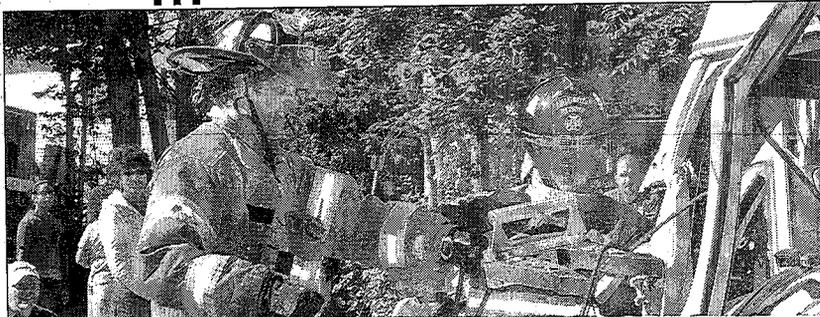


Open House in Methuen



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On the last day of Fire Prevention Week (Oct. 3-9), the Methuen Fire and Police departments held their annual open house Saturday. Five to six hundred children toured the facilities, which are in walking distance of each other, to view firetrucks and a variety of police vehicles up close. A demonstration by firefighters was given using the hydraulic rescue tools used mainly to save people involved in car accidents. The Fire Department gave out toy helmets, pizza and goodie bags that included fire safety information for parents. At the same time, the Police Department conducted a police dog demonstration and offered free hot dogs, toy badges and safety information. Above, Sparky the fire dog was popular with the kids during the open house.



At left, under the direction of fire Lt. Jim McLachlan, firefighters Ryan Fortune, left, and Mark Fiorentini demonstrate the power of the rescue tool