**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIGHTON FIRE DEPARTMENT**

I, Christopher J. Maguy, respectfully submit my fifth 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 ordered a new KME Custom Pumper to be built and delivered approximately mid-summer 2022, this will pumper will replace a 1988 pumper. This department recognizes going into the future the need to reduce the towns reliance on the Ambulance Fund as a revenue source to offset our budget. This is not sustainable with the amounts being withdrawn versus the amount being collected. We continue to need either a new Fire Station or a renovation/addition to the current station 1. We have long out grown the station we are in and are busting at the seams, making the apparatus bay and living quarters an unsafe working environment.

The COVID-19 Pandemic continues to make operations difficult in trying to keep personnel and community members safe in the course of doing our functions. We have also transitioned to 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.

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 our newest members. Call Firefighter Allyiah Wright who came to us from the Rehoboth Fire Department already trained and certified FF I/II. Call Firefighter/Paramedic Nicholas Costa who works as a fulltime Firefighter/Paramedic with the North Attleboro Fire Department and was a Dighton firefighter some years ago. Call EMT-B Joshua Desmond who was a member of our Junior Firefighter program and continues to work with the program assisting in any way he can. Call Firefighter/Paramedic Patrick McGovern who works as a fulltime Firefighter/Paramedic for the Sharon Fire Department. Thank you to all of you and I look forward to working with you in the future.

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 is an asset to me in assisting with the day-to-day paperwork of the department and is always willing to go above and beyond what is asked of her.

Thank you to Lieutenant Thomas Medeiros, Lieutenant Samuel Pine, Kyle Medeiros, Justin Daigneault, Christopher Caron, Zachary Smus and Alex Clifford 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 stayed consistent over the past year, even threw the pandemic, 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 the level of support we provide to the community. The Junior Firefighter program is a great avenue for recruitment.

This year we continued to proudly host, participate and volunteer in various events in town: the MDA Fill the Boot, the Annual Santa Run, the Pan Mass Challenge and the annual Police/Fire 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 though some events did not happen this past year due to the pandemic this department stands ready to support them in the future and any others that may come up.

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 Michael Mullen, 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

**Dighton Fire Department**

**Official Roster as of December 31, 2021**

Christopher J. Maguy, Chief of the Fire Department

Borges, Dylan + Medeiros, Tyler +\*\*\*

Caron, Christopher + Moss, Rebeca (Amb. Billing Clerk)

Carr, Matthew +\*\*\* Nicolan, Tyler #\*

Clifford, Alex + Pine Jr., Samuel (Lieutenant) +

Costa, Nicholas +\* Pontes, Steven (Deputy Chief) +

Daigneault, Justin +\* Raposo, Christopher +\*\*\*

Desmond, Joshua \*\*\* 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 + StLaurent, Melissa \*\*\*

Hathaway, John (Lieutenant) + Strese, Dylan +

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

McGovern, Patrick +\* Urban, Shawn +

Medeiros, Kyle + Wood, Nicolas +\*\*\*

Medeiros, Michael + Wright, Allyiah +

Medeiros, Thomas (Lieutenant) #\*\*

 # Full Time Firefighter + Call Firefighter

\* Paramedic \*\* AEMT

\*\*\* EMT-B

**Permits for Year Ending 2021**

Above Ground Tank Removal 0

Blasting Permits 0

Burning Permits 346

Fire Alarm System Commercial & Repairs 3

Fire Protection Commercial 4

Fire Warning Residential 26F/F-1/2 145

Fire Warning Systems 3-5 Family 0

Fire Warning System 26B 0

Flammable Storage 2

Fuel Tank Vehicle 2

Fireworks/Pyrotechnic Display 0

Hazardous Material Processing 1

Propane Storage 39

Oil Burner Replacement/Installs 1

Oil Tank Replacement/Installs 3

Storage Tank Removal and Transportation to Disposal Yard 5

Torches and Heating Devices 6

Transfer Tank 2

Underground Storage 9

Underground Tank Removed 5

Waste Oil Storage 2

**Total Permits: 575**

**Inspections for Year Ending 2021**

Smoke/CO Detector Inspections 145

Oil Tank Truck Inspections \_\_4

 **Total Inspections: 149**

**Miscellaneous for Year Ending 2021**

Car Seat Installations 3

**Fire Department Call Information for 2021**

Fire, Other 63

Fire, Mutual Aid 8

Building Fire/Chimney Fire 6

Brush Fire 10

Vehicle/Equipment Fire 4

Rescue/EMS Call 8

Vehicle Accident with injuries 68

Vehicle Accident with no injuries 22

Carbon Monoxide Incident 21

Unauthorized Burning 17

Hazmat 6

Alarm System Activations 105

Ambulance Calls 811

**Total Call for Assistance 2021: 1,149**