

Paul F. Buckley Jr.

Fire Chief, Town of Needham
Class of 1979

Mr. Buckley exemplifies what it means to be of service to his community and his country. After twenty years of experience as a firefighter, he has been Needham's Fire Chief for over six months.

His experience typifies what it means to be a good citizen.

Recipient of several awards and honors for patriotism and service from the Veterans of Foreign Wars and from American Prisoners of War associations, as well as the "Proudly We Hail" Award from the Needham Exchange Club, Mr. Buckley is proud to serve our community, not only as a first responder, but also as a member of the Needham Village Club and as the volunteer Director of Needham Emergency Management.

Part of what makes Mr. Buckley so dedicated to the Town of Needham may be the fact that he is a fifth generation resident as the Buckley family dates back to the 1840s in Needham. Mr. Buckley lives in Needham with his wife Tammy and his two daughters, Amy and Amanda. A 1979 graduate of Needham High School, Mr. Buckley remembers his years under the Dome as varying "from challenging to exciting", as a time "for learning and planning, but also an opportunity to build lifelong friendships." While at Needham High School, Mr. Buckley participated in the Work Experience Program about which he recollects having gained valuable experiences which have helped him become the success he is today. He also fondly remembers the care and guidance he received from Mr. Ralph Parmigiane, his Assistant Principal who showed great confidence in Mr. Buckley.

He has lived the advice he would give to current



Needham High School students trying to find their way,
"Once you have decided what you want to do in life, do everything you possibly can to achieve it, and to prosper at it."

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