

Fire Chief Report

4/13/2025

District Staffing Update

Membership: 100

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

Administrative Assistant: 1

Chaplains: 2

St 1 has 36 members: 34 POC & 2 Career (11 fire, 25 fire/EMS, 1 EMS, 1 Fire Investigator)

St 3 has 38 members: 36 POC & 2 Career (14 fire/dive, 13 fire/EMS/dive, 2 EMS, & 9 dive)

St 6 has 19 members: 16 POC & 3 Career (12 fire, 5 fire/EMS, & 2 EMS)

EMS Training: 53 members trained as Medical Responders

Ambulance Staffing: 31-member training/approved to work on ambulance

Dive Team: 21 members (14 Divers & 7 support staff)

Members on Military Deployment (Leave of absence): FF/EMT-B Joe Pitts-Meyer

Interviews

Feb 5 new applicants to interview on 2/11/2025

Mar 4 applicants to interview for Administrative Assistant position on 3/10 & 3/11/2025

Apr 4 applicants to interview for part-time FF/EMT-P positions on 4/7/2025 (3 internal and 1 external)

4 applicants to interview for paid on call positions 4/8/2025 (1 FF/EMT-P, 1 EMT-P, & 2 for Firefighters)

Years of Service Anniversaries

Feb Deputy Chief/AEMT Cory Jeffers – 21 years of Service

FF/CC EMT-P Kali Junk – 7 years of service

FF/EMT Andrew Straszowski – 12 years of service

FF/Chaplain Dave Varga – 47 years of service

Captain/EMT-P Kyle Frederickson – 13 years of service (3 years with the District)

FF/EMT Tony Schlueter – 3 years of service

FF Shawn Kalms - 5 years of service

MPO Duane Wallsch – 26 years of service

Mar FF/EMT-B Connor Cich - 1 year of Service

Captain Samantha McTaggart- 8 years of service

FF Kevin Zehr- 33 years of service

FF/EMT Michelle Fischer - 12 years of service

FF James Lange -1 year of service

FF/EMT James Martin -1 year of service

Diver Dave Carli - 18 years of service Captain

Kris Krall - 8 years of service

Apr None

District Meetings and Trainings

Station Meetings

Feb Station 1 was held on 2/5/2025 attended by Chief Bernette, Officers, and members.

Station 6 was held on 2/19/2025 attended by Chief Bernette, Officers, and members.

Station 3 was held on 2/26/2025 attended by Chief Bernette, DC Jeffers, Officers, and members.

Mar Station 1 was held on 3/5/2025 attended by Chief Bernette, Officers, and members.

Station 6 was held on 3/19/2025 attended by DC Schiedler, Officers, and members.

Station 3 was held on 3/26/2025 attended by Chief Bernette, DC Jeffers, Officers, and members.

Apr Station 1 was held on 4/2/2025 attended by Chief Bernette, DC Nowak, Officers, and members.

Fire Chief Report

4/13/2025

Fire Board Meeting

- Feb Was held on 2/18/2025 attended by Chief Bernette, DC Jeffers, several Officers and employees of the District, and one member of the public.
- Mar Was held on 3/18/2025 attended by Chief Bernette, DC Jeffers, several Officers and employees of the District, and one member of the public.
Special meeting held on 3/31/2025 attended by Fire Board, Attorney Raihle, and Chief Bernette

Fire Commission Meeting

- Jan Meeting held on 1/28/2022 attended by Chief Bernette, DC Scheidler, Capt. Larson, and FF Matthews.

Officer's Meetings

- Apr Meeting on 4/3/2024 attended by Chief Bernette, DC Nowak, DC Jeffers, and Station Officers

Career Employee Meeting

- Feb Meeting held on 2/27/2025

Fire Training

- Feb Blood Born Pathogen & ERG Manual. SCBA Drills, Ground /Roof Ladder, Search and Rescue, Radio Skills, and Fit Testing for Station 1 Members
- Mar District wide DNR training at Station 1

EMS Meeting

- Feb Meeting held on 2/27/2025

EMS Training

- Feb Scenario Based Skills Station Training on 2/27/2025
- Mar Was on scenario-based station and portable equipment

TEMS & SWAT Training

- Feb No TEMS Medic needed
- Mar No TEMS Medic needed
- Apr FF/CC EMT-P Josh MacDonald attend on 4/4/2025

Other Trainings, Meetings, or Events

- Feb NCFCA Meeting (online) attended by Chief Bernette on 2/20/2025
EMS MC Meeting (EMS billing company) attended by Mr. Staber and Chief Bernette on 2/25/2025
Fire Recovery USA Meeting (Fire Billing Company) attended by Chief Bernette on 2/26/2025
- Mar EMS MC Meeting (EMS billing company) attended by Mr. Staber and Chief Bernette on 3/11/2025
CVTC BLS/AEMT EMS Advisory Committee Meeting (online) attended by Chief Bernette on 3/19/2025
NCFCA Meeting (online) attended by Chief Bernette on 3/20/2025
Lifeline Ambulance & Jefferson Fire Meeting (online) attended by Chief Bernette on 3/20/2025

Fire Chief Report

4/13/2025

- Apr CVTC EMS Advisory Committee Meeting on 4/9/2025
Chippewa County 911 Policy and Procedure Committee Meeting attended by Chief Bernette on 4/9/2025
Chippewa County Emergency Medical Services Association attended by Chief Bernette on 4/9/2025

District Safety

Safety Topic of the Month

- Feb February: Due Regards
When responding to calls, drive with "Due regard".
Due regards mean - to consider the needs and circumstances of others when making decisions or carrying out actions.
- Mar March: Working in the BLACK"
"Working in the black" on a wildland fire means operating within an area that has already been burned by the fire, essentially working inside the "blackened" section where the fuels have been consumed, providing a relatively safe zone to operate from compared to the actively burning front line.
- Apr Do to others as you want them to do to you
Review how we are treating other members and the public as outlined in SOP 101, SOP 101-1, SOP 101-3, and FF Code of Conduct.

SOPs & MOGs of the Month

- Feb SOP 600 Radio Communications
SOP 1000 EMS General Rules
MOG 3254 Private Residence Attached Garage
- Mar SOP 601 Emergency Radio Comm
SOP 1001EMS Clothing to be Worn
MOG 3255 Older Single-Family Dwelling
- Apr SOP 701 Incident Command
SOP 1002 Daily Chores Station 1
MOG 3256 Two Story Commercial or Residential