

OPSI Hires New Chief

On February 22nd, 2022, Richard Baldacci joined our team as the new Chief of Inspections. Rich previously served as the Building Commissioner for the towns of Swampscott and Marblehead.

Rich has extensive public management experience and shares our vision of improving communications with local building officials amongst other goals for the Office of Public Safety and Inspections.

As a Certified Building Official, Rich's priority is establishing connections with all inspectors throughout the Commonwealth. To that end, he is relaunching the newsletter, Codeword, whose last publication was ten years ago.



Richard Baldacci, the new Chief of Inspections for the Office of Public Safety, Building, Engineering, and Trade Inspections.

New Hires



Robert Scott, a former Building Commissioner, joined our team on February 14th, 2022. He has been a Building Official since 2019 and worked as a contractor for 14 years prior. “The best part of my new position is meeting on site with the Professional Engineers and crews to see projects develop from plans to completion.” Rob’s goals are to complete his required amusement certification and continue gaining knowledge and experience working alongside the other inspectors to ensure public safety. Rob is assigned to the MBTA and says that he looks forward to a long and rewarding career working for the Commonwealth.



Christopher Broderick joined our team on March 27th, 2022. He began his construction career in the early 80’s as a Union Carpenter. He has worked in both commercial and residential development. Prior to coming to work for the Commonwealth he was a Building Inspector for the City of Boston. Chris has a Bachelor of Psychology degree and feels that his strongest attributes are public relations and conflict resolution. His knowledge in the study of human behaviors applies when dealing with contractors and code interpretation. His goals are to be able to apply his skills in an effort to help others learn, as well as to remain open minded to learning from others. Chris is assigned to District 10, Boston.



Leonard (Lenny) Lyons joined our team on April 11, 2022, from the City of Boston. He has been a building contractor for 37 years. He has been a Certified Building Official for 2.5 years. In Lenny’s own words “as I am new to this side of the counter, I have a good grasp on 780CMR as well as the IBC, IRC and IFC.” As a contractor he worked in both residential and commercial construction, with a focus on complicated structural projects. Lenny’s goals are to aggressively continue his education as a State Building Inspector, and to pursue this career to the highest levels possible. Lenny is assigned to District 10, Boston.

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From left to right: Commissioner Layla D'Emilia, Inspectors Richard Bienvenue, Ed Poulin, Brianna Skowyr and Robert Scott

The newest phase of the Green Line Extension (GLX project) began service in March. Our team of inspectors played a big part in the approval of the station's occupancy. For details of the GLX project, click the MBTA's link below,

<https://www.mbta.com/projects/green-line-extension-glx>

On Monday, March 21, 2022, the MBTA celebrated its Grand Opening of two new stations, the new Lechmere Station, and the Union Square Station in Somerville. Our Commissioner, Layla D'Emilia, was among the dignitaries who attended the ribbon cutting ceremony, along with the inspection team responsible for opening the stations, State Building Inspectors, Rob Scott, Brianna Skowyr, Rick Bienvenue, and State Electrical Inspector Ed Poulin. The contract for the project was awarded in 2017 and is scheduled for completion later this summer. The entire project includes 4 more stations, East Somerville Station, Magoun Station, Ball

Square Station and College Station in Medford, as well as three traction power substations, and a new Vehicle Storage and Maintenance Facility as a part of their \$8 billion, five-year capital investment program.

The Capital Investment Transformation projects include renovations to existing stations, modernization to fare collection systems and improved accessibility for better quality of service for all riders.

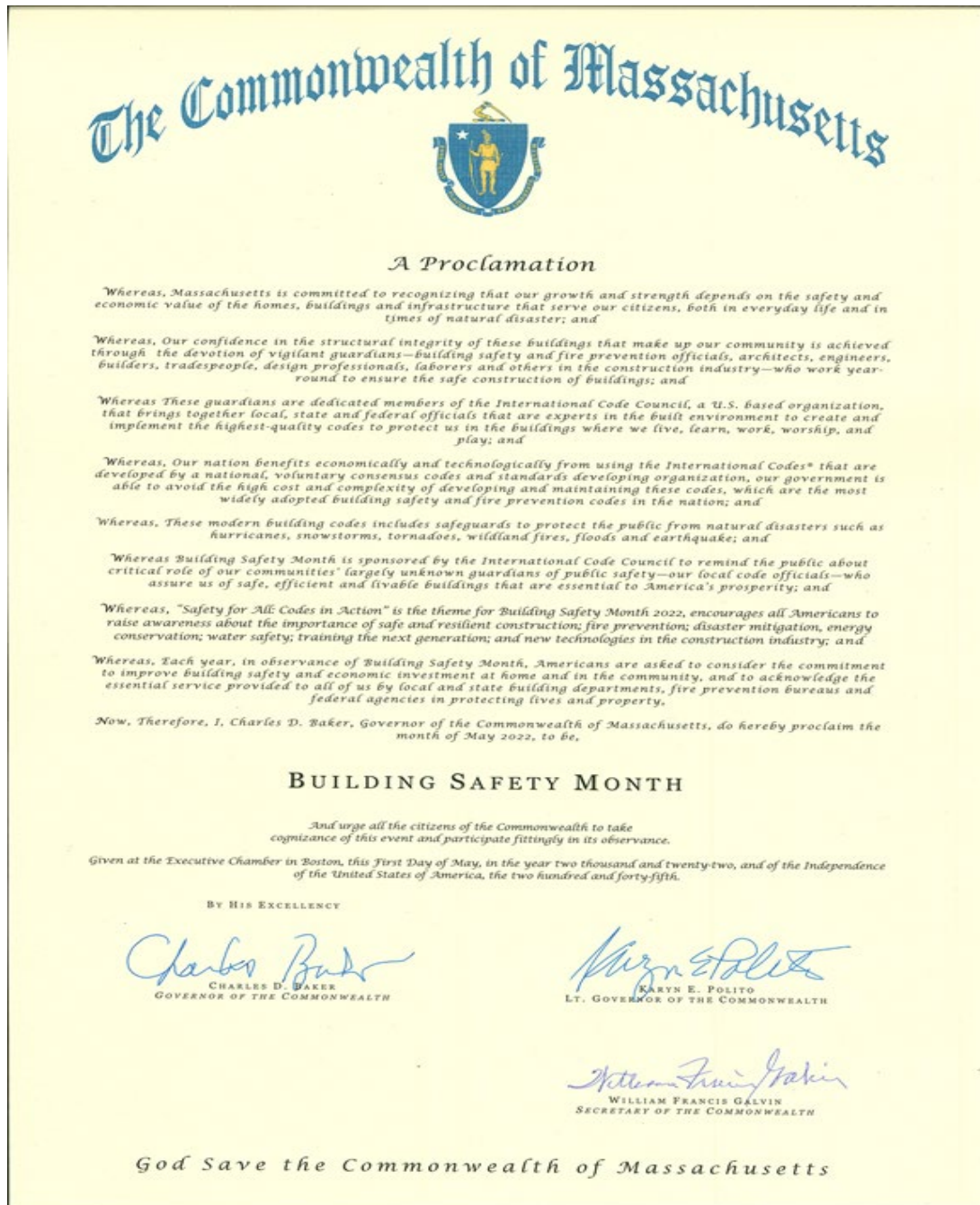
Inspectors for the MBTA are responsible for all of the stations as well as the South Coast Rail Extension which began in July of 2019 and will continue through 2023. This work includes the construction of six new stations in Middleborough, Taunton, Freetown, Fall River Depot, and two stations in New Bedford, as well as many other system-wide improvements.

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/about-the-south-coast-rail-project>

May Is Building Safety Month

[2022 Building Safety Month - ICC \(iccsafe.org\)](https://iccsafe.org/)

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10th Edition is Coming!

For the latest updates visit:

[Unofficial Tenth Edition Base Code Draft \(780 CMR\)](#) | [Mass.gov](#)

Be on the lookout for upcoming issues of Codeword! Topics we hope to cover in the future issues:

- **Featured State Inspector:** Each month we will bring you an introduction of each member of the OPSI team.
- **“Standard Procedure”:** When a license is revoked and you’re instructed to follow “standard procedures,” what does that mean?
- **Locking mechanisms:** With school starting back, is your municipality properly protected?
- **What else do you want to see?** Please contact us with any questions or building code issues you may be facing in your city or town. Tel:+617-727-3200 OPSI-info@mass.gov

