



**TOWN OF IPSWICH**  
**25 Green Street**  
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TO: Members of the Select Board  
FROM: Stephen Crane, Town Manager  
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DATE: February 21, 2023  
RE: Town Manager Report

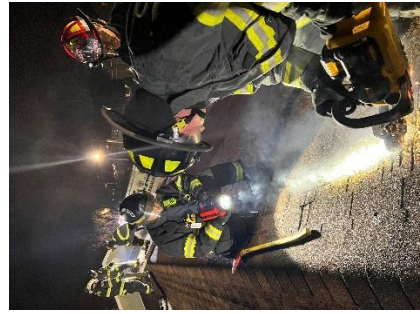
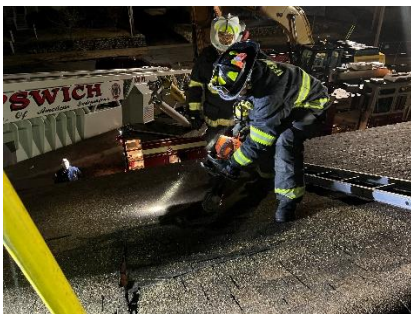
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### Police Department

- A resident reported his adult son missing and believed he may be in danger. He was located safely with a friend in San Francisco and was removed from NCIC.
- Swatting call came in to dispatch that someone was at the high school with a rifle and pipe bombs. Units responded and protocols at the school were followed. It was determined to be a hoax similar to other in the area.
- Evidence room was purged of items that were not needed to be held any longer. Items were narcotics related and taken to the MSP Millbury barracks for destruction in their incinerator.
- Annual armory inventory was completed.
- A tagging spree occurred in the downtown area. The perpetrator was located and chased on foot and was caught and arrested on 10 counts.

### Fire Department

The IFD responded to 38 incidents over the course of 48 hours (between February 3 and February 5) due to the arctic freeze. Most were frozen pipe issues that resulted in water damage to residential and commercial buildings throughout town. The Department also responded to 2 mutual aid incidents (Essex and Rowley). Finally, the Fire Department got a great opportunity Wednesday night when the owner of the car wash on Washington Street allowed us to use the building for training. They were able to use our aerial ladder, portable ladders, and roof ladders to access the roof and operate on the pitched surface while practicing using our various types of saws and tools used for vertical ventilation.



**High Street Projects**

Public Works and Utilities have begun the process of integrating the projects that will impact High Street including the Town Wharf pump station relocation and the roadway reconstruction. After an initial planning discussion with Tighe and Bond, there are opportunities for economies of scale that will benefit both projects if they are synchronized. While there are many issues to resolve before moving forward, including full funding, the integrated planning process has been helpful.

**Planning Director Search**

The position has been re-advertised.

**Boards, Committees and Commissions**

MCPPO training, Sen. Bruce Tarr, Rep. Kristen Kassner, Public Safety Building Committee, Hellenic Center, Regional ACO, Finance Committee, Library Trustees, High Street Planning meeting.