



2022 ANNUAL REPORT

Purpose, Mission, Vision, & Goals

Purpose

The purpose of the Chippewa Fire District is to protect and enhance the safety and well-being within our community.

Mission

The Chippewa Fire District is committed to creating a safe community through prevention, preparedness, and effective emergency responses.

Vision

We strive to be the best.

Goals

- Chippewa Fire District will deliver comprehensive safety services of the highest quality.
- Chippewa Fire District will support and maintain a safe, healthy, well-trained, and high-performing workforce.
- Chippewa Fire District will provide high-quality first responder service as part of an integrated emergency medical care system.
- Chippewa Fire District Firefighters will be a community resource for life safety knowledge and information about the Department's services.
- Chippewa Fire District will attract and retain a qualified diverse workforce.

CHIPPEWA FIRE DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

Command Staff

Fire Chief Scott Bernette (FF/AEMT)
Deputy Chief Mike Nowak (FF/AEMT)
Deputy Chief Cory Jeffers (FF/AEMT)
Deputy Chief Cory Scheidler (FF/EMT-B)
Deputy Chief John Andersen (FF/EMT-B)

Station 1

Chief 1 DC Mike Nowak (AEMT)
D-11 Captain Samantha McTaggart
D-12 Captain Clayton McTaggart
D-13 Captain Jim Campbell (EMR)
D-14 Training Officer Joe Ludwigson (AEMT)
D-15 Captain Derick Lane (AEMT)
D-16 Assistant Training Officer Charles Holloway

Station 6

Chief 6 DC Cory Scheidler
D-61 Captain Lloyd Bowe
D-62 Captain Kris Krall
D-63 Captain Rob Krejci

Administrative Staff

Rita Erickson

Maintenance Technician

Charles Smith

Station 3

Chief 3 DC Cory Jeffers (AEMT)
D-31 Captain Josh Rihn
D-32 Captain Erik Hennlich
D-33 Captain Jeff Frederick (EMT-B)
D-34 Training Officer TJ Schemenauer

Career and Part-Time Duty Crew Members

A-Shift

Captain Peter Arriola (FF/EMT-P)
FF/EMT-P Cerys Morris

C-Shift

Captain Ron Wolf (FF/CC EMT-P)
FF/EMT-P Tyler Place

Inspection Division

Deputy Chief John Andersen (FF/EMT-B)

Safety Officer

Deputy Chief Mike Nowak (FF/AEMT)

Training Officer

Deputy Chief Cory Jeffers (FF/AEMT)

B-Shift

Captain Jacob Grotthus (FF/CC EMT-P)
FF/EMT-P Olivia Steindorf

Part-Time

FF/CC EMT-P Jenn Struensee
FF/AEMT David Handrahan

Dive Team Leader

FF/EMT-B Michelle Fischer

Health Officer

Deputy Chief Cory Scheidler (FF/EMT-B)

More on District Staffing

District Staffing Level: 96 members

Command Staff:	5 (1 Career Fire Chief & 4 POC Deputy Chief)
Career Captains:	3
Career FF/SMT-P Members:	3
Administrative:	1
Non-Station Members:	10 FF/EMT
Station 1 members:	32 POC (29 fire/EMS, 1 photo, 1 Diver & 1 FI) & 4 honorary
Station 3 members:	27 POC (22 fire/EMS, 5 dive) & 2 honorary
Station 6 members:	16 POC (14 fire/EMS & 2 EMS)
EMS Training:	42 Members trained in the District as Medical Responders
Ambulance Staffing:	29 Member training/approved to work on ambulance
Dive Team:	20 Members (11 Divers & 9 support staff)

Calls for Service

The Fire District responded to a total of 2874 calls for service in 2021. Below is a total of the request for service calls over the past three years:

1/1/2022 to 12/31/2022 = 2849
1/1/2021 to 12/31/2021 = 2874
1/1/2020 to 12/31/2020 = 2570

Analysis of Fire Incidents

There was 258 Fire Calls.
Fire loss of \$605,505 which is up from 2021 (\$174,402)
There were 13 structure related fires in 2022 which is down from 2021.
2 of the 13 structure fires were in 1 and 2 family dwellings.
December had the largest number of fire calls (37), September had the least (12).
Wednesday had the largest number of fire calls (45).
Time of day most calls occurred was between 12:00 pm and 2:00 pm (34).

Average Response Time District in minutes

Town of Hallie	4.5 minutes
Town of Howard	11.75 minutes
Town of Lafayette	8.75 minutes
Village of Lake Hallie	4.5 minutes
Mutual Aid	14.25 minutes

Fire Calls by month:

January	20
February	18
March	13
April	16
May	27
June	22
July	29
August	25
September	12
October	24
November	15
December	37

Fire Calls by day:

Sunday	34
Monday	29
Tuesday	31
Wednesday	45
Thursday	41
Friday	35
Saturday	43

Average response of firefighters:

Average of all non-Structure Fires Calls: 9 Volunteer Paid-on-Call and 2 Career Members
 Average for a Structure Fire Call: 25 Volunteer Paid-on-Call and 3 Career Members

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EMS 911	EMS/Fire Stand-by	EMS 911 No Transport	EMS 911 Cancelled	EMS Intercepts	EMS MA Received	EMS MA Given	EMS MA Cancelled	Event Stand by PR	Total EMS Related Request
592	120	339	17	30	26	45	11	4	1184

Transfers	Transfers Cancelled Caller	Transfer Cancelled enroute	Transfer Cancelled Weather	Transfer Cancelled LD After Hrs.	Transfer Cancelled No Crew	Transfer Cancelled No Nurse	Transfer Cancelled no PD	Not Cost Effective/Other	Total Transfer Related Request
610	97	1	35	280	246	0	0	109	1378

SWAT Calls	SWAT Trainings	Skipped Call Number	Used Call Number twice	Total SWAT Related Request
6	12	0	0	18

Dive/Water Call	Dive Call Cancelled	Total Dive Related Request
9	2	11

Structure Fires	Brush/Grass Fires	Vehicle Fires	Vehicle Accidents	Fire Calls	Fire Calls Cancelled	MA Fire Call	MA Fire Cancelled	PR Events	Total Fire Related Request
11	9	21	47	102	22	24	6	16	258

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Percentage by Calls

EMS	Number of Calls	Percentage
Town of Hallie	7	0.38
Village of Lake Hallie	710	39.03
Town of Lafayette	334	18.36
Town of Howard	33	1.81
Intercept	36	1.98
Mutual Aid	67	3.68
Tactical	18	0.99
Transfer Local	234	12.86
Transfer Out	380	20.89
Cancel Transfers	761	

In the District	59.59
Out of District	40.41

Fire	Number of Calls	Percentage
Town of Hallie	3	1.16
Village of Lake Hallie	123	47.67
Town of Lafayette	81	31.40
Town of Howard	3	1.16
Mutual Aid	37	14.34
Dive	11	4.26

In the District	81.40
Out of District	18.60

DISTRICT APPARATUS/EQUIPMENT INFORMATION

Apparatus Testing

ENGINES: All engines passed NFPA annual pump tests.
AERIAL: Truck 1 passed NFPA service testing & pump test.

Equipment Testing

SCBA: All SCBA in service passed NFPA annual testing.
Ladders: All ladders in service passed NFPA annual testing.

Apparatus Location/Roster

District Staff Vehicles

CV1 2020 Ford F150 4X4 (Fire Chief)
CV2 2014 Ford Edge (DC, Capt., Inspector, and Maintenance Tech)

Station One

Engine 1	2013 Darley 1500/1000
Truck 1	2013 Smeal 105 Aerial 2000/500
Tanker 1	2016 Freightliner/UST 1000/4000 (Tender/Pumper)
Brush 1	2002 F-350 Ford Pickup 200/250 Class A foam (funded by Tank Program)
CAR 10	2005 Chev 4x4 2500 HD 4dr. Pickup (funded by Tank Program)
Boat	2017 John Boat with Mercury motor
Medic 1	2020 Ford F550/Lifeline Ambulance
Medic 2	2017 Ford F550/Lifeline Ambulance
Medic 4	2017 Ford F550/ Lifeline Ambulance
UTV 1	2018 John Deere Rescue/Wildland Fire Fighting

Station Three

Engine 3	2016 Freightliner/UST 1500/1000
Engine 33	2016 Freightliner/UST 1500/1000
Squad 3	2016 Pierce Rescue Squad & Air Cascade
Tender 3	2021 Freightliner- Pierce 1000/4000 (Tender/Pumper)
Brush 3	2012 Chev 4x4 3500 (Funded by Tank Program)
Boat	1978 Boston Whaler Rescue Boat /100HP Mercury & Trailer
Dive Van	1996 Chevy Van with dive equipment & 4 bottle cascade
Medic 3	2020 Ford F550/Lifeline Ambulance
ATV	2021 Kubota Rescue/Wildland Fire Fighting

Station Six

Engine 6	2008 Pierce/Dash 1750/1500
Squad 6	2016 Pierce Rescue Squad & Air Cascade
Tanker 6	2021 Freightliner-Danko 300/4000
Brush 6	2007 Ford 4X4 250/350 (funded by Tank Program)
Portable 6	Sykes 3000 GPM trailer mounted pump

Vehicles Sold/Retired

Tank 1	2017 Subaru (funded by Tank Program)
Tank 2	2018 Subaru (funded by Tank Program)

Insurance Services Office (ISO) Rating

ISO creates ratings for fire departments and their surrounding communities. The ratings calculate how well-equipped fire departments are to put out fires in that community. The audit reviews the fire prevention and fire suppression capabilities to develop a numerical grading called a Public Protection Classification. The Chippewa Fire District was audited in September of 2022 and maintained its rates of a 3 for the Village of Lake Hallie and 5/10 for the Townships of Hallie, Lafayette, and Howard.

FIRE TRAINING

Station Officers and Training Officers conducted and coordinated training outlined in the 2022 District Training Schedule. The District held in-person and online training options. The training schedule was modified to follow the recommendations of the Center for Disease and Control and Chippewa County Health Department based on the recommend restrictions for COVID-19 pandemic.

The Fire District Officers met 6 times in 2022. The Officers met in person with the option for virtual attendance for all meetings. The Officers discussed and updated many of the Fire District Standard Operating Procedures with the input of the members and governing boards. Also, there were 6 online training sessions for the Officers in 2022.

The Fire District Health and Safety Committee met 6 times in 2022. The Committee met in person with the option for virtual attendance for all meetings. At these meetings, any health-related, close calls, or safety concerns were reviewed. Also, there were several Minimum Operating Guideline (MOG) for training updated in 2022.

EMS REPORT

2022 was a very busy and yet exciting year for the Chippewa Fire District EMS section. The Chippewa Fire District continues to evolve to meet the service needs of our great communities and neighboring communities. We are constantly reminded of the delicate balance of service delivery and organizational wellness as we continued to work through changes based on COVID-19 pandemic. Below is a brief highlight of the happenings within Chippewa Fire District EMS section for 2022.

Chippewa Fire District had 10 EMT Paramedics take and complete their refresher course and 5 of our current District members take EMT Basics through the local Technical College.

EMS crews did numerous station tours and attended community events representing the Fire District.

Capt. Peter Arriola continued to serve as the EMS Training Officer for EMS Crews and First Responders.

Capt. Ron Wolf was assigned the duty of EMS equipment ordering and maintenance. He also took on the duty of updating our EMS Protocols and getting them online for members to reference as needed.

Capt. Jake Grotthus continued to serve as Fire Training Officer and Tactical Emergency Medical Services Operations Officer.

The District resumed doing in person daily shift training with duty crew members and monthly evening training for our Medical Responders.

EMS crews conducted Fire Inspections as assigned by the Deputy Chief of Fire Prevention.

Captains worked with the Fire Chief to update District EMS Protocols, Standard Operating Procedures, Suggested Operation Guidelines that relate to EMS.

Chippewa Fire District TEMS

Chippewa Fire District Tactical Emergency Medical Services (TEMS) section within the Chippewa Fire District EMS section was commanded by Captain Jake Grotthus.

The team responded to 18 events for service 2022. (6 Callouts & 12 Training)

Two TEMS medics were fitted for new protective gear which was acquired from Eau Claire County Sheriff's Office budget.

Our TEMS group has been training with the regional quick response team to bring them up on medical training while they are deployed in a hazard zone during civil unrest.

Chippewa Fire District command staff continues to meet with our regional response partners yearly to discuss improvements in delivery of our services to the communities we serve for Fire, EMS & SWAT.

FIRE PREVENTION ACTIVITIES

The Chippewa Fire District conducts Fire Inspection and Prevention activities under the scope of Wisconsin State Statutes 101.14, 101.575 and Wisconsin Administrative Code Comm. 14. Such Fire Inspection and Prevention activities are funded out of the Wisconsin Fire Insurance Fund of 2% of fire insurance premiums paid to the State of Wisconsin. The 2% fire dues fund as it is called has been a part of the State of Wisconsin Fire Insurance Commissioner's Office since before Wisconsin became a state in 1848. Each municipality of the Fire District receives a 2% Fire Dues payment prior to August 1 each year. Totals for 2022 are based on 2020 equalized evaluation are:

Town of Hallie	\$2,254
Town of Howard	\$3,343
Town of Lafayette	\$30,957
Village of Lake Hallie	\$34,279
Elk Mound FD.	\$1,527
<u>Ridgeland</u>	<u>\$510</u>
Total	\$72,870

Fire Inspections conducted by municipality:

Town of Hallie	1
Town of Howard	7
Town of Lafayette	80
Village of Lake Hallie	259
Elk Mound	74
<u>Ridgeland</u>	<u>45</u>
Total	466

The Wisconsin Administrative Code also requires other activities to qualify for 2% Fire Dues. Those activities include:

1. Keeping a map of the territory served by the Chippewa Fire District.
2. A current roster of members of the department.
3. The date and location of Fire Prevention Inspections performed, violations found and corrective action taken.
4. Time, date, location of structure fires, and the number of fire department members responding.
5. Number, duration of, and attendance at department meetings.
6. Number, duration of, topic of and attendance at department training sessions.
7. Number, duration of, topic of and attendance at public fire education related activities.
8. A copy of the fire department budget and or a summary of fire dues expenditures.
9. A record of public buildings and places of employment located within the territory of the fire department.

The Chippewa Fire District is in compliance with ss 101.14, ss 101.575 and Wisconsin Administrative Code DSPS. 314 and is eligible for Wisconsin 2% Fire Dues for the year 2020.

The Chippewa Fire District also performs the following inspections and services for the community:

1. CBRF (Home Health Care Facilities).
2. Fireworks Permit Inspections.
3. Fire Prevention Education Stillson School, individual and group tours at the Stations.
4. Halloween Fire prevention activities for Lake Hallie and Lafayette.
5. Participates in supporting the Chippewa Valley Fire Safety House.
6. New Construction Inspections for Fire Suppression, Fire Alarm Systems, Fire Safety Systems and Construction.
7. Enforces Fire Burning Regulations in the Towns of Hallie, Lafayette, Howard and the Village of Lake Hallie.
8. Responds to Fire Safety request for services and provides information on Wisconsin Fire Safety Rules and Regulations from its residents.

9. Approves requests for Knox Box installations.
10. Responds to complaints and requests from other local governmental agencies for assistance in enforcement and code interpretation.
11. Performs Air BNB inspections in the Town of Lafayette.

Plans reviewed and Conditional Approvals Letters generated:

The View Tavern, Lafayette
Riverview Veterinary Clinic, Lake Hallie
Lake Wissota Animal Hospital, Lafayette
Menards Distribution Warehouse, Lake Hallie
Village Shops Lake Hallie
Wissota Rentals
Lake Hallie 8 plexes
Lake Hallie Storage 2

Permits issued:

3 Fireworks tents
3 Fireworks display
8 Adult family homes
1 Wedding Barn
6 Foster Care
19 AIR BNB
3 Food Trucks

Fire Investigation

The Chippewa Fire District is in compliance with: ss 165.55 Arson investigation (1) The chief of the fire department or company of every city, village, or town in which a fire department or company exists, and where no fire department or company exists, the mayor, village president or town clerk shall investigate or cause to be investigated the cause, origin and circumstances or every fire occurring in his city, village, or town when the damage exceeds \$500. Where any investigation discloses that the fire may be of incendiary origin, he shall report the same to the state fire marshal. Fires in the Chippewa Fire District are investigated per the above statutory mandate.

2022 Fire Prevention Goals

- Conclude all inspections by November 15.
- Adopt State Administrative Fire Code in each municipality.
- Complete transition to paperless inspections.
- Research hardware/software for using computer based wireless hotspots for inspections and preplans.

- Educate car repair and body shop owners to place fire suppression systems in spray booths and continue enforcement actions.
- Work to expand Fire Safety Public Education at Stillson School from Kindergarten to include grades 1-3.
- Expand 4-year-old fire education program at Day Care Centers.

Enforcement Action in 2022 enforcement was down due to DSPS Emergency COVID 19 Order

3 referrals to Wisconsin DNR
9 notices of violation issued
9 warning citations issued
3 Secure building order issued
10 citations issued for burning related issues
Continued billing for unattended fires and improper burning per state statutes

Underground/Aboveground Storage Tank Program

Flammable/Combustible/Hazardous Tanks

Note: Effective July 1, 2022 based on the decision made by the State of Wisconsin, the contract with the Chippewa Fire District was canceled.

Dive Team

The Dive Team response to all water related emergencies within the Chippewa Fire District and all of Chippewa County under the county wide mutual aid agreement.

The dive team responded to 11 calls for service this year.

There were 3 trainings and 2 meetings held for the year.

There are 20 members on the team (11 divers and 9 Support members).