

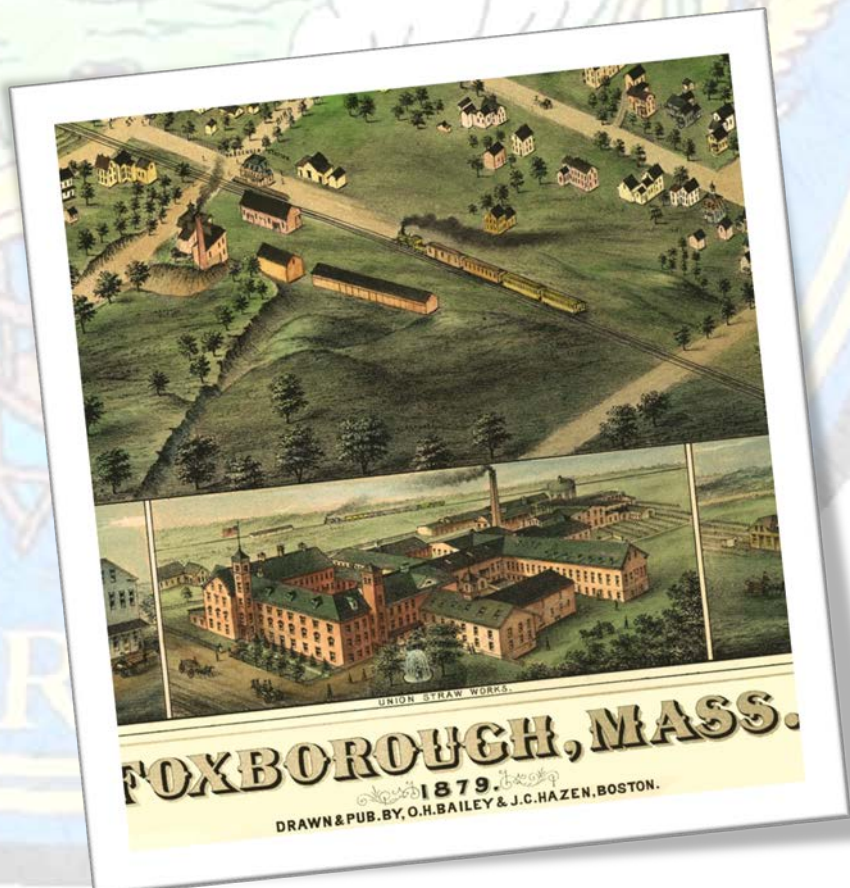
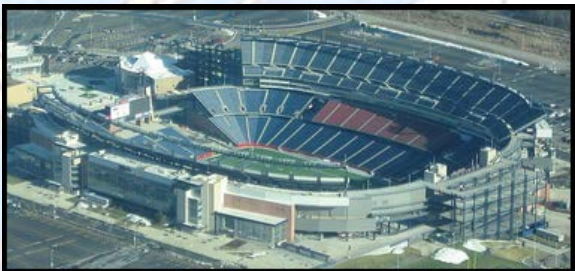
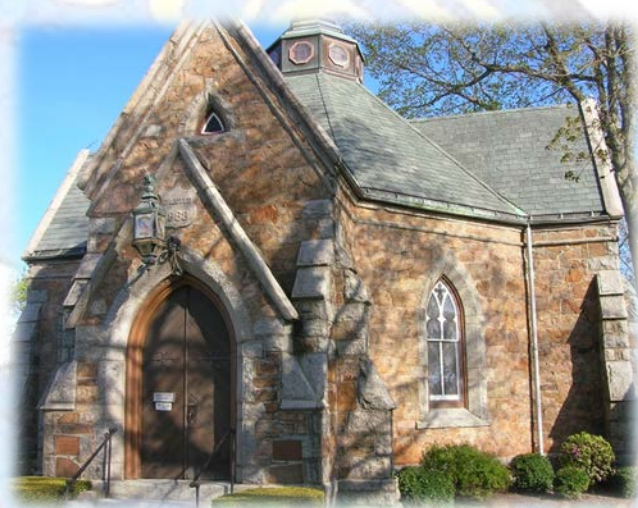
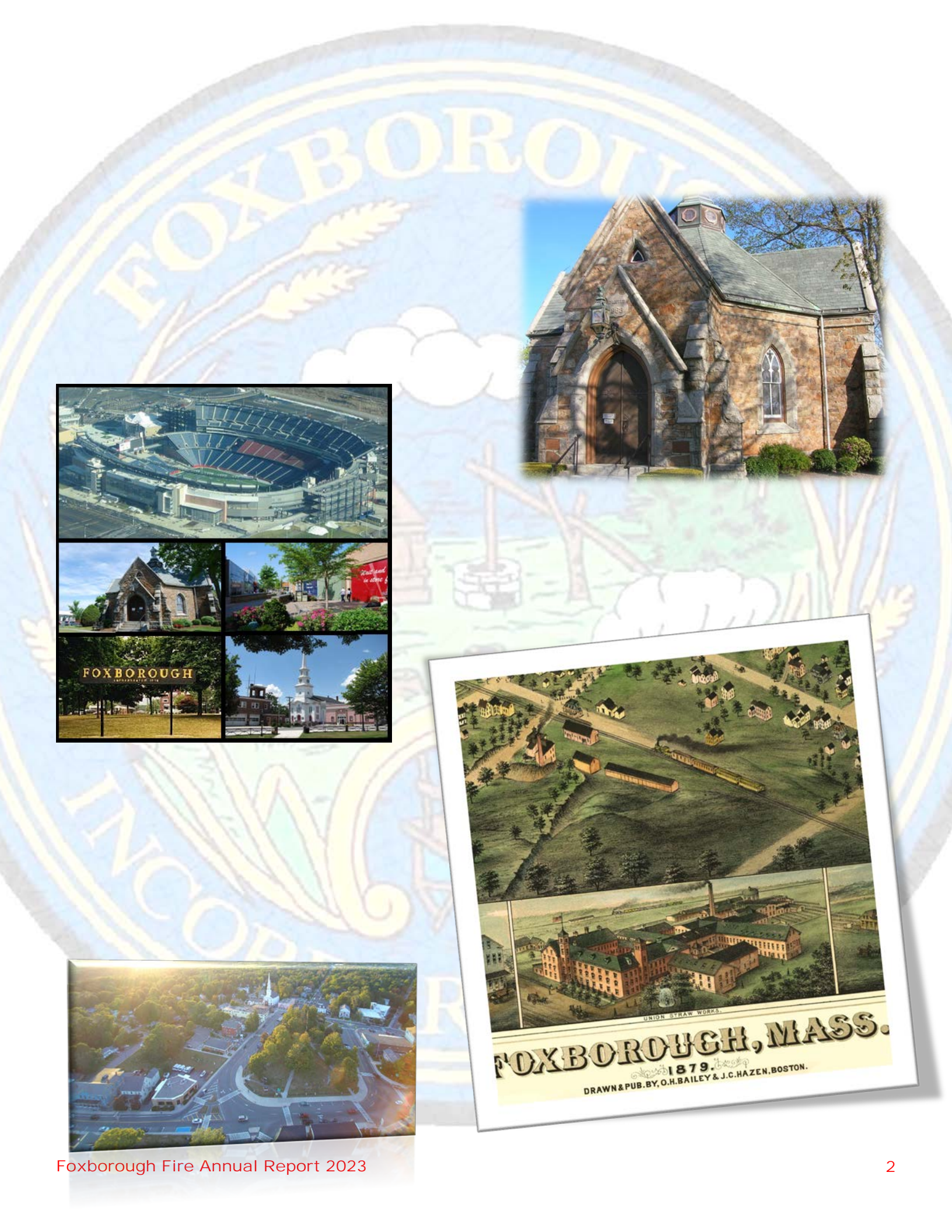


ANNUAL REPORT 2023

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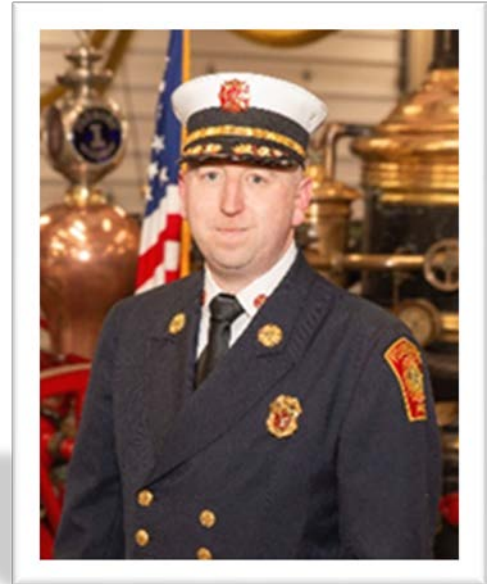


CHIEFS MESSAGE

Dear Foxborough Community Members and Residents,

As we reflect upon the passing year, we must share an overview of Foxborough Fire & Rescues' activities, accomplishments, and milestones. This Annual Report serves as a testament to our unwavering commitment to the safety and well-being of our community.

In 2023, your Foxborough Fire Department faced various challenges and triumphs, demonstrating resilience, dedication, and a steadfast commitment to service. This report encapsulates the collective efforts of our skilled firefighters, dedicated staff, and the community supporting us.



From emergency responses to fire prevention initiatives, community outreach, and ongoing training, this report provides insight into the multifaceted role your fire department plays in ensuring the safety and security of our town. As we navigate the dynamic landscape of emergency services, we continue to evolve and adapt to better meet the needs of our ever-growing community.

We invite you to explore the following pages, which detail the past year's highlights and provide a glimpse into how we have worked to protect lives, property, and the environment. As we embark on a new year, we sincerely thank you for the trust and support you have bestowed upon us.

Thank you for allowing us the privilege of serving you. We look forward to another year of continued collaboration, growth, and success.

Sincerely,

Michael Kelleher
Chief of Department
Foxborough Fire & Rescue



MILESTONES

JAN: Firefighters Kristen Nagobads and John Couroupacis Retire



FEB: Community Response Social Worker, Christina LaRose begins work for Public Safety.

JUN: Ladder 26 hit from behind on Rte. 495 by uninsured driver from RI. Unit out of service for over 7 months

JAN

FEB

MAR

APR

MAY

JUNE



FEB: House fire at 3 Shoreline Dr. fought in Minus 20 degrees' temperature

JUN: Firefighter Jake Pantano hired



FEB: House fire at 149 Beach Street



MAR: Swearing in of new firefighters: Keith Hamilton, C. McNamara, Z. Smith, & T. Chute

Promotion of Lt. C. Shepardson and Lt. M. Treannie



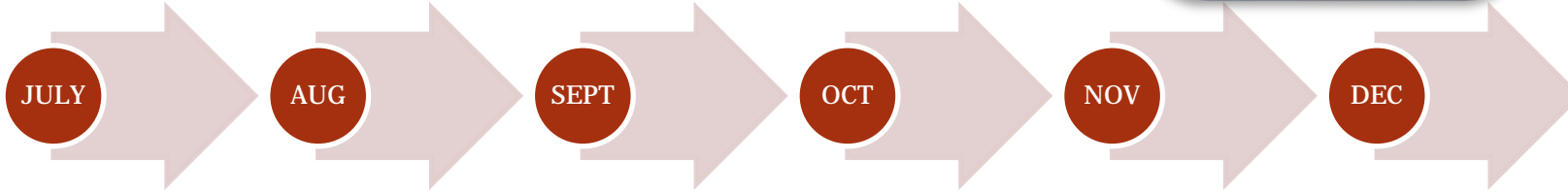
MILESTONES



JUL/AUG: Luke Combs and Bruce Springsteen two of the 79 Events held at Gillette Stadium this year



NOV: House fire on Hartwell Drive



NOV: Structure fire in a Multi-Family building at 33 Main Street



DEC: Army/Navy Football comes to Gillette Stadium!



DEC: CPSE Accreditation Team Chiefs visit for a week in December

PUBLIC EDUCATION & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Foxborough Firefighters have put on many special events over the past year, such as a cookout at the Senior Center, Public Safety Retirees Christmas Luncheon, and an open house, to name a few.

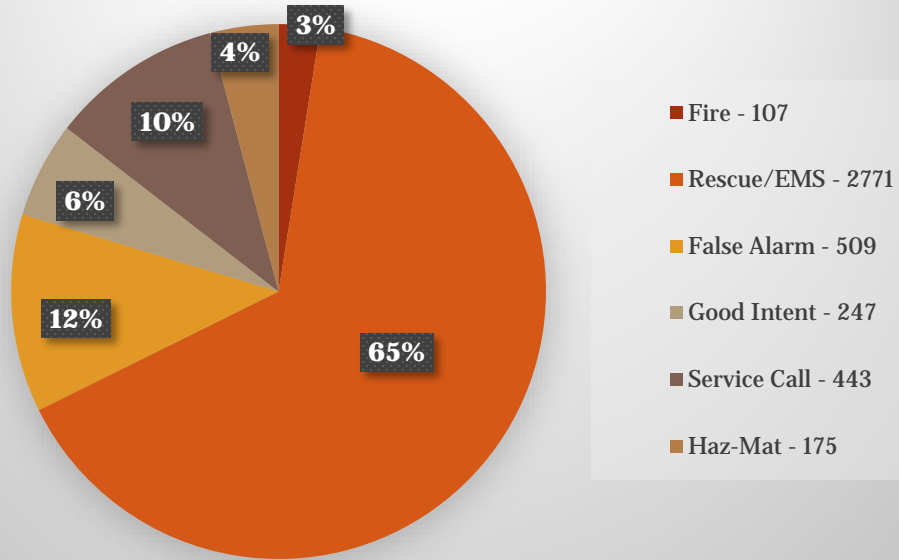
The Public Education team, led by Lt. Matthew Treannie, also spent many hours inside Foxborough-based Schools presenting the fire safety program.





CALL TYPES AND VOLUMES

Incidents by Situation Found



NFIRS CALL TYPES

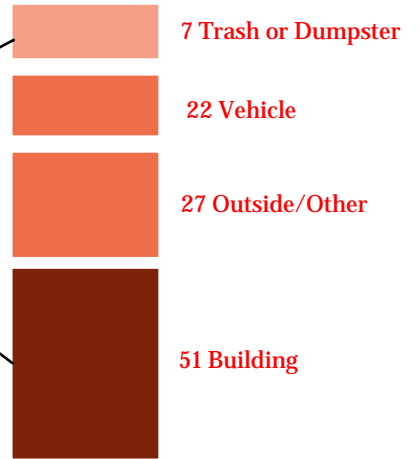


Fire
107
2.5%

Medical
2771
65%

Other
1374
32%

Fire



Other



EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

EMS Deputy Thomas Kenvin, EMT-P, RN

In 2023, Foxborough Fire & Rescue Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and Public Health worked tirelessly to ensure the well-being and safety of our community members. Despite many challenges, our dedicated team remained steadfast in their commitment to providing quality care and promoting public health initiatives.



Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Highlights: The EMS team responded to 2,600 emergency medical calls throughout the year, ranging from accidents and medical emergencies to weather-related disasters. Key initiatives and achievements of the EMS department in 2023 include:

Last January, the department worked closely with the veterinary team from Tufts Veterinary Hospital and Gillette Stadium to host one of the most significant recent single training events. In response to a mandate by the Massachusetts Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS) and the Department of Public Health, Nero's Law was enacted, requiring emergency medical providers to be trained in law enforcement K9 first aid. Training associated with Nero's Law was specific and nuanced, requiring



hands-on training from veterinarians and live K9s. Compounding the logistical challenges, OEMS mandated that the training be completed before February 15, 2023, for first responders to continue to staff ambulances in the Commonwealth. The department successfully coordinated the 3-hour training curriculum through combined virtual didactic and in-person training programs.

Implementation of Advanced Life Support (ALS) protocols: Our EMS personnel underwent extensive training and certification to enhance their skills in providing advanced medical care on-site and in-hospital. The town's paramedics renewed training in pediatric and adult advanced life support and underwent competency training in advanced airway maneuvers and techniques, to name a few.

Recently, in partnership with Sturdy Health, our paramedics began clinical rotations with anesthesiologists and nurse anesthetists in the operating room to refine airway management skills further. The Office of Preparedness and Emergency Management's Pediatric Preparedness division sponsored a training program that allowed providers to practice assessing and managing critically ill pediatric patients using virtual reality goggles. The American Academy of Pediatrics designed the program and focused on the pediatric assessment triangle and comprehensive care management from a team approach. Foxborough was among the first 40 departments selected for the training rollout.



As pioneers in the state of EMS point-of-care ultrasound (POCUS), the department is moving toward the next evolution of POCUS. As a result of our current technology ending its user life, the department is working on upgrading to AI-assisted POCUS devices, which build on the solid foundational skills already acquired to bring the next level of diagnostic functionality. This technology allows our healthcare professionals to “visualize” chest, heart, and abdominal structures when treating patients to achieve better patient outcomes.



Expansion of community outreach programs: The EMS team organized various educational sessions, such as CPR and Stop the Bleed training courses, to empower residents with life-saving skills and knowledge.

Public Health Highlights: The clinical public health department focused on preventive measures, health promotion, and disease surveillance to safeguard the well-being of our community. Key initiatives and achievements in 2023 include:

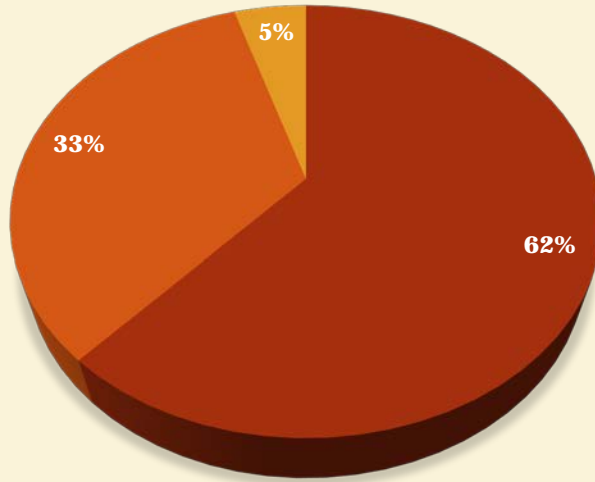
Vaccination campaign: Foxborough Fire launched several vaccination drives within the community.



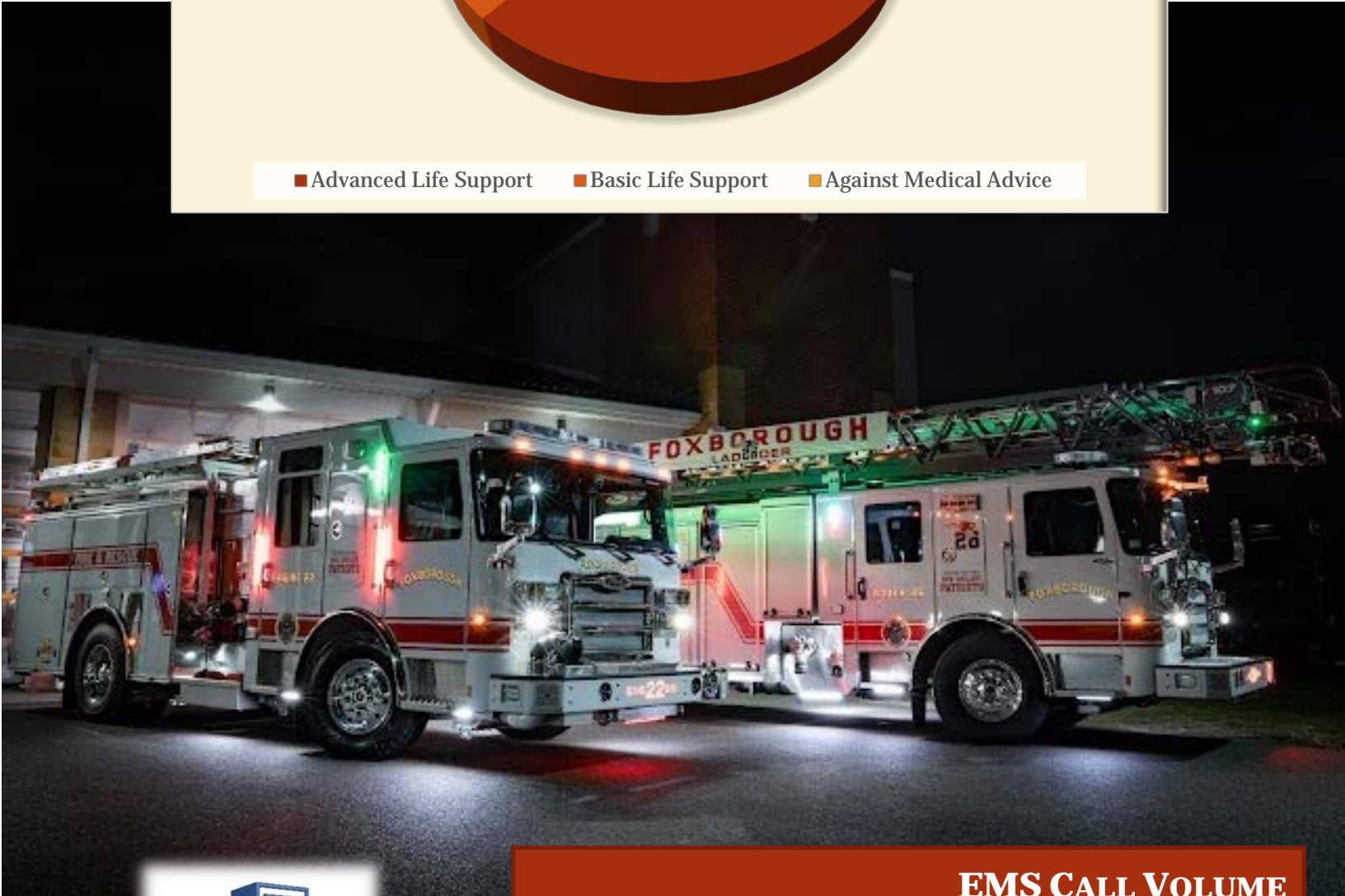
Mental health awareness programs: Recognizing the impact of the pandemic on mental well-being, the addition of Christina Larose (LICSW) as a community response social worker has significantly augmented the response capabilities of both the fire and police departments in addressing mental health challenges and provide resources for coping and resilience.

Conclusion: In 2023, Foxborough’s Emergency Medical Services demonstrated unwavering dedication and professionalism in serving our community. Their collaborative efforts, innovative initiatives, and tireless commitment to public health and safety have profoundly impacted our residents' well-being. As we look towards the future, we remain committed to building upon these achievements and further enhancing our community's health and resilience.

EMS Call Types



■ Advanced Life Support ■ Basic Life Support ■ Against Medical Advice



EMS CALL VOLUME
ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT = 1299
BASIC LIFE SUPPORT = 708
PATIENT REFUSAL OF CARE / ASSIST ONLY = 100
TOTAL = 2572
Source: ESO Data Extract 2023



FIRE PREVENTION

Deputy David Laracy

“Our goal in the Fire Prevention Division is to decrease the number and severity of all fires within our town, making our town a fire-safe community. We believe this can be accomplished through an active annual fire inspection program, public education and community risk reduction activities, and the review of new construction plans. We strive to provide these services utilizing well-trained and highly motivated personnel who understand the importance of customer service and fire and life safety education.”

This past year, two large projects were completed: Gillette Stadium North End Zone and the Freedom Wind indoor skydiving building. The Gillette Stadium North End Zone project will surely be a local landmark. Suffolk Construction constructed the structure for the Kraft organization. The project's centerpiece, the lighthouse, stands 218' high and has spectacular views of the Boston and Providence skylines. Our personnel worked many hours conducting plan reviews and onsite inspections and over 8,000-man hours conducting fire watches and EMS details. We are proud of their commitment to our community and workplace safety. Erland Construction constructed the Freedom wind tunnel, offering an indoor skydiving experience in a controlled and safe environment. This is a unique building, not only in its architectural design but also in its fire protection challenges.



The Foxborough Fire Department would like to recognize the late Maurice Pilette for his guidance with this project.

Foxborough Fire Department has a reputation for embracing change and adapting to technology. Two of the most advanced and diverse technologies we are challenged with today are Energy storage and photovoltaic systems. As the permitting authority for energy storage, we have strived to immerse ourselves in the knowledge of system design and safety applications. As fire prevention officers across the State and the Country, we face the challenge of keeping pace with the speed of advancing technologies.

Inspections

2023

21E	12
New Construction Final	28
26F	183
Apartment Building	2
Blasting	1
General Business/ Restaurant Inspection	25
Camp Inspection	3
Fire Drill	15
Energy Storage Inspection	2
Fire Alarm Acceptance	43
Food Truck Inspection	12
On-Site Fuel Storage	6
Group Home Inspection	8
Healthcare Inspection	7
Hood Installation	19
Hotel/Motel Inspection	7
Oil Burner Install	6
Oil Tank Install	22
Oil Tank Removal	12
Fire Alarm Plan Review	35
General Plan Review Tier I	46
Pre-Construction Meeting	1
Pre-Plan Site Visit	1
Propane Storage	25
Pyro Inspection	41
School Inspection	7
Site Plan Review	1
Site Visit	22
Solar	44
Sprinkler Plan Review	18
Sprinkler Acceptance	10
Senior Safety Initiative	40
Temporary Tent Review	9

We have collectively worked with the town's Building and Electrical Departments to establish a comprehensive plan review and site inspection process to ensure all installations are code-compliant. There are many applications for photovoltaic systems, such as rooftop systems that supply electricity to your home or a simple panel that powers a traffic light. The principle of technology is relatively the same but on different scales. The risk of fire associated with a photovoltaic system is extremely low when appropriately installed. The risk of fire associated with energy storage, AKA battery storage, is also low. Still, if the batteries fail, our ability to extinguish the fire is limited by several factors, such as access, location, and the construction of its surroundings. This is the reason we have developed such a comprehensive plan.



PUBLIC EDUCATION

Deputy David Laracy

Lieutenant Matthew Treannie, EMT-P

The public education division aims to educate people of all ages on the hazards present in everyday life and how to deal with them. The Foxborough Fire Department was fortunate to receive the SAFE grant from the State of Massachusetts to help fund the community's educational needs. The funding allows the public education team to conduct classroom lectures within our local elementary schools and at our Senior center.

The Public Education division delivered lectures and hands-on training to over 1,100 individuals this year. Most of the teaching was conducted at the elementary schools, teaching the children fire safety. The team is involved with a new junior firefighter program for elementary school children. The program is open to any K-4 students who are interested in participating. The children are led by firefighter Joseph Dantona, who teaches them the aspects of the day-to-day tasks of a firefighter, as well as fire safety and physical education.



We had another great turnout at our annual cookout at the Foxborough Senior Center. The event allows the senior community to come together and learn about the fire department's services. We also use this time to speak about our Senior Safe Initiative program. The program offers a free home safety inspection to any resident who is 65 years or older and lives in an owner-occupied, one- or two-family home. If hazards are found during the inspection, the firefighter will help educate the owner on how to address the hazard, such as non-operatable smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, overloaded

extension cords, or the need for grab bars. No matter what age you are, everyone should be thinking about fire safety!



TRAINING

Captain Andrew Puntini, EMT-P

Lieutenant Colin Sweeney EMT-P



Foxborough Fire & Rescue training division in 2023 continued to commit to preparing our firefighters with the best training possible to serve the community best. Towards the end of the year, in October, the training division went through a “changing of the guard” with a change in coordinators as Lieutenant Colin Sweeney took over for Captain Andrew Puntini on October 1st. The Department would like to recognize the exceptional work Captain Puntini has put into the program over the years with his countless hours of time and dedication to get us where we are today. Captain Puntini helped build the foundation needed to meet nationally recognized standards identified by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), the Insurance Standards Office (ISO), and the Center for Public Safety Excellence (CPSE). Throughout the year, training continued to be built around exceeding these minimum requirements with over 20,000 hours of training.



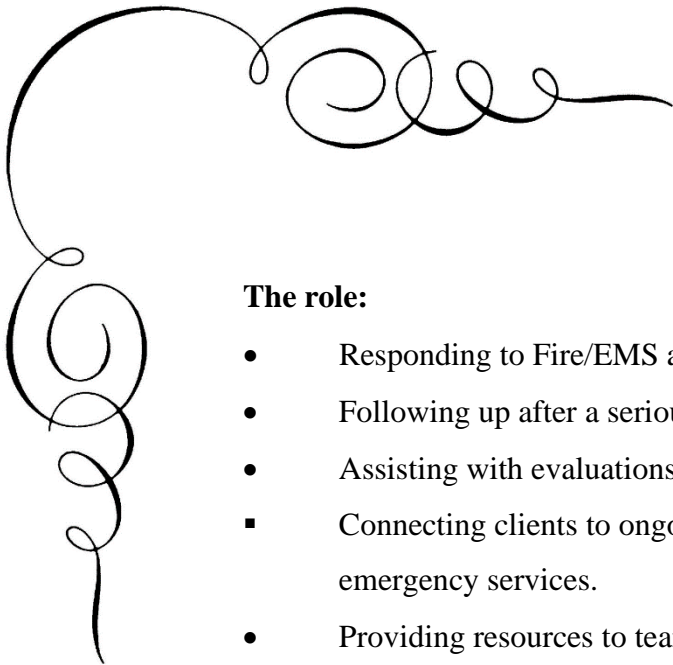
In 2023, countless members continued to take advantage of the many classes offered by the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy. Firefighter McNamara completed the 10-week recruit training program in mid-August and returned to shift; upon return, FF McNamara obtained his certification as a Nationally registered paramedic. Multiple members also attended Fire Instructor 1, Fire Instructor 2, Fire Officer 1, Fire Officer 2, and Fire Officer 3 courses, and all successfully passed and obtained their Pro Board certification. Lieutenant Sweeney attended the 6-week Hazardous Materials Technician training program successfully, completing and becoming the department’s second current certified Hazmat Tech. Firefighter Derba is also attending recruit training in Stow, with a scheduled completion date of February 26, 2024.

Also, in 2023, the department completed training on the new Engine 22, a Pierce enforcer pumper, before being placed in service in February. The Pierce training division delivered the training. Upon its arrival in July, training was also completed on the newly acquired E-ONE tower ladder. Members and other service providers throughout the state completed the state-mandated Nero's law and law enforcement K9 training, which was hosted at Gillette Stadium. The Department of Fire Services returned with the flashover simulator held at the Mansfield EMA site. In addition to flashover, DFS returned with the Mobile training unit (MTU) fire simulator, and joint training with Wrentham Fire was conducted at fire headquarters.



For 2024, the training division strives to continue excellent training and encourage members to obtain additional certifications. The division will continue to work on the transition from our Red Alert software to the new and state-of-the-art First Due software. Improvements will be focused on the newly revamped driver training program and the ability to track and maintain company-level drills. In addition to that, there will be a focus on training new members, including FF Betro, who is slated to attend recruit training at a future date. Foxborough Fire & Rescue will continue to strive to meet and exceed NFPA, ISO, and CPSE minimum training requirements to help us better serve the town of Foxborough in 2024.





EMPATHY

The role:

- Responding to Fire/EMS and Police on urgent social services calls.
- Following up after a serious incident involving either Fire or Police.
- Assisting with evaluations/assessments for mental health and appropriate level of care.
- Connecting clients to ongoing services to help resolve the issues leading them to call for emergency services.
- Providing resources to team members and other community partners that can help mutual clients.



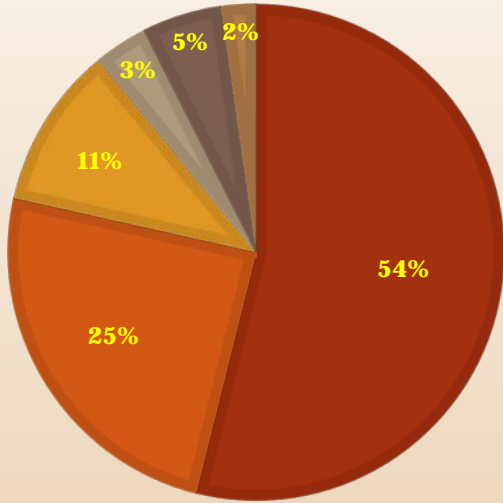
Grab Bar Program-

Foxborough Fire and Foxborough Council on Aging and Human Services were awarded a \$10,000 grant through the Mass Council on Aging to help provide grab bars in private homes in Foxboro. The grant will run from July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024. So far, the grant has helped over 20 residents install over 40 grab bars! The program anticipates helping an additional 16 individuals install 30+ more grab bars. The grant aims to help keep aging adults in their homes and reduce the risk of falls and injury.



CALL DATA

■ Police ■ Fire ■ Community ■ COA ■ Self Referral ■ Health Dept



796 - Total Calls for Service
 222 - unduplicated interactions
 90 total "evaluations"

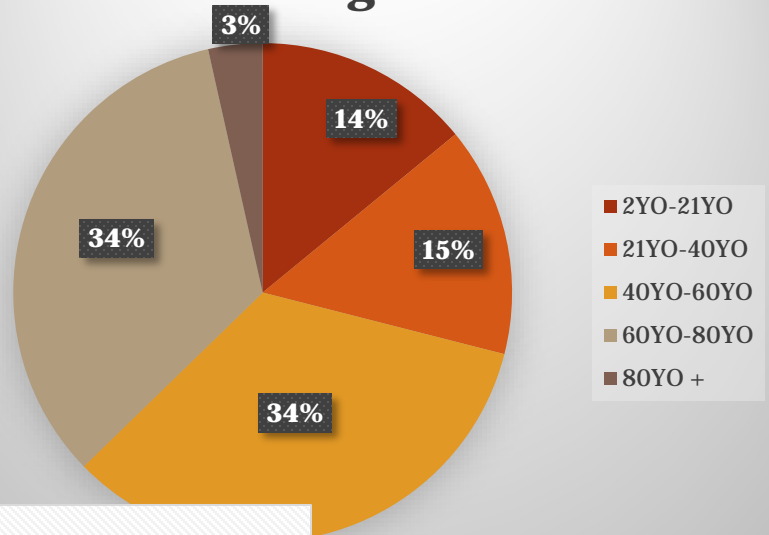
Call breakdown by referral source:

429 - Police
 196 - Fire
 18 - Board Of Health
 84 - Community/Citizen
 28 - Council On Aging
 41 - Self-Referral

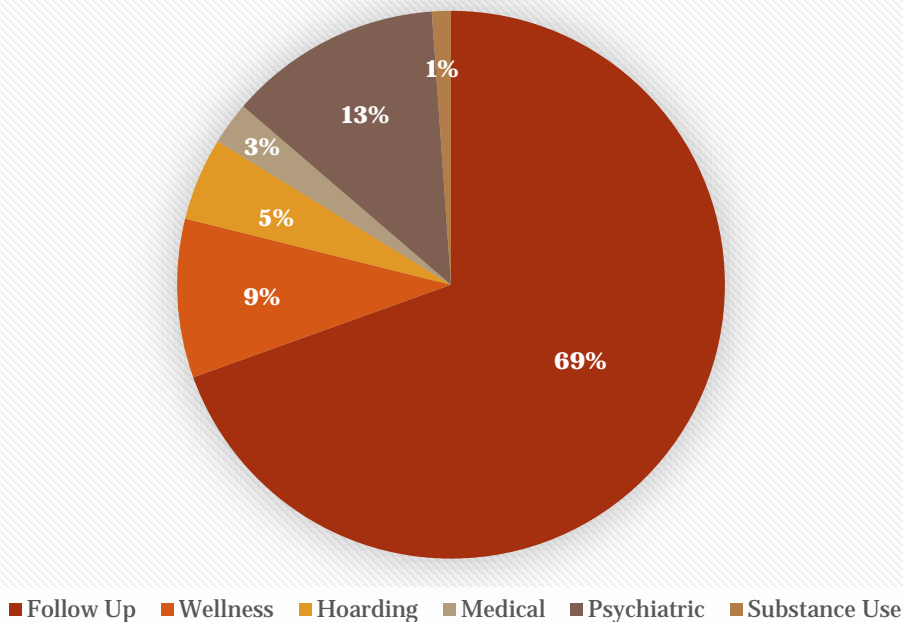
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Statistics February 2023 – December 2023

Age



Types of Calls





MOTOR SQUAD DIVISION

Firefighter Eoin Bohnert, EMT-P
Superintendent

The Motor Squad continued building upon the prior year's success in 2023. A record amount of partner-town service, continued training, and development of our members, as well as the continual execution of our in-house predictive maintenance program, kept all the members of the Motor Squad busy.

2023 started with Head Mechanic Eoin Bohnert transitioning to a new role as Superintendent of the Motor Squad, a new full-time position responsible for overseeing all aspects of apparatus maintenance and repair, acquiring all parts and materials, and overseeing Motor Squad personnel. The creation of this position is a great leap forward for the Department as a whole and a credit to the leadership of Chief Kelleher.

Partner-town service continued in 2023, with multiple outside agencies relying on the Motor Squad to maintain and repair their apparatus to our strict standards.

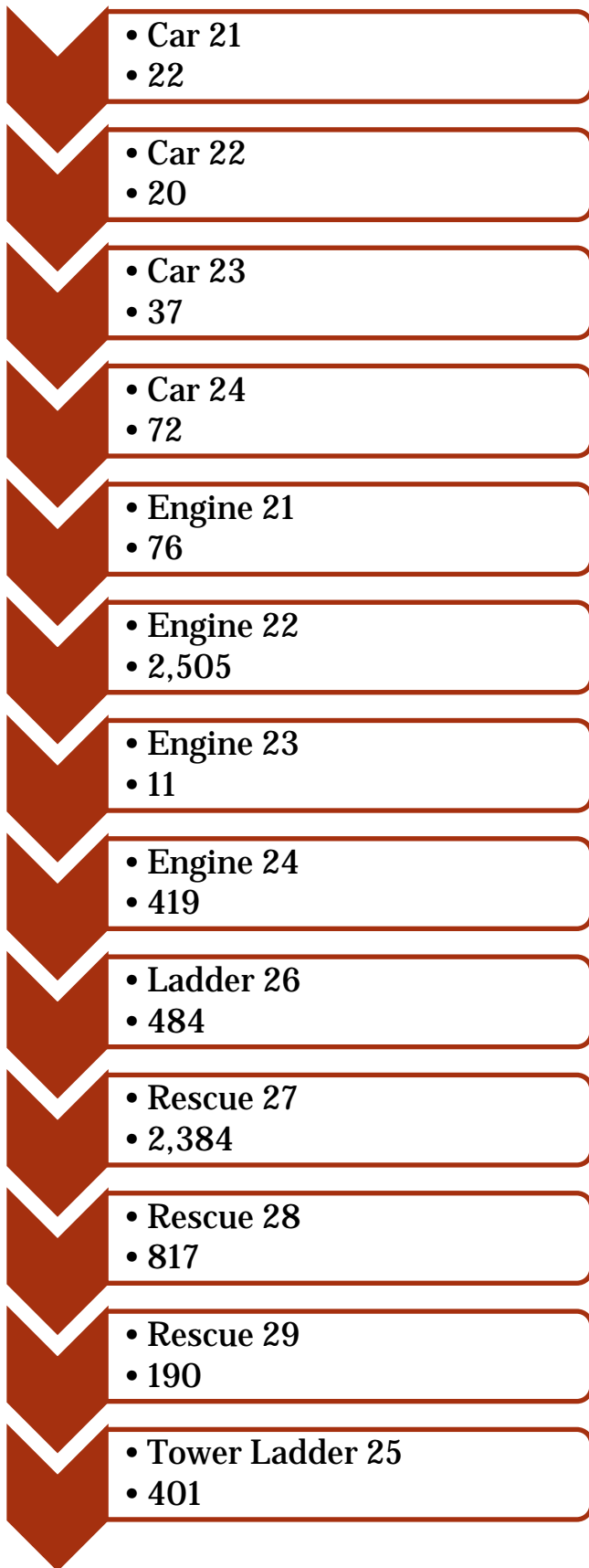
Motor Squad members have prioritized training and development as the outside workload continually increases. Firefighter Jason Galanti attended specialized fire pump training at the 2023 FCAM conference, and Superintendent Bohnert attended Pierce Fire Apparatus factory repair training. Firefighter Parker Merritt earned his first EVT certifications in 2023, and Superintendent Eoin Bohnert finished his Level 3 Master EVT track, consisting of 14 certification exams across three levels. This is the highest level of Fire Apparatus Technician Certification awarded in the United States.

As always, 2023 brought some significant challenges for the Motor Squad and Department, including losing Ladder 26 for eight months due to accident damage, increased utilization of our ambulances due to record call volumes, and the ongoing closure of Norwood Hospital. The Department and the Motor Squad met these challenges head-on and adapted at every turn.

We look forward to the new challenges that 2024 will almost certainly bring. As always, we remain proudly committed to ensuring that Foxborough's Fire Apparatus is always ready to answer the call.



2023 DISPATCHES PER UNIT



ENGINE AND RESCUES SHOWN DO NOT TRANSLATE INTO SPECIFIC APPARATUS BUT ARE SPECIFIC DESIGNATIONS ASSIGNED TO AN APPARATUS DURING A PERIOD WHEN A MAINTENANCE SITUATION TAKES AN APPARATUS OUT OF SERVICE.

NEW APPARATUS



RESCUE 29

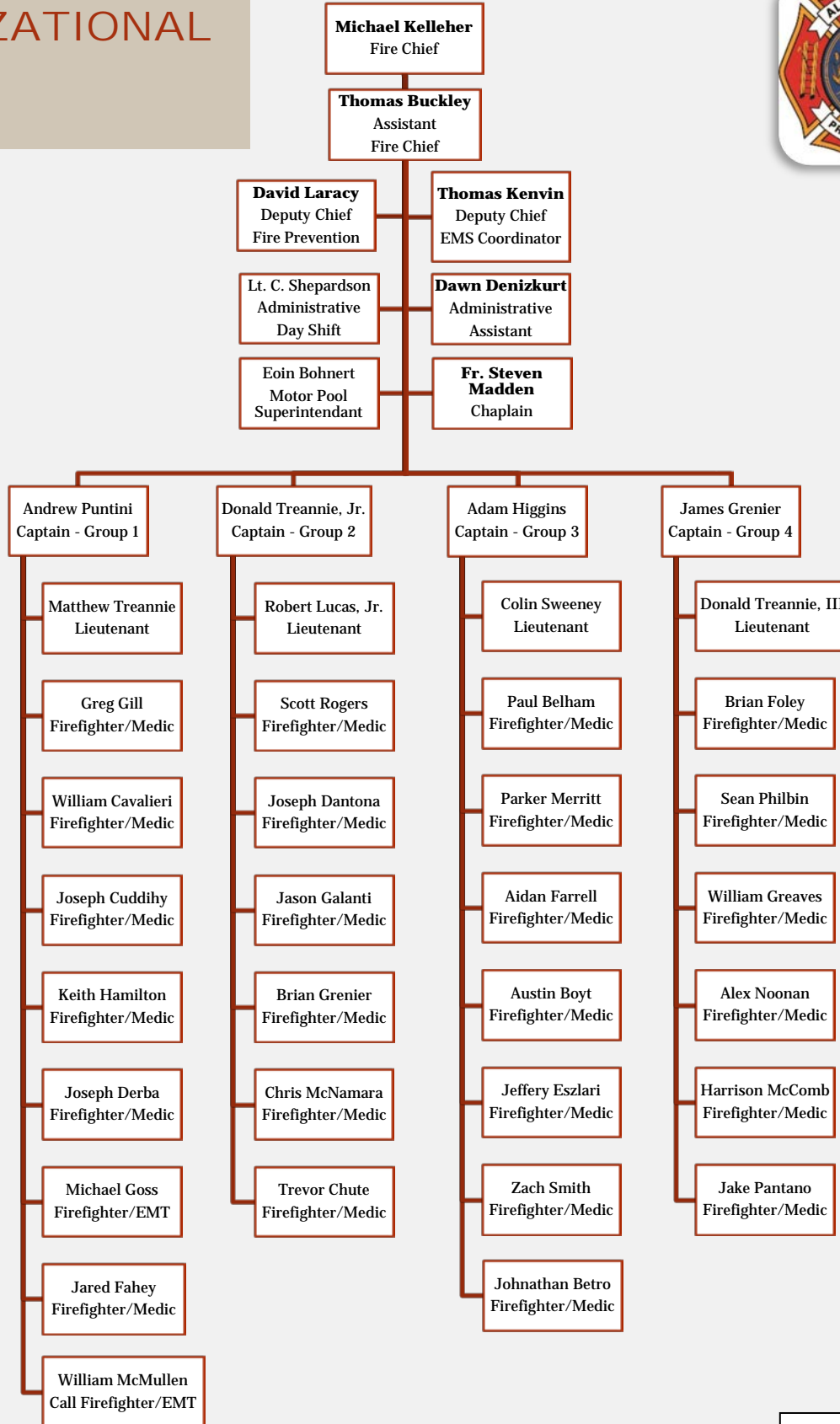
In-Service	February 18, 2023
Model	Ford F-550 – Lifeline
Replaced	2021 Ford E350 Van
Cost	\$355,000
Vendor	Allegiance Fire and Rescue
Expected Life	8 years



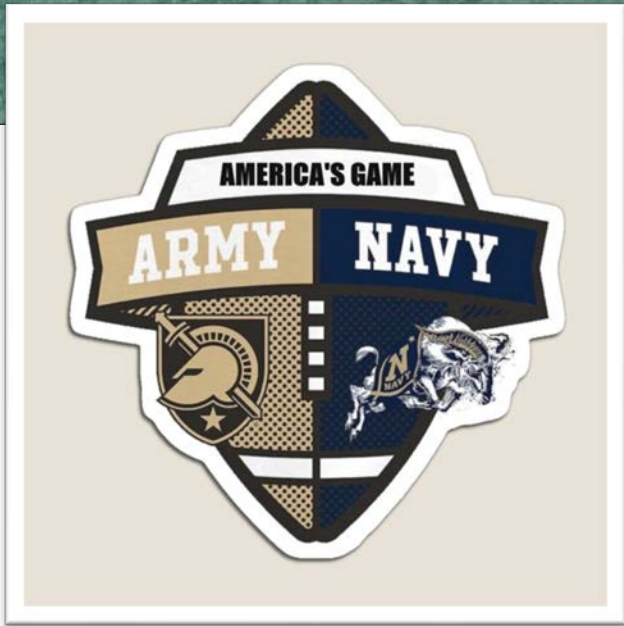
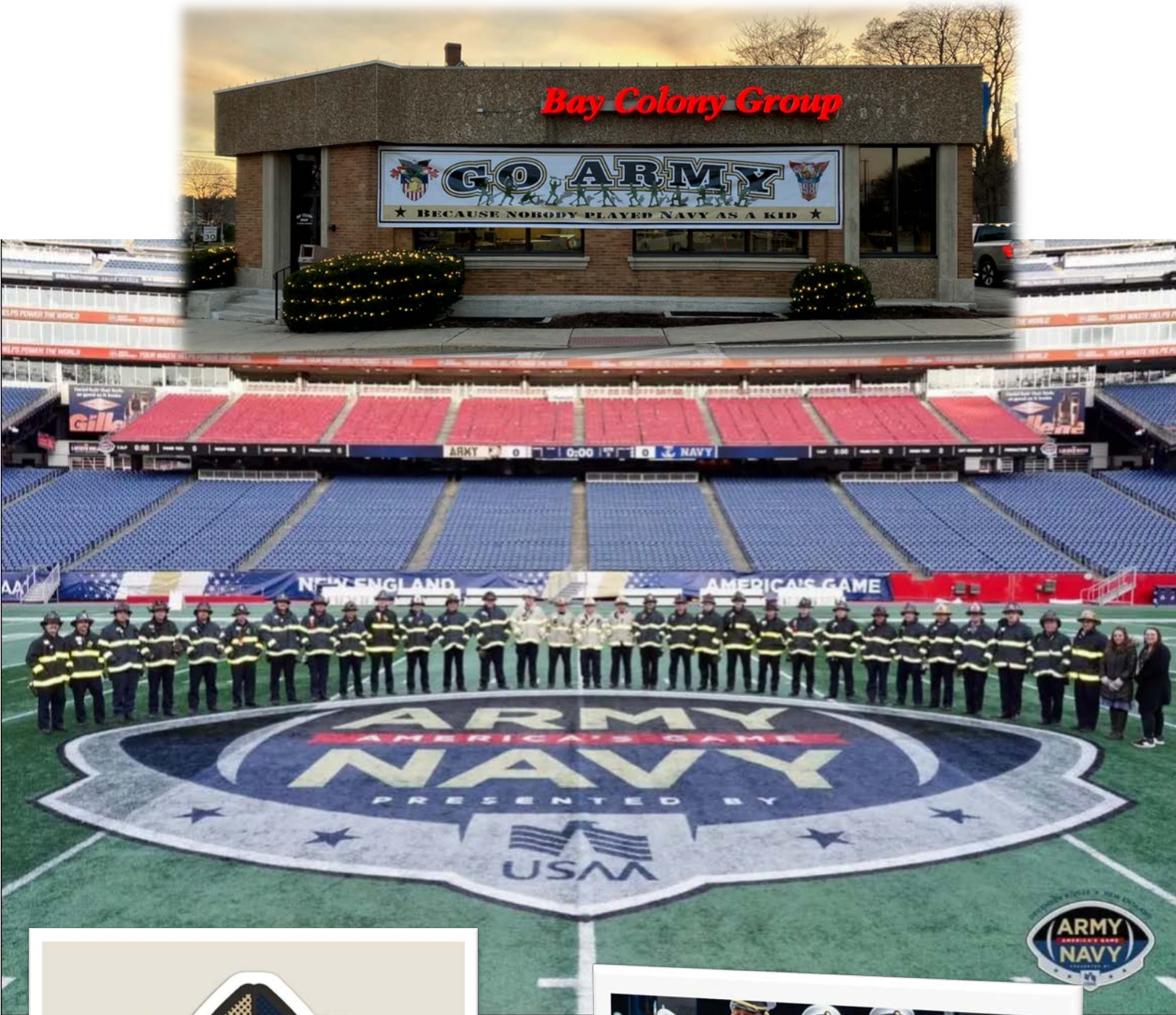
ENGINE 22

In-Service	January 20, 2023
Model	Pierce Enforcer
Replaced	2005 Spartan Diamond
Cost	\$640,000
Vendor	Allegiance Fire and Rescue
Expected Life	20 years

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



As of March 2024

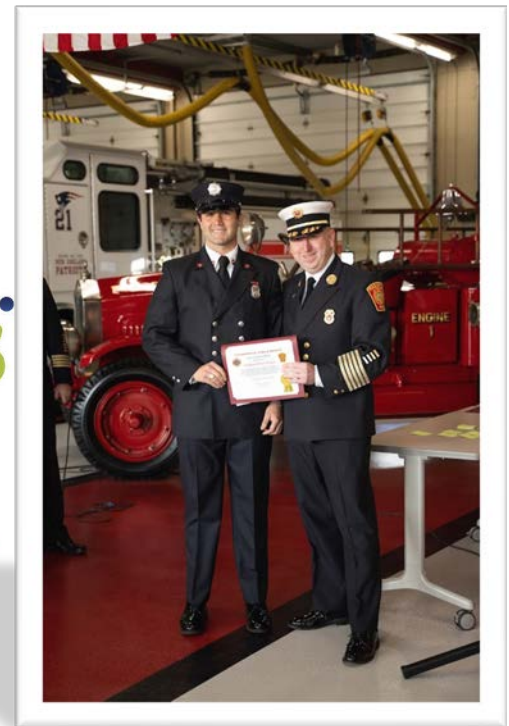


Foxborough Fire, once again, held our Annual Awards Ceremony with friends and families of the department. Their peers nominated members for special recognition for calls “Above the Call of Duty” over the past couple of years. This included calls where the Heimlich Maneuver was initiated

successfully, multi-victim, multi-trauma rollover accident on Route 95, recognizing an acute heart attack in a patient during a call, and CPR and advanced life support was initiated on a volleyball player by two off-duty members where the patient was brought back to life and walked out of the hospital.



Other awards were distributed for years of service in the fire service, with Captain Donald Treannie, Jr., receiving the oldest pin for 40 years of service.





Total of 79 Licensed Events with Fire Department Resources in 2023

Each event requires a Meeting with Stadium and Public Safety Officials

Logistics and Staffing for each event are unique.

54 events in 2022



**Gillette
STADIUM**



STAFF CHANGES

2 – RESIGNED

2 – RETIREMENTS

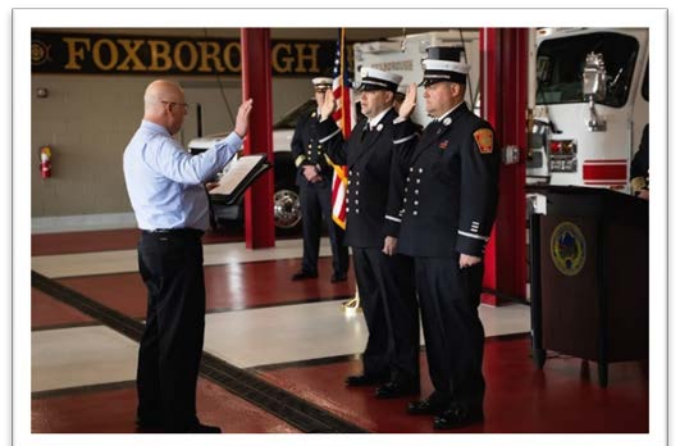
F.F. KRISTEN NAGOBADS (33 YRS)
F.F. JOHN COUROUPACIS (30 YRS)

4 – NEW HIRES

F.F. J. DERBA
F.F. J. PANTANO
F.F. Z. SMITH
F.F. T. CHUTE
F.F. C. MCNAMARA
SOCIAL WORKER C. LAROSE

2 – PROMOTIONS

LT. M. TREANNIE
LT. C. SHEPARDSON



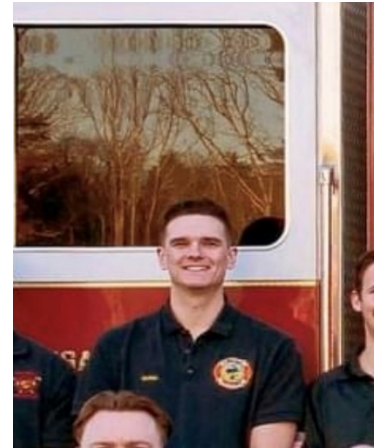
NEW HIRES



*Jake Pantano
Firefighter/Paramedic*



*Christina LaRose
Social Worker*



*Joseph Derba
Firefighter/Paramedic*



*Trevor Chute
Firefighter/Paramedic*



*Zach Smith
Firefighter/Paramedic*



*Christopher McNamara
Firefighter/Paramedic*



ACCREDITATION UPDATE

FACTS:

312 Accredited Agencies in the World
13% of the U.S. population is protected by an accredited agency

Foxborough will be one of only 123 departments that have been Nationally Accredited and hold an ISO Class 1 designation.

In December, Foxborough Fire hosted four fire officers from around the country who reviewed, interviewed, and validated the work the accreditation team has prepared over the last three years. The Department anticipates successfully obtaining accreditation after presenting its documents to the CFAI Commission in Florida at the end of February 2024.



What is CFAI Accreditation?

CFAI accreditation is a process of self-assessment, verified through peer review. It:

- *Provides greater community alignment*
- *Encourages quality improvement*
- *Facilitates input from and builds positive relationships with labor*
- *Identifies areas of strengths and weaknesses*
- *Allows for the establishment of a plan for improvement*
- *Provides data-supported decision-making*
- *Communicates management and leadership philosophies*
- *Ensures your agency has a defined mission and related objectives*
- *Encourages the development of organizational procedural documents*



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