

# Town of Scituate

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## Joint Press Release

*For Release 3PM September 30, 2009*

**Issued By:** Town of Scituate  
Hope-Jackson Volunteer Fire Department  
North Scituate Volunteer Fire Department  
Potterville Volunteer Fire Department  
Scituate Volunteer Ambulance and Rescue Corps

The Town of Scituate, Scituate's three volunteer fire departments, Hope-Jackson, Potterville, and North Scituate, acting in concert with the volunteer Scituate Ambulance and Rescue Corps announce the following actions in response to the temporary closing of the Chopmist Hill Fire Department.

1. The Scituate Ambulance and Rescue Corps, a decade's old fully certified volunteer rescue organization within the town, rejoins the team of rescue volunteers serving the residents of Scituate and surrounding communities, in accordance with mutual aid agreements.
2. The town-owned Chopmist Hill fire station is in the process of being re-opened and re-staffed under the direction of former Chopmist Hill Volunteer Department Fire Chief Raymond Blackmore in conjunction with the town's volunteer fire and rescue organizations.
3. All town-owned fire vehicles removed by the town from the town-owned Chopmist Hill fire station are being returned to the Chopmist Hill fire station.

The Town of Scituate expresses its gratitude and continuing support for the efforts of the dedicated fire and rescue volunteers whose selfless efforts provide round the clock service in protection of life and safety.

*The Town of Scituate's population of approximately 11,500 residents has been well served by volunteer fire and rescue personnel for over six decades. Their efforts are typical of the many volunteer organizations that flourish throughout town.*

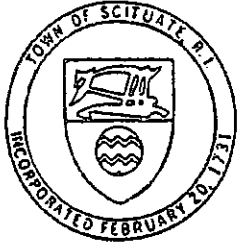
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The Scituate Town Council has voted to remove the Chopmist Hill fire and rescue organization from utilizing the town-owned Chopmist Hill fire station. In addition, the Chopmist Hill fire and rescue organization has been removed from the active run list. These actions are based upon the following reasons:

- The Chopmist Hill fire and rescue organization has transformed itself from a purely volunteer organization to one which is at best inconsistent with the terms of its lease agreement with the town;
- The Chopmist Hill fire and rescue organization has exhibited a pattern of behavior that demonstrates a failure of leadership;
- The Chopmist Hill fire and rescue organization has taken steps which may be inconsistent with its own corporate charter and By-Laws, which demonstrates a functional deficiency of the organization and its own un-clear future;

The Town of Scituate has been presented with a plan to re-open the temporarily closed town-owned Chopmist Hill fire station. This plan relies on the cooperative efforts of several volunteer organizations within Town. These volunteer organizations include: Hope-Jackson Fire Department; Potterville Fire Department; North Scituate Fire Department; and, the Scituate Ambulance and Rescue Corps.

These organizations have long-standing traditions of self-less service to the citizens of Scituate and also to the wider neighboring communities, especially in mutual aid capacities. Additionally, a former Chief of the Chopmist Hill Fire Department, Raymond Blackmore, has agreed to step up and manage staffing of the town-owned facility with the cooperative efforts of the town's volunteer fire and rescue organizations.

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