



TOWN OF CONCORD

Office of the Town Manager

Operational Status Reports & Departmental Updates

For the Week Ending September 23, 2022

Public Safety

Fire Department

Personnel

We are pleased to welcome a new Firefighter this week. Firefighter Jamie Henderson started on Monday September 19 and began a short in-house training period. FF Henderson had previously worked for the Gardner, Massachusetts Fire Department. Originally from Texas, Jamie went to college in Massachusetts and settled here after graduating. Please join us in welcoming Jamie!



Calls for service

The fire department responded to 90 calls for service during the week.

Training

- Lieutenants Dave Nichols & Peter Ostroskey both attended a weeklong training at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland. The course, "Command and Control of Incident Operations", is designed to develop fire officer's skills working within the incident command system and learn proper command technique for control and extinguishment of fires ranging from small, residential structures to multioccupancy, commercial complexes.
- Asst. Chief Latta attended the DFS's Senior Fire Officer Forum "Crisis Leadership & Management for Extreme Events", presented by Asst. Chief FDNY (Ret.) Joseph Pfeifer, the first Chief Officer on scene at the World Trade Center attack on 9/11/2001.
- Lt. Nichols and FF Foley attended the quarterly MA District 14 Regional Fire Investigation Team Meeting & Training – training presented by Robert Fash of the NFPA regarding proposed changes to the standards that apply to fire investigation units, and fire investigation processes.

Fire Prevention

Annual/Semi-Annual/Quarterly Inspections

- *Concord Children's Center – Ripley Program*, 120 Meriam Rd. – with Local Inspector Gary Smith – **Passed** (annual)
- *Concord Carlisle High School*, 500 Walden St. – with Asst. Local Inspector Pat Sands – **Passed** (semi-annual)
- *Emerson Hospital (off-site locations – 54 Baker Ave. Ext. / 310 Baker Ave. / 747 Main St.)* – all **Passed**.
- (14) permits were issued for various activities: Oil Burning Equipment and Storage of Heating Oil, AGST Removal and Installation, LP Gas Storage AGST, Fire Protection System Alteration/Installation/Repair.

Fire Drills

- *Middlesex School*, 1400 Lowell Rd. – (1) early morning drill – all Dormitory Buildings, and (1) all Academic Buildings. A night Dormitory drill is coming up.

Police Department

Activity Log Sept. 15 – Sept. 21

Log items	721
Traffic Enforcement	62
Motor Vehicle Stops	85
Arrests	4



Personnel

Welcome to Patrol Officer Michael Sellards who joined the department on Monday, September 19. Officer Sellards earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Fitchburg State University in May. He is now working toward a master's degree in criminal justice at Fitchburg State. Officer Sellards was chosen as one of four squad leaders before graduation from the Fitchburg State University Police Academy on Sept. 9.

Department of Planning and Land Management

Economic Vitality & Tourism

- During the week of September 11 to 17 (the 20th anniversary celebration week) the Visitor Center provided 30 complimentary tours to Concord residents. This is the first time we've offered this service to residents and the response was incredibly positive, with several people now planning on bringing their visiting family and guests to take a tour with us in the future.



- **Trafalgar Tours is back**, with fall bus tours in full size coaches of 45-55 visitors each into Concord Center for 15 trips between 9/20 and end of October. The EVT manager will be notifying Concord Center businesses to be ready to receive up to 50 guests during each of the stated dates between the hours of 12-1:30. Suggestions are being made that the group splits into smaller groups for shopping and dining. These are fall foliage trips of mainly US residents over age 60. This is the first time in 2 years we have seen these coaches and the EVT staff is intending to meet and greet each group and provide helpful information.

Natural Resources

- **Barrett's Mill Farm:** Natural Resources Director Delia Kaye met with NPS and UMass Boston representatives this week to collaborate on an NPS-funded project to assess the reptile and amphibian faunal communities at the Barrett's Mill farmland, which is also part of the NPS Barrett Farm Unit. Surveys and data collection efforts are expected to begin next spring and a focus of the project will be to bring in citizen science efforts.

Planning

- **West Concord will be hopping this weekend!** This Saturday, the West Concord Junction Cultural District will be unveiling its third mural at 30 Beharrell Street at 11:00 a.m. This mural, the largest yet, celebrates West Concord's industrial history. Then at 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m., Porchfest will take place in the residential neighborhoods around the Harvey Wheeler Community Center. Streets will have blocked off so residents and visitors can walk about the area and listen to a wide variety of music from many different musicians.

Recreation

Upcoming events

- The Beede center hosted a **pop-up slow flow yoga class at White Pond Beach** on 9/21. We had 15 people join us. The next pop-up class will be on October 12 at White Pond Beach. Registration is available at the Concord Recreation website.
- The Beede Center's new General Manager, Cathi Ellis, started with us on Monday, September 19. The next **meet and greet with Cathi** will be on Wednesday, September 28 from 5 to 6 PM at the Beede Center lobby. All are welcome.
- The Recreation Department is requesting proposals for a consultant to update the **Town's Recreation Facilities Strategic Plan**, funded by the CPC. The request for proposals should be visible as early as next week with a submission date of end of October. No proposals were received when this request originally went out to bid a month ago.
- Next **Recreation Commission meeting 9/27** at 9:30a at Rideout Park.



Programs

- The Recreation Dept hosted an **outdoor movie night** at Emerson basketball courts on Friday 9/16. About 50 people joined us and enjoyed the movie with friends and family.
- The Beede Center hosted the **21st annual Nick Ressler Blood Drive**. 70 donors participated in the drive on 9/17 contributing 53 units of blood. In the 21 years that the drive has been happening, over 3000 individuals have been helped by the blood donated in Nick's name. The Beede Center is proud to continue supporting the Ressler family and this community event.

Minuteman Media Network

Community Involvement

- The Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP) group from CCHS visited the studio at 7:00 am to film a PSA to encourage middle school and high school kids to be involved and attend training. Our lead producer Matt will be doing the post processing and plans to get 2 videos completed by early next week. While we always enjoy visits from our friends at the High School, we've reminded them that a 2-week notice is desired and filling out an on-line media request for is still the preferred way to book the studio and the people to run it.
 - For production support requests: [LINK](#) <- Click Here!

- The Diversity, Equity and Inclusion committee of the League of Women Voters of Concord and Carlisle have teamed up with the Adult and Community Education group to put together a community-wide education program in four parts. MMN will be involved for all four events at 2 different venues to record and stream these free events.
- MMN will also be assisting the Concord-Carlisle League of Woman Voters with another Candidate Forum. This time for the State Representative of Middlesex 14th District, to be help at the Harvey Wheeler center Oct 11, at 5:00 pm.
- The Concord Museum Forums are once again sponsoring 5 free talks on different subjects over the next few months. MMN will be providing the equipment and tech support for these informational events. MMN was involved last year, and we've been invited back to assist with the live streaming to the museums YouTube channel.