**Dighton Fire Department**

**Official Roster as of January 1, 2019**

Christopher J. Maguy, Chief of the Fire Department

Borges, Dylan + Medeiros, Thomas #\*\*

Caron, Christopher + Medeiros, Tyler +\*\*\*

Carr, Matthew +\*\*\* Moss, Rebeca (Amb. Billing Clerk)

Clifford, Alex + Nicolan, Tyler #\*

Daigneault, Justin +\*\*\* Pine Jr., Samuel +

Ferreira, Constance \* Pontes, Steven (Deputy Chief) +

Flannery, Justin + Ready, Christopher (Lieutenant) #\*\*

Gauthier, John #\* Santos, Jerry #\*

Gagnon, Eric #\* Silva, Matthew #\*

Gagnon, Samantha + Silvia, David +\*\*\*

Greene, Alex #\* Smus, Joseph +

Hathaway, John + Smus, Zachary +

Holt, Jonathan +\*\*\* St. Laurent, Melissa \*\*\*

Maguy, Christopher (Chief) #\*\*\* Strese, Zachary +

Mattson, Sarah \* Tanis, Matthew \*\*\*

Medeiros, Kyle + Urban, Shawn +\*\*\*

Medeiros, Michael + White Jr., Joseph #\*\*

# Full Time Firefighter + Call Firefighter

\* Paramedic \*\* AEMT

\*\*\* EMT-B

**Permits for Year Ending 2018**

Burning Permits 154

Fire Alarm System Commercial 1

Fire Protection Commercial 3

Fire Warning Residential 26F/F 1/2 136

Fire Warning Systems 3-5 Family 2

Fire Warning System 26B 1

Fuel Transfer Tanks 2

Fireworks/Pyrotechnic Display 1

Propane Storage 51

Oil Burner Replacement 11

Oil Tank Replacement 9

Transfer Tank Exemption 9

Underground Storage 4

Waste Oil Storage 1

**Total Permits: 385**

**Inspections for Year Ending 2018**

Smoke/CO Detector Inspections 121

Oil Tank Truck Inspections \_\_3

**Total Inspections: 124**

**Miscellaneous for Year Ending 2018**

Plans Received by Fire Prevention 15

Car Seat Installations 15

**Fire Department Call Information for 2018**

Fire, Other 20

Fire, Mutual Aid 16

Building Fire/Chimney Fire 4

Brush Fire 3

Vehicle/Equipment Fire 2

Rescue/EMS Call 29

Vehicle Accident with injuries 50

Vehicle Accident with no injuries 12

Carbon Monoxide Incident 21

Unauthorized Burning 20

Hazmat 8

Alarm System Activations 76

Ambulance Calls 766

**Total Call for Assistance 2018: 1027**

I, Christopher J. Maguy, respectfully submit my second annual report of the Fire Department as required by Section 42 of Chapter 48 of the Massachusetts General Laws. I want to thank the taxpayers for your continued support of this department. With this we have been able to bring a new PowerLoad/Power Stretcher to Ambulance One, purchased a new Car One, a new Ambulance has been ordered and Station 2 Exhaust Removal System is in the bid process. Thank you to all the members of the Ambulance design committee Chairman John Gauthier, Tyler Nicolan, Thomas Medeiros, Jerry Santos, Alex Greene and Justin Daigneault for the extra time you put in to ensure that the new ambulance is the best lay out we can get for all personnel that will work in it in the future. These purchases improve Firefighter/Ambulance Staff safety and allow us to provide the highest quality service we can to you.

First, I would like to thank Deputy Fire Chief Steven Pontes for your support and leadership throughout this past year, knowing you are there to fill my role in my absence is a great piece of mind. Lieutenant Christopher Ready has continued to be diligent in his role as the Fire Prevention Officer. His organization and efficiency allowed the department to process several hundred permits and inspections. I continue to look to these two officers frequently for their knowledge and support. Without these two dedicated officers, the day-to-day operations of this department would have been a lot more difficult.

The department would like to recognize the newest members of the department, Probationary Call Firefighter Justin Flannery and Call Firefighter Michael Medeiros. Congratulations, I look forward to working with you all and wish you the best in your future endeavors with this department. I would also like to wish the best of luck to Probationary Firefighters, Christopher Caron, Justin Flannery, Samantha Gagnon and Zachary Strese as they will be entering the Massachusetts Department of Fire Services Call/Volunteer Firefighting Academy in Fall River in March of 2019. Congratulations to Firefighter Tyler Nicolan, Lieutenant Christopher Ready and Dighton Police Detective Ryan Richards on successfully completing the Basic Arson Investigation training at the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy in Stow. This is a very difficult class that is a necessity to our town.

I would also like to recognize our new Ambulance Billing Clerk/Administrative Assistant Rebeca Moss. Rebeca has worked tirelessly since she started in October on bringing the Ambulance Billing back to this department. As of January 1, 2019, we will no longer be using Comstar Ambulance Billing Service

as a third-party biller. Rebeca has made the transition very smooth from one service to another, for this I am extremely grateful and look forward to the future and what it will bring to this department and town.

I would like to thank Firefighter Joseph White Jr. for his continued dedication to the SAFE program in our town. His time in the schools is something that the kids look forward to each year. Joe has continued to offer training/education to the elderly population of our community and hopes to continue to expand on this effort.

Thanks to Thomas Medeiros, Samuel Pine, Tyler Medeiros, Kyle Medeiros and Justin Daigneault for their dedication to the Dighton Junior Firefighter program. Without their commitment to training the young members of this organization, it would not be a success. This program is integral in laying the foundation of knowledge and enthusiasm for the fire service. It has produced several firefighters for this department and surrounding communities in years past. Recruiting new members to our department is vital to maintain and improve upon the level of support we provide to the community. The Junior Firefighter program is a great avenue for recruitment.

We continue to proudly participate and volunteer in various events throughout the year: the MDA Fill the Boot, the Annual Santa Run, the 5k walk for the CABbies Organization, the Cow Chip Festival, the Pan Mass Challenge, Touch a Truck event and the “Stuff the Cruiser” toy Drive are just to name a few. The men and women of our department enjoy being able to give back and we are excited that we have been provided with opportunities to do so.

Thank you to Chief Robert MacDonald and the members of the Police Department, and Highway Superintendent Thomas Ferry and the members of the Highway Department for their support throughout the year. Thank you to the hardworking personnel in the Communications Center for the difficult jobs they do in receiving and dispatching calls in a timely and professional manner. Having the support and cooperation of the dedicated men and women of these departments makes the job of this department much easier.

I would also like to say a sincere thank you to, the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator Mallory Aronstein, all elected and appointed town officials, all Town Hall employees and the townspeople for their continued support.

Most of all, thanks to all the members of the Fire Department for your time and dedication. Without your commitment to this department, the services and responses provided to the townspeople in their time of need would not be possible. As always it has been a pleasure working with the men and women of this department. A heartfelt THANK YOU to you all.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher J. Maguy

Chief of the Fire Department