**Dighton Fire Department**

**Official Roster as of January 1, 2021**

Christopher J. Maguy, Chief of the Fire Department

Borges, Dylan + Moss, Rebeca (Amb. Billing Clerk)

Caron, Christopher + Nicolan, Tyler #\*

Carr, Matthew +\*\*\* Pine Jr., Samuel (Lieutenant) +

Clifford, Alex + Pontes, Steven (Deputy Chief) +

Costello, Dana + Raposo, Christopher +\*\*\*

Daigneault, Justin +\*\*\* Ready, Christopher (Captain) #\*\*

Ferreira, Constance \* Santos, Jerry #\*

Gauthier, John #\* Sgro, Christopher +

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

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

Greene, Alex #\* Smus, Joseph +

Guilmette, Sarah +\* Smus, Zachary +\*\*\*

Grassie, Nicholas + St. Laurent, Melissa \*\*\*

Hathaway, John (Lieutenant) + Strese, Dylan +

Holt, Jonathan +\*\*\* Strese, Zachary +

Maguy, Christopher (Chief) #\*\*\* Tanis, Matthew \*\*\*

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

Medeiros, Michael + White Jr., Joseph (Lieutenant) #\*\*

Medeiros, Thomas (Lieutenant) #\*\* Wood, Nicolas +\*\*\*

Medeiros, Tyler +\*\*\*

# Full Time Firefighter + Call Firefighter

\* Paramedic \*\* AEMT

\*\*\* EMT-B

**Permits for Year Ending 2020**

Above Ground Tank Removal 1

Blasting Permits 2

Burning Permits 265

Fire Alarm System Commercial 3

Fire Protection Commercial 0

Fire Warning Residential 26F/F-1/2 154

Fire Warning Systems 3-5 Family 0

Fire Warning System 26B 2

Flammable Storage 1

Fuel Tank Vehicle 7

Fireworks/Pyrotechnic Display 0

Hazardous Material Processing 0

Propane Storage 51

Oil Burner Replacement/Installs 12

Oil Tank Replacement 17

Storage Tank Removal and Transportation to Disposal Yard 1

Torches and Heating Devices 4

Transfer Tank Exemption 2

Underground Storage 4

Underground Tank Removed 5

Waste Oil Storage 1

**Total Permits: 532**

**Inspections for Year Ending 2020**

Smoke/CO Detector Inspections 154

Oil Tank Truck Inspections \_\_7

**Total Inspections: 161**

**Miscellaneous for Year Ending 2020**

Plans Received by Fire Prevention 21

Car Seat Installations 3

**Fire Department Call Information for 2020**

Fire, Other 72

Fire, Mutual Aid 4

Building Fire/Chimney Fire 6

Brush Fire 9

Vehicle/Equipment Fire 5

Rescue/EMS Call 2

Vehicle Accident with injuries 36

Vehicle Accident with no injuries 11

Carbon Monoxide Incident 8

Unauthorized Burning 31

Hazmat 3

Alarm System Activations 87

Ambulance Calls 741

**Total Call for Assistance 2020: 1,015**

I, Christopher J. Maguy, respectfully submit my fourth 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 replace Car 4, a Ford Crown Victoria which was a previous police cruiser with a new Chevrolet Bolt electric vehicle used for inspections. Car 3 was replaced with Squad 1, a new Ford F-350 Utility Body vehicle equipped with a plow. Car 3, a Ford F-250 was repurposed as Forestry 1 to replace an aging vehicle that had previously served as a Highway Department pickup. I would like to give a big thank you to former Highway Mechanic Jeffrey Gagnon for the work done to convert Car 3 into Forestry 1. A lot of modification/fabrication needed to be done to make this possible and because all your hard work this was possible along with many other projects, I asked Jeff to do for the fire department. Your efforts were much appreciated and good luck in any future endeavors.

The COVID-19 Pandemic has made operations difficult in trying to keep personnel and community members safe in the course of doing our functions, it has also brought to light many ideas on our operations. We have had to move to Zoom training for EMS continuing education except for in the case of practical trainings. We have instated a completely online open-air burning permit software. There have been many permits already put in on the system and I appreciate the public’s patience as we navigate the transition. We have also signed on to utilize the permitting software the Building Department uses for all of our other permits making it a one stop shopping platform for residents, contractors, realtors, etc. We are hoping this system goes live in March or April some time. We have many new disinfecting devices as a result of the pandemic that we utilize to keep the apparatus and stations virus free. It is because of this equipment and these efforts this department has only had a couple of cases and a few close contacts but none of which came from time spent or worked at this department.

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. Captain 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. This role has been especially busy with the ongoing expansion/improvements on the Bristol County Agricultural High School campus. I continue to look to my entire command staff frequently for their knowledge and support.

The department would like to recognize the newest member, Probationary Call Firefighter Nicholas Grassie. Congratulations, I look forward to working with you and wish you the best in your future endeavors with this department. I would also like to congratulate Firefighter/EMT-B Christopher Raposo, Firefighter Christopher Sgro and Firefighter/Paramedic Sarah Guilmette for successfully completing the Massachusetts Department of Fire Services Call/Volunteer Firefighting Academy in Fall River in November of 2020. This is a very difficult class made even more so with the pandemic going on. Class was shut down but after a long break and many changes to the layout of the class it was able to resume. Thank you for your patience and hard work put in. This training is truly a necessity to our town.

Thank you to the departments Ambulance Billing Clerk/Administrative Assistant Rebeca Moss. Rebeca continues to work tirelessly on processing all ambulance bills. Without the speedy processing and billing of runs, the Ambulance Revenues would not be what they are to help support this department. Rebeca continues to be an asset to me in assisting with the day-to-day paperwork of the department.

Thank you to Lieutenant Thomas Medeiros, Lieutenant Samuel Pine, Tyler Medeiros, Kyle Medeiros, Justin Daigneault, Christopher Caron, Zachary Smus and Dylan Borges 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. Membership has increase over the past year and that is a true testament to the time and effort put into the program. 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 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. All thought the pandemic made it impossible to have many of these events this past year this department stands ready to support them in the future.

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, former 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