

Do you have what
it takes to become
an EMT or
Firefighter ?



NEW EQUIPMENT

This past year the Fire Department took delivery of a new Fire Chief's vehicle, and a complete set of pneumatic lifting bags. In addition, department members completed the overhaul of a 4x4 Gator acquired through surplus.

Approved at the 2015 Annual Town Meeting, the new Fire Chiefs vehicle provides us with a much more reliable and adequate front line emergency response vehicle. Used for both Fire and EMS response, it was built with technology and equipment that will leave us better prepared for many years.

Acquired through donated funds from Kix Country Concert supporters, the pneumatic lifting bags replace a similar set that was placed out of service 10 years ago due to age. Utilized for heavy lifting of vehicles, and equipment, the bags are a resource necessary in our farming community. In the past we have utilized these bags to free people from underneath equipment and vehicles when necessary.

The refurbishment of the Gator was also done primarily with donated funds. It travels to scenes on a trailer, and is utilized for rescues of injured individuals, brush fires, and searches. All of the labor in this refurbishment was donated.

HATFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT

www.hatfieldmafire.org





Smoke Alarms - the Single Most Important Means of Preventing Fatal Fires

Working smoke alarms provide early warning of danger and are the single most important step in preventing fatal fires. They double the chances of surviving a fire.

SENIOR SAFE PROGRAM

SAFE Educators McGlew and Dibrindisi once again worked successfully to secure the town SAFE funding for both the School and Senior Citizens. Combined they secured \$5,754 for our Public Education programs.

It is our goal that no Senior Citizen in the community be without proper SMOKE or CARBON MONOXIDE detectors in their home. Those who feel they need some, or would like us to evaluate your home for Fire Safety, please call or email the station.



Article 21

Tonight you will be asked to vote on an article that funds replacement of some Structural Fire Protective Clothing. Protective Clothing encompasses helmet, gloves, hood, coat, boots, and pants worn by firefighters at incidents.

We are required to outfit all new firefighters with protective clothing sized specifically for them within one year of their employment, or upon completion of their basic firefighter training.

NFPA standards require that no firefighter wear gear older than 10 years, and take part in active emergency incidents. The Mass Fire Academy, and other training opportunities, are enforcing this standard to attend their programs.

The Fire Department has an active inventory and SFPC replacement plan, which brings an article similar to this to Capital about every 8-10 years.

Not funding this article will limit training we can send members to, and increase liability to the Town.

****NEW DEPARTMENT WEBSITE****

WWW.HATFIELDMAFIRE.ORG

The department has developed a NEW website in order to allow us to better communicate with the citizens. It has information on:

- Fire Safety
- Fire Prevention Regulations
- Department Activities
- Community Emergency Updates
- Reports on Department Capital Requests

How to Reach Us

EMERGENCY 911

Non-Emergency 247-9008

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