage of generators and home heating. This month’s newsletter features stories on some great news 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

Methuen Fire Department Offers Thanks to St. Ann’s Home



We want to thank our friends at St. Ann’s Home in Methuen for dropping off some delicious food to us. We are so appreciative of their generosity and work in our community. Pictured left to right are Al Apperti from St. Ann’s home, Lt. Tom Curtis, and Firefighters Jody Ste. Marie and Ryan Campbell.



MFD Brings Christmas Meals to Those in Need



On Christmas Eve, members of the Methuen Fire Department and their families delivered holiday meals to elderly residents of Methuen. It is an annual program that our department undertakes to spread cheer and goodwill in our community.

The MFD is always front and center in community outreach and partnerships with so many giving organizations and will continue to do so in 2024.

Key Program Creativity in Honor of Our Firefighters



Thank you to our great friends at the Key Program for creating these multi-sized paintings of our Central Fire Station. Your hard work, generosity, and immense talents are greatly appreciated.

Pictured left displaying the works of art are firefighters Adam Marino, Shannon Fitzgerald, Danielle Grenier, Bobby Cole, and Mark Fitzgerald.

Dunkin' Donuts Donates Holiday Coffee to MFD



The Methuen Fire Department would like to send out tremendous thanks to the good people at Cafua Management and Dunkin' Donuts. During the holiday season, they donated 800 pounds of coffee to Methuen Fire and Police personnel. This was the result of a corporate effort where Dunkin' Donuts customers could purchase a pound of coffee to be donated.

It is one of many programs that the Cafua Foundation does throughout the year for children and families in need, Veterans, and first responders. The staff at Dunkin' Donuts on Broadway in Methuen was outstanding to us and Sergeant Kevin Dzioba from the Methuen Police Department.

Thank you again to all of the good people at Dunkin' Donuts and Cafua Management.

Ozzy Properties Offers Thanks to Methuen Firefighters



The men and women of the Methuen Fire Department would like to send gratitude and thanks to the good people at Ozzy Properties. They recently dropped off some tremendous treats for us.

We appreciate it and wish you a very Happy 2024!



Through the Fire, Through the Years

“Through the Fire, Through the Years” looks back at Methuen Fire Department history with a memory from 19 years ago.

Hurricane Katrina strikes the Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama coastal areas ultimately flooding roughly 80% of New Orleans and killing 1600 people. George W. Bush starts his second term as the 43rd President of the United States. Pope John Paul II dies, and over 4 million people travel to the Vatican to pay their respects.

The Chicago White Sox shake off a postseason curse to win their first World Series in 88 years. The San Antonio Spurs with stars Tim Duncan, Manu Ginobili, and Tony Parker win their third NBA title in five years, and the entertainment world mourns the passing of legendary Tonight Show host Johnny Carson at the age of 79.



Through the Fire, Through the Years goes back to 2005 and a bridge crash on I-495.

In May of 2005, the Methuen Fire Department responded to a motor vehicle accident emergency call on I-495. A jackknifing 18-wheeler crashed through the concrete guardrail and caught fire as it dangled over the Merrimack River. The driver of the truck was engulfed in flames and was forced to jump 41 feet into the river before the cab exploded.

The Eagle-Tribune photo above shows the scene after the incident. Methuen Fire Department Lt. Glenn Gallant, now retired, was on the scene. The May 11, 2005, Eagle-Tribune story quoted Gallant as saying that the driver “didn’t have any other way to put out the flames, so he jumped from the cab into the river. If he wasn’t over the water, he’d be dead.”

Amazingly, the driver survived and was in serious condition after the crash. The accident occurred when the driver lost control of his vehicle near the Methuen-Haverhill line on a 495 bridge. Traffic was backed up several miles and for hours. Methuen Fire Rescue crews joined other public safety personnel in responding to the situation.

MFD Solid State Battery Training at Factorial



In December, Methuen Firefighters were at Factorial Energy, 501 Griffin Brook Drive in Methuen, undergoing training in the area of solid state battery safety and the Argon Suppression System. Factorial offers a 67,000 square foot EV Battery factory, the largest assembly line of its kind and largest Battery Line in the United States.

We want to extend our great and sincere thanks to Factorial Energy's Fire Safety Trainer Daniel Monroe who has been so cooperative and instrumental in this training and plans for future training.

Pictured with Factorial staff are Firefighter Kevin Wright, Lt. Scott Petrie, Firefighter James Traverso, Lt. Mike Sullivan, Lt. James McLachlan, Captain Jeff Slattery, Firefighters Binh Le, Greg McCorry, Liam Sheehy, Brady Abraham, EMS Coordinator Jeff Gerardi, and Firefighter Sean Wholley.

TGI Friday's Sends Holiday Package to Central Station



Thanks so much to our good friends at TGI Friday's at the Loop for the food, kind words, and card you sent to our Central Station. We appreciate your positive sentiments and generosity! Pictured here right are Firefighters Eric Moreau, Wayne Borden, Brian Hall, and John Jannini.

MFD Annual Holiday Food Drive a Huge Success



Members of the Methuen Fire Department gathered at Market Basket, 70 Pleasant Valley St. in Methuen for a food drive to benefit Methuen food pantries. Patrons could purchase some non-perishable food items and give them to our firefighters, who had tables set up right outside the market. We want to thank Mayor Neil Perry and everyone who supported our firefighters in making a difference in the lives of Methuen families. Pictured left to right are Firefighters Anthony Coco, Dan St. Laurent, EMS Coordinator Jeff Gerardi, Firefighter Matt Carr, Mayor Neil Perry, and Chief Tim Sheehy.

MFD Thanks Tropical Smoothie Café & Holy Family Cath Lab



All of us here at the Methuen Fire Department are extremely thankful for the continued generosity of our community. We recently received a nice offering of goodies from our friends at Tropical Smoothie Café (above left with Firefighter Matt Carr and EMS Coordinator Jeff Gerardi).

We also appreciate the generosity of the good people at the Holy Family Hospital Cath Lab pictured with EMS Coordinator Jeff Gerardi and Assistant Chief Mike Fluet. They dropped off some items from Mann Orchards. Thanks to all of you.

Asst. Chief Fluet Named Exchange Club Firefighter of the Year



The Methuen Exchange Club recently presented its annual Firefighter and Police Officer of the Year awards at the Irish Cottage. Mayor Neil Perry and other local dignitaries were on hand to honor Assistant Chief Michael Fluet of the Methuen Fire Department (pictured above left with Fire Chief Tim Sheehy) and Officer Robert Peabody of the Methuen Police Department. Both men were lauded for their dedication and service to our city. Fire Chief Tim Sheehy and Police Chief Scott J. McNamara spoke glowingly of the two men. Both honorees thanked their coworkers, the community, and their families. It was a great night for two very deserving public servants.

MFD Participates in Methuen Santa Parade



It was another terrific community effort at this year's Santa Parade in Methuen. Everyone did such a great job on their presentations and floats. Our Department joined civic organizations, schools, dance troupes, sports leagues, and several bands. This year's Grand Marshal was community activist Linda Soucy, who has done some great work at MAN, inc. in the Arlington neighborhood and for different causes throughout our city. The MFD was thrilled to once again be part of this annual event.

MFD Welcomes Visitor from the Congo



The Methuen Fire Department recently welcomed a visitor from Kinshasa, Congo. Justine Mukadi had only been to America once before and had never seen a fire station in person. She has watched numerous TV shows about fire departments and always wanted to see one first-hand. Her niece Lumiere Kazadi of Lawrence, MA brought Justine to our Central Station and it was a thrill. Firefighters Brian Kullman and Brady Anderson gave her a tour of the station and our vehicles. Justine was so thankful that she got to live her dream of seeing a real life fire safety operation, and even brought us donuts! We were happy to meet Justine and Lumiere and enjoyed the visit. Pictured left to right are Firefighter Brian Kullman, Lumiere Kazadi, Firefighter Sean Nartiff, Justine Mukadi, Chief Tim Sheehy, and Firefighter Brady Abraham.

Help Us Keep Fire Hydrants Clear & Accessible

You can help the Methuen Fire Department and your neighbors by clearing any snow and ice from fire hydrants - three feet on each side and clear to the street. Thank you.



In Memoriam



The Methuen Fire Department honors the memory and legacy of retired Firefighter Shawn Danahy, who passed away at the age of 67 on December 24, 2023. Shawn served our department and the people of Methuen with dedication and a tremendous work ethic for three decades. He was known for his infectious smile, cooperative manner, and wonderful personality. Shawn was always there for his fellow firefighters, and his presence as a part of our department and a member of the Methuen community at large will be sorely missed. He was a devoted family man, loved to travel, and always greeted everyone with a big smile and welcoming demeanor. We offer our condolences and support to Shawn's wife Faith, his children, grandchildren, extended family, and many friends.

Methuen Fire Department on the Web & Social Media

A screenshot of the Methuen Fire Department website. The top navigation bar includes links for Government, Transparency, Community, Business, and How Do I... The main content area features a banner with an aerial view of Methuen buildings. Below the banner, a sidebar on the left lists links for applying for permits, reading the newsletter, viewing department structure, emergency management, radio frequency requirements, fire stations, and generator guidelines. The main content area is titled 'Fire Department' and includes a brief mission statement, a 'Contact Us' section with a photo of Fire Chief Tim Sheehy, and a newsletter sign-up for 'Called to Duty'. The newsletter is described as 'The Official Newsletter of the Methuen Fire Department'.

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.

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!