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always known he was destined to join the fire department. Watching his parents inspired him; he noted that being a member of a fire or police department or military “is kind of the closest you can get to superhero.”

Davis’ path to the fire department began with the “fire test,” which consisted of a written component and the physical ability test. Then, after several month of waiting, he was interviewed by the Chicopee department and experienced his first taste of life in the department.

“We had about a month or a month and a half of orientation (in Chicopee) before we went to the academy and then completed the 10-week academy and now here we are, starting our 24-hour shifts starting (this week),” Davis said.

Davis described the fire academy as difficult but explained that camaraderie existed between the recruits. He stressed that no one completes the academy alone.

“We’re side by side,” Davis said. “It’s not just difficult for me or for him, we all kind of know what we’re going through together. Seeing all my brothers and sisters also struggling through kind of helps you push and know we’re all working together to get the same thing done.”

Davis described the fire department as family oriented and said that everyone looks out for each other. From his first day to the present day, he said members of the department have consistently helped him out by telling him what to expect, how to do things better and what they expect from him.

Like McQueen and Vos, Davis was an EMT before entering the fire academy, which all three believe was beneficial in the process of joining the department. For young people aspiring to become fire-

fighters, Davis encourages them to attend as many career fairs and open houses as possible.

All the while, Davis will strive to be a role model like the ones he looked up to growing up.

“I think in Chicopee, the people who have grown up here and lived here know, it’s a special place,” Davis said. “Even just starting out, we can see that everyone has everyone’s back no matter who you are or how long you’ve been on.”

Patrick McQueen

“It’s a great feeling. Growing up in Chicopee since I was born, just being able to serve and help out people in my own community, nothing beats it honestly,” McQueen said.

McQueen was also inspired by a family member; he is the son of Chicopee Fire Capt. Robert McQueen.

As a child, McQueen considers himself fortunate enough to have witnessed his father respond to a call in his neighborhood. Not long after his family moved into a new home, a house down the street had an emergency.

“It was really eye-opening for me,” McQueen said. “I wasn’t just looking at it like ‘Oh my gosh, it’s such a cool job,’ but it was also like, ‘Wow, that’s my dad actually doing this job,’ and I get to see it from my perspective across the street, what was happening, and it just clicked with me.”

McQueen said that joining the department has been a challenging process but one that is well worth it. He noted that he is focused on the fundamental basics, as the job is forever expanding and rarely stays the same.

McQueen said firefighting is a job that evolves constantly. At the fire academy, he said he learned something new

every day.

“Things are always going to be different depending on the situation that’s playing out in front of you. (The academy) really teaches you how to listen to orders,” McQueen said, noting that he was never a military member or volunteer firefighter. “The academy was my first introduction to anything in first response other than being an EMT, so it really does change the aspect of how you think, how you process things, how you listen to people when they tell you how to do something.”

Now that he has completed the academy, McQueen is settling into the fire department, which he considers a “family-type environment.”

He said that members of the department are together all the time and have similar goals in mind.

“We want to protect the safety of others. We also want to look out for each other as well. It’s one of the most dangerous jobs in the world, but in all aspects, it really is a big family overall. We have to look out for one another,” McQueen said.

McQueen takes great pride in his performance, acknowledging that the need to respond and enter someone else’s home during a crisis could mean it is that resident’s worst day. For McQueen, it means everything to be the person that’s there for them, making a difference.

Michael Vos

Unlike Davis and McQueen, Vos never had a family member involved in public safety. In high school, he wasn’t sure what he wanted to do professionally, but as he entered his 20s, he knew he wanted to do something different.

“I wasn’t really up for the 9 to 5 job so I think when I chose fire, I wanted to challenge myself and prove to myself that

I can fulfill or try to perform the tasks as a firefighter and try to protect my community and protect the citizens,” Vos said.

Vos described the academy as “10 weeks of fire-based training,” where he learned how to “pack on, (work with) ladders, learn how to maneuver a hose through a burning building and just work as a team to try to fulfill a task.”

Entering the academy, Vos was confident he knew what to expect, but after the first week, he knew it would be rough. However, he stuck with it, leaned on teamwork and eventually conquered his goal.

“As the weeks go on, you get used to the grind. It’s a group effort, and you work together. If the group can embrace this type of work, it makes it a whole lot better and easier for everyone else too,” Vos said.

As a new member of the fire department, Vos is getting to know his colleagues. He noted that they are together for up to 24 hours at a time, so it is important to get to know more about them, their families and their interests.

Vos puts a lot of value into being an EMT; it’s how he grew his love of helping people and the community. Vos explained how being an EMT has been beneficial to him as a new firefighter.

“Not everybody can be an EMT. It’s not the easiest job so I take pride in that. In a department like Chicopee, a ton of the calls are medical, so you have to always be on point and ready for anything, regardless of the environment,” Vos said.

Vos said he attended Chicopee schools from preschool through high school. To describe serving that community every shift, he said, “It means everything; you can’t beat it... Just knowing that I’m pretty much protecting (residents is very meaningful).”

PUBLIC NOTICES

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758
Docket No. HD23P2371 EA
Estate of:
Steven David Bourque
Also known as:
Steven D Bourque
Date of Death: 12/26/2010
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Joan I Bourque Archambault of West Springfield, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Joan I Bourque Archambault of West Springfield, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 12/13/2023.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by

which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Barbara M Hyland, First Justice of this Court.

Date: November 17, 2023
Rosemary A. Saccomani
Register of Probate
11/24/2023

CITATION
G.L.c. 119, § 23(a)(3)
Docket Number:
HD23A0089CW
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
The Trial Court,
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street,
Springfield, MA 01103,

413-748-7758
In the matter of:
Arianna E. Brisson-Garcia
To: Tania Garcia Caraballo

A petition has been presented to said court by: DCF Western Regional Office/Springfield, 140 High Street, 5th Floor, Springfield, MA 01105, requesting that said court finds that said child is under the age of eighteen (18) and is without proper guardianship due to the death, unavailability, incapacity or unfitness of the parent or guardian.

Any decree under the provision of the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 119, Section 23(a) (3), gives custody of the child to the Department of Children and Families and authorized the Department of Children and Families or an agency commissioned by the Department to determine the child’s place of abode, medical care, and education; to control the visits to the child; and to give consents to enlistments, marriages and other contracts requiring parental consent.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT Springfield ON OR BEFORE TEN O’CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON 12/07/2023.

YOU ARE ENTITLED TO THE APPOINTMENT OF AN ATTORNEY IF YOU ARE AN INDIGENT PERSON. An indigent person is defined by SJC Rule 3:10. The definition

includes but is not limited to persons receiving AFCD, EAEDC, poverty related veteran’s benefits, food stamps, refugee resettlement benefits, Medicaid, and SSL. The Court will determine if you are indigent. Contact an Assistant Judicial Case Manager/Adoptions Clerk of the said Court on or before the date listed above to obtain the necessary forms.

WITNESS: Hon. Barbara M. Highland, First Justice of this Court, Date: November 7, 2023

Rosemary A. Saccomani,
Register of Probate
11/24/2023

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758
Docket No. HD23P2349EA
Estate of:

Harry John Rodriguez, Sr.
Also known as:
Harry J Rodriguez Lopez de Ortiz
Date of Death: 10/14/2023
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Yaitza Figueroa Vasquez of Chicopee, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Yaitza Figueroa**

Vasquez of Chicopee, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

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WITNESS, Hon. Barbara M Hyland, First Justice of this Court.

Date: November 15, 2023
Rosemary A. Saccomani
Register of Probate
11/24/2023

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