**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIGHTON FIRE DEPARTMENT**

I, Christopher J. Maguy, respectfully submit my sixth 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. 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. We look forward to working with the newly formed Fire Station Building Committee to move forward with the Feasibility Study of the fire stations that was approved by the taxpayers.

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 was a great piece of mind. I wish Deputy Pontes nothing but health and happiness in his retirement from this department on January 1, 2023 after 35 years of dedicated service to this town. 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. I also wish Captain Ready a healthy and happy retirement that was effective on September 30, 2022 after 36 years of dedicated service to this town. Captain Ready’s role was filled with the promotion of Lieutenant Eric Gagnon to the rank of Captain on December 11, 2022 to oversee Fire Prevention and is the shift commander on Group 2. Also, on December 11, 2022 Fulltime Firefighter/Paramedic John Gauthier was promoted the rank of Lieutenant and is the shift commander on Group 3. Congratulations to both Captain Gagnon and Lieutenant Gauthier. I continue to look to my entire command staff frequently for their knowledge and support.

The department would like to recognize our newest members among our Firefighter ranks. Call Firefighter/Paramedic Samuel Finney who works as a fulltime Firefighter/Paramedic with the Mansfield Fire Department. Call Firefighter/Paramedic John Bourgault who works as a fulltime Firefighter for the Taunton Fire Department and a pier diem Paramedic for Brewster Ambulance. Probationary Firefighter Noah Andrade who was a member of our Junior Firefighter program and continues to work with the program assisting in any way he can. Andrade will be enrolled in the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy, Call/Volunteer Academy to be held in Fall River starting in June 21, 2023. Fulltime Probationary Firefighter/Paramedic Sarah Desmond who came from our Call Paramedic ranks was appointed fulltime on October 2, 2022. Fulltime

Probationary Firefighter/Paramedic Kevin Campanella who came from Brewster Ambulance where he continues to work pier diem was appointed fulltime on December 29, 2022. Congratulations to Probationary Firefighter/Paramedic Desmond and Probationary Firefighter/Paramedic Campanella. Both Desmond and Campanella are enrolled in the Massachusetts Firefighting, Career Recruit Academy that is being hosted in Fall River by Fall River Fire Department and set to start on April 24, 2023. 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, as always to retired Lieutenant Thomas Medeiros, Lieutenant Samuel Pine, Kyle Medeiros, Justin Daigneault, Christopher Caron, Zachary Smus, Alex Clifford and Joshua Desmond 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, 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.

Thank you to now retired Chief Robert MacDonald and newly appointed Chief Shawn Cronin, the members of the Police Department, 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, 2022**

Christopher J. Maguy, Chief of the Fire Department

Andrade, Noah + Medeiros, Kyle + Borges, Dylan + Medeiros, Michael + Bourgault, John +\* Medeiros, Thomas +\*\*

Campanella, Kevin #\* Medeiros, Tyler +

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

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

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

Costa, Nicholas +\* Pontes, Steven + (retired 1/1/23)

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

Desmond, Joshua \*\*\* Ready, Christopher #\*\*(retired 9/22)

Desmond, Sarah #\* Santos, Jerry #\*

Ferreira, Constance \* Sgro, Christopher +

Finney, Samuel +\* Silva, Matthew #\*

Gauthier, John (Lieutenant) #\* Silvia, David +\*

Gagnon, Eric (Captain) #\* Smus, Joseph+ (retired 12/31/22)

Gagnon, Samantha + Smus, Zachary +\*\*

Greene, Alex (Lieutenant) #\* StLaurent, Melissa \*\*\*

Guilmette, Sarah #\* Tanis, Matthew \*\*

Grassie, Nicholas + Urban, Shawn +

Hathaway, John (Lieutenant) + Wood, Nicolas \*\*\*

Maguy, Christopher (Chief) #\*\*\* Wright, Allyiah +

McGovern, Patrick +\*

 # Full Time Firefighter + Call Firefighter

\* Paramedic \*\* AEMT

\*\*\* EMT-B

**Permits for Year Ending 2022**

Open Air Burning Permits 295

Blasting Permits 0

Fire Alarm System Commercial & Repairs 2

Fire Protection Commercial Sprinkler 1

Fire Warning Residential (all permits) 104

Flammable Storage Above Ground Commercial 3

Flammable Storage Underground Commercial 4

Fireworks/Pyrotechnic Display 1

Hazardous Material Processing 0

Propane Storage 14

Oil Burner Installs / Altertations 23

Oil Tank Replacement/Installs Residential 4

Torches and Heating Devices 1

Fuel Tank Vehicle 1

Transfer Tank 1

Above Ground Tank Removal 0

Underground Tank Removal 5

Waste Oil Storage 2

**Total Permits: 461**

**Miscellaneous for Year Ending 2022**

Car Seat Installations **10**

**Fire Department Call Information for 2022**

Fire, Other 30

Fire, Mutual Aid 4

Building Fire/Chimney Fire 5

Brush Fire 16

Vehicle/Boat/Equipment Fire 4

Rescue/EMS Call 22

Vehicle Accident with injuries 25

Vehicle Accident with no injuries 26

Carbon Monoxide Incident 16

Unauthorized Burning 5

Hazmat 5

Alarm System Activations 95

Ambulance Calls 860

**Total Call for Assistance 2022: 1,113**