



## **2023 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)

## 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 Charles Holloway (EMT)  
D-15 Captain Derick Lane (AEMT)

## Station 6

Chief 6 DC Cory Scheidler  
D-61 Captain Lloyd Bowe  
D-62 Captain Kris Krall (MFR)  
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

## Chaplains

David Rider  
David Varga (FF assigned to St 1)  
Josh Kilde

## Career and Part-Time Duty Crew Members

### A-Shift

Captain Peter Arriola (FF/EMT-P)  
FF/EMT-P Kyle Frederickson

### C-Shift

Captain Ron Wolf (FF/CC EMT-P)  
FF/EMT-P Shinia Myren

## Inspection Division

Inspector Rebecca Shervey (FF/EMT-B)

## Safety Officer

Deputy Chief Mike Nowak (FF/AEMT)

## Training Officer

Deputy Chief Cory Jeffers (FF/AEMT)

### B-Shift

Captain Olivia Steindorf (FF/CC EMT-P)  
FF/CC EMT-P Joshua Macdonald

### Part-Time

FF/CC EMT-P Kali Junk  
FF/AEMT Derek Lane  
FF/EMT Haley Hanson

## Dive Team Leader

FF/EMT-B Michelle Fischer

## Health Officer

Deputy Chief Cory Scheidler (FF/EMT-B)

## **More on District Staffing**

District Staffing Level: 93 members

Command Staff: 4 (1 Career Fire Chief & 3 POC Deputy Chief)

Career Captains: 3

Career FF/EMT-P Members: 3

Administrative: 1

Chaplains 2

Non-Station Assigned Members: 10 FF/EMT

St 1 members: 28 POC (27 fire/EMS & 1 Diver), 2 career, & 6 honorary

St 3 members: 23 POC (17 fire/EMS, 6 dive), 3 career, 1 honorary

St 6 members: 18 POC (16 fire/EMS & 2 EMS) 2 career

EMS Training: 45 members trained in the District as Medical Responders

Ambulance Staffing: 29 member training/approved to work on ambulance

Dive Team: 18 members (13 Divers & 5 support staff)

## Calls for Service

The Fire District responded to a total of 2486 calls for service in 2023 which is down for 2849 in 2022. Below is break out for call over the past two years.

Chippewa Fire District  
2023 Year-to-Date Report

Date 1/1/2023 - 12/31/2023

| 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 |
|---------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|
| 619     | 95                | 276                  | 20                | 30             | 20              | 67           | 17               | 1                 | 1145                      |

| 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 |
|-----------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 452       | 75                         | 1                          | 13                         | 247                              | 170                        | 0                           | 0                        | 134                      | 1092                           |

| SWAT Calls | SWAT Trainings | Skipped Call Number | Used Call Number twice | Total SWAT Related Request |
|------------|----------------|---------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| 6          | 15             | 0                   | 0                      | 21                         |

| Dive/Water Call | Dive Call Cancelled | Total Dive Related Request |
|-----------------|---------------------|----------------------------|
| 5               | 1                   | 6                          |

| 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 |
|-----------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------------|-----------|----------------------------|
| 8               | 13                | 11            | 46                | 54         | 25                   | 39           | 4                 | 22        | 222                        |

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Percentage by Calls

| EMS                    | Number of Calls | Percentage |
|------------------------|-----------------|------------|
| Town of Hallie         | 16              | 0.98       |
| Village of Lake Hallie | 647             | 39.60      |
| Town of Lafayette      | 328             | 20.07      |
| Town of Howard         | 28              | 1.71       |
| Intercept              | 35              | 2.14       |
| Mutual Aid             | 99              | 6.06       |
| Tactical               | 21              | 1.29       |
| Transfer Local         | 170             | 10.40      |
| Transfer Out           | 290             | 17.75      |
| Transfer Cancel        | 624             |            |

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| In the District | 1019 |
| Out of District | 615  |

| Fire                   | Number of Calls | Percentage |
|------------------------|-----------------|------------|
| Town of Hallie         | 4               | 1.75       |
| Village of Lake Hallie | 124             | 54.39      |
| Town of Lafayette      | 55              | 24.12      |
| Town of Howard         | 6               | 2.63       |
| Mutual Aid             | 39              | 17.11      |

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| In the District | 189 |
| Out of District | 39  |

Chippewa Fire District  
2022 Report

Date 1/1/2022 - 12/31/2022

| 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             |            |

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| 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       |

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|-----------------|-------|
| 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            |

## **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 & EMS TRAINING**

Fire Training: Station Officers and Training Officers conducted and coordinated training outlined in the 2023 District Training Schedule. The District held in-person and online training options.

EMS Training: Captain Arriola conducted and coordinated training outlined in the 2023 District Training Schedule for our Medical First Responders.

Officer Training: There were 6 online training sessions for the Officers in 2023.

The Fire District Health and Safety Committee met 6 times in 2023. 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.

## **District EMS**

2022 was a very busy and yet exciting year for the Chippewa Fire District EMS section. As the need for Firefighter/EMT continues grow and the shortage of trained individuals seeking to work in fire and ems, the Chippewa Fire District has evolved to meet the service needs of our great communities and neighboring communities. We have implemented field training program for all new members wishing to work on the ambulance. This has helped better prepare our EMTs to better service in these challenging times. To combat this shortage of FF/EMTs, The District has and continues to sponsor members of our department for Emergency Medical Technician, Advanced Emergency Medical Technician, Emergency Medical Technician Paramedic, and Critical Care Emergency Medical Technician Paramedic classes.



## **District TEMS**

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

The team responded to 21 events in 2023 (6 callouts & 15 trainings)

Three employees (2 career and 1 part-time) complete TEMS training.

Several 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 and part of the overall budget for the Fire District. The Fire District did 23 Public Education Events in 2023.

## **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, it shall report the same to the state fire marshal. Fires in the Chippewa Fire District are investigated per the above statutory mandate.

## **2023 Fire Inspector Report**

Throughout the calendar year 2023 I have been able to complete at least one inspection at every facility that we have records of. There were close to 450 inspections throughout the district. Most people have responded well to correcting violations.

The last part of the year I have done 30 short-term rental inspections in Lafayette.

I have worked on streamlining our new burning permit process including maintaining a spreadsheet to track where known fires are located on a given day. I have regularly conducted site inspections for large fire burning requests. In addition, I consulted on, learned from, attended, and verified new or replacement fire pumps, sprinklers, and fire alarm systems.

I have done public education multiple times and stations 1 & 3, in addition to Rymes and Rainbows and Stillson Elementary. I have been working on creating a better tracking system for our pub ed materials for all stations, so we are not out of supplies when needed.

I have partnered with Community Safety Net for donations where we received 147 older children's books at no cost to CFD.

As a member of the WI State Fire Inspectors Association, I have attended the quarterly trainings/meetings, one of which I created and presented a basic training on storage tanks. I also attended the WSFIA annual Fire Inspectors conference for all-day classes.

Because of my history as a driver/operator instructor for the colleges, I provide ambulance driver training and burning permits training to all new EMTs

I worked on getting a new ordinance for commercial occupancy permit to be put into place. In hopes it will help keep us aware of buildings being built and occupied without us even knowing, since we only get information when there are sprinklers/alarms systems.

Submitted by Fire Inspector Rebecca Shervey

## **Dive Team**

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

The dive team responded to 5 calls in 2023 down from 11 calls in 2022.

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

There are 18 members on the team (11 divers and 7 Support members).