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Methuen Fire Department Senior Dinner a Huge Success

On October 14, the Methuen Fire Department once again sponsored its annual Senior Dinner at the Methuen Senior Activity Center. Members of our department gathered to cook and serve up a terrific Italian dinner for Methuen seniors.



We all look forward to this event every year. It is a great way to interact with seniors in our community. We hope that everyone had a good feast and a great time.

++ Message from the Fire Chief ++



Thanks for taking the time to read this edition of "Called to Duty." Our department has had a busy fall with training, community outreach, and emergency responses. Please use caution on our roadways as Halloween approaches on October 31, 5-7pm, and seasonal travel 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,

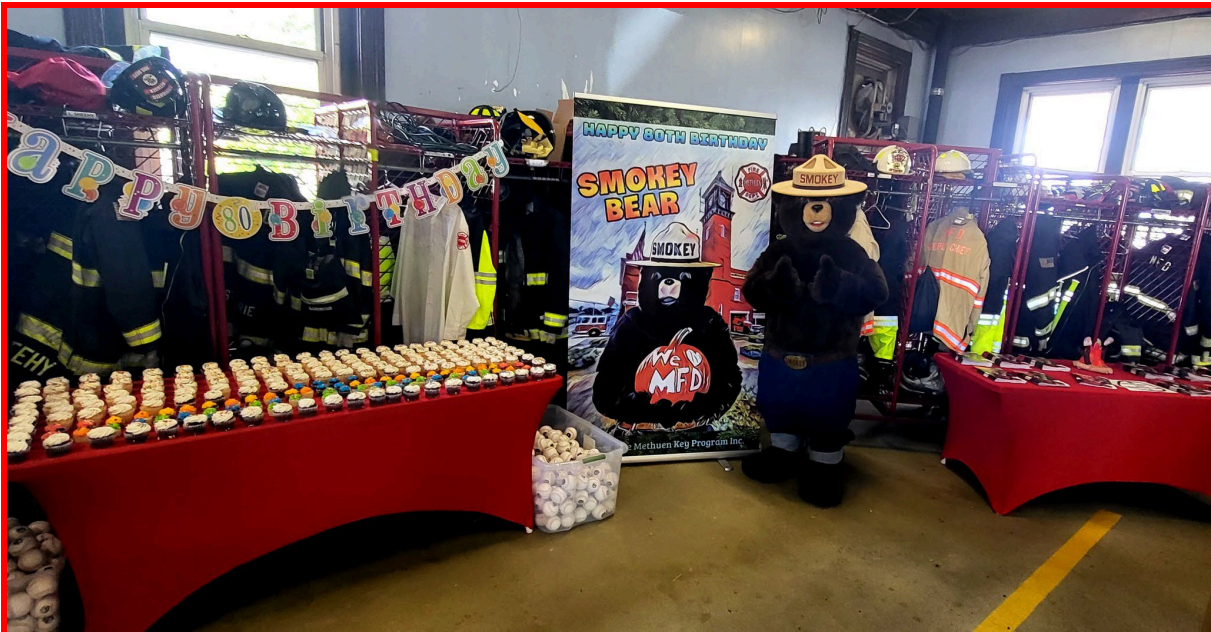
J. Tim Sheehy, Fire Chief

MFD Grills Up Dinner for Methuen High School Football



Members of our department recently grilled up hamburgers and hot dogs for the Methuen High School football team and coaches' game week meal. Every Thursday, the team has a meal usually sponsored by some city agency or entity. Thanks to Firefighters Local 1691 for their support of the Rangers.

Key Program a Valued Part of MFD Open House



As part of our annual Open House, the Methuen Key Program organized Smokey's visit to our Central Fire Station and all the Wild Fire Prevention giveaways and cupcakes. Assistant Program Supervisor Jerrid Kenney, a former firefighter himself, always has the Key Program contributing to our events. Our firefighters greatly appreciate the consistent efforts of Jerrid and the Key Program in taking our community initiatives to another level.

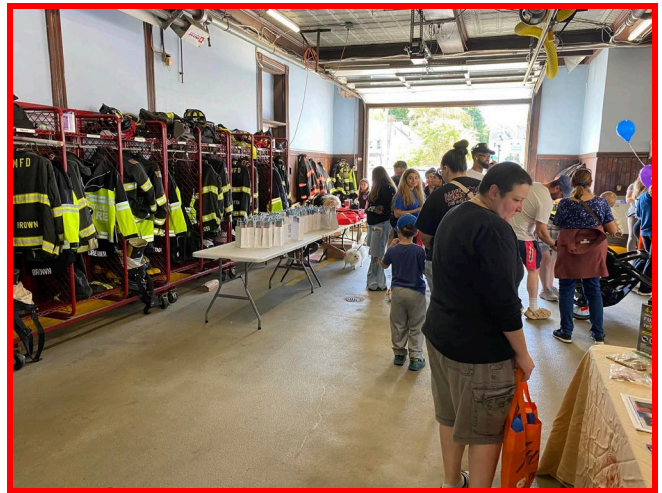
St. Ann's Visit & Texas Roadhouse Tip-A-Firefighter



It is always great when our firefighters can interact with the community. Recently, we had a visit from our friends at St. Ann's Home and School (left photo). Our firefighters also recently ventured out to take part in the Tip-A-Firefighter event at Texas Roadhouse in Methuen. Thanks to all!

Methuen Fire Department Open House - October 5, 2024

Images from a wonderful Methuen Fire Department Open House on October 5!
Thanks to our firefighters, friends, and all those who came out for a marvelous day!



Through the Fire, Through the Years

“Through the Fire, Through the Years” looks back at Methuen Fire Department history with a memory from 167 years ago.

The National Association of Baseball Players is founded in New York. The first perforated US postage stamps are delivered to our government.

Future US President William Howard Taft is born in Cincinnati. The Indian Rebellion of 1857 against British rule begins. Americans William Francis Channing and Moses G. Farmer patent the electric fire alarm, and James Gibbs of Virginia patents the chain-stitch single-thread sewing machine.



Through the Fire, Through the Years goes back to 1857 and the Great Conflagration that set Methuen's Currier Building aflame.

In 1857, the Currier Building stood on the southeast corner of Hampshire Street and Broadway in Gaunt Square, also known as Methuen Square. This structure served as a retail and office building in the late 1800s.

This busy building was ablaze on numerous occasions, most notably in 1857's the Great Conflagration. In that fire, the Currier Building was seriously damaged. Unfortunately, this was not the only fire at the historic building. Damaging fires also occurred at the Currier Building in 1878, 1894, and 1929. Eventually, several portions of the building had to be removed due to the repeated damages.

The site of the Currier Building has been occupied by several different businesses over the years. One interesting note in the picture above is that the building just to the left of the Currier Building is Methuen's former Town Hall.

MAN, Inc. Reaches Out to Our Firefighters



Thank you to our good friends at the Methuen Arlington Neighborhood for dropping off some pizza to our firefighters. It was a wonderful gesture on Random Acts of Kindness Day in Methuen in honor and memory of Mayor Neil Perry.

MFD Gratitude to Cedar View Rehab



Thank you to the great people at Cedar View Rehab for dropping off some cookies to our firefighters in gratitude for their service. We appreciate your generosity and the work you do in our community each day. Our partnership is of great value to us. Thank you.

Methuen Fire Department 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony September 11, 2024

Images from the Annual 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony at our Central Fire Station



MFD Fill the Boot Labor Day Initiative



Thanks to everyone who drove by our Central Fire Station Labor Day Weekend to contribute to our Fill the Boot campaign to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association. The response, as usual, was overwhelmingly great as we raised \$12,000 for the cause! Thanks also to our firefighters who were outside collecting donations. Terrific job by everyone as this wonderful tradition continues.

MFD Distributes School Supplies Courtesy of Dollar Tree



Thanks to Dollar Tree on Broadway for donating several boxes of school supplies. Members of our department dropped them off to the Methuen School Department to give to children in need.



Methuen Fire Department Vehicle Extrication Training



The MFD Vehicle Extrication Training program provides our firefighters with the relevant information needed to support the execution of safe and effective rescue operations on vehicles of yesterday and today, as well as those of the future.

MFD Massachusetts Fire Academy Graduates



Congratulations to our most recent Massachusetts Fire Academy graduates! In the left photo, Matthew Carr is pictured with Deputy Chiefs Dan Donahue (left) and Dave Toto.

In the right photo, Left to Right, Cody Macinnis, Joe Burke, and Colin West are pictured with Chief Tim Sheehy

Veterans Day Parade - November 11



POST 122 Methuen, MA
Tom Hargreaves, Commander



VETERANS DAY PARADE MONDAY, NOV 11, 2024



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.

GROUPS WILL FORM UP AT THE AMERICAN LEGION POST AT 9:30am AND PARADE BEGINS ON BROADWAY AT 10. A FLATBED WILL BE PROVIDED FOR THOSE VETERANS WHO CANNOT MARCH IN THE PARADE.

GRAND MARSHALL: WWII US NAVY VETERAN AND METHUEN RESIDENT DALIS DEPARIS!

In case of inclement weather, a ceremony will be held indoors at the American Legion Post 122.

TO REGISTER TO MARCH, CONTACT:
TOM HARGREAVES (thhargreaves@hotmail.com)

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.

Become a Volunteer Driver for Our Seniors

Become a volunteer driver &
help older adults stay
healthy and well!

Studies show volunteering keeps you healthy, too!

*Mileage reimbursement & supplemental auto insurance is available. **Drive when & where you want!**

NEET- Northern Essex Elder Transport, Inc., is a nonprofit organization providing non-lift, vital medical transportation for older adults with the support of volunteer drivers.

Won't you help?

Check with your local Council on Aging or call us at 978-388-7474. Or visit our website at driveforneet.org/volunteer.

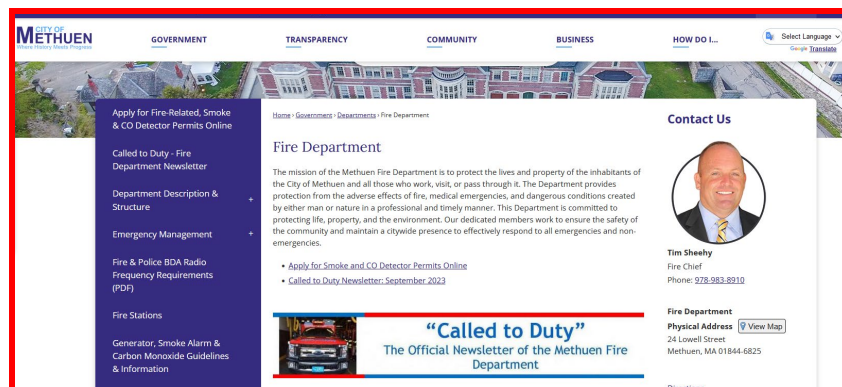


In Memoriam



Chief Tim Sheehy and the men and women of the Methuen Fire Department mourn the passing of Methuen Mayor Neil Perry, a man who gave his heart, mind, and soul in service to our community. Mayor Perry, pictured above left with Chief Sheehy, had an admiration for first responders that was unquestioned, but he was more than just our Mayor, he was our trusted friend. We honor his dedication to Methuen and send our continued sympathies, prayers, and condolences to his family and many friends.

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.

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!