

## FIRE CHIEF REPORT

**Report Date:** 6/4/2025

**District Calls:** Month of May had 196 requests for service: EMS: 101 Transfers: 67 SWAT: 0 Dive: 3 Fire: 25  
Month of Apr had 184 requests for service: EMS: 85 Transfers: 79 SWAT: 2 Dive: 0 Fire: 18

### **District Update**

#### Staffing

District Staffing Level: 101 members

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

Administrative Assistant: 1

Chaplains: 2

St 1 has 36 members: 34 POC, 2 PT, & 2 Career (12 fire, 26 fire/EMS, 1 EMS, 1 Fire Investigator)

St 3 has 36 members: 34 POC & 2 Career (14 fire/dive, 11 fire/EMS/dive, 2 EMS, & 9 dive)

St 6 has 20 members: 16 POC, 1 PT, & 3 Career (12 fire, 6 fire/EMS, & 2 EMS)

EMS Training: 52 members trained as EMS Responders

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

Dive Team: 19 members (12 Divers & 7 support staff)

Department Members on Military Deployment/Training (Leave of absence)

FF/EMT-B Joe Pitts-Meyer

FF Bryce Sikora

Department Interview(s)

2 internal applicants for Dive Team

3 external new member poc applicants

2 applicants for Station 3 Captains list

1 applicant for Station 6 Training Officer list

New Members on the District

FF/CC EMT-P Cerys Morris effective 5/6/2025 (part-time assigned to Station 6 & C Shift)

Members that have complete department orientation

FF/EMT-P Barry McCaffery on 5/27/2025

Members new to the Fire District & started department orientation

None at this time

Members starting Ambulance Field Training

FF/EMT-P Barry McCaffery

FF/EMT Mason Nelson

FF/EMT Dan Dominski

Members that have been promoted

FF/EMT-P Kaden Scott effective 5/18/2025 to work part-time and assigned to B Shift

Capt. Derek Lane (FF/EMT-P) 5/18/2025 to work part-time and assigned to A Shift

Member service anniversary this month

Capt. (FF/CC EMT-P) Olivia Steindorf-Berg – 4 years of service

FF Dennis Hutchison - 3 years of service

FF Kiston Koffler - 3 years of service

FF/EMT Joe Pitts - 2 years of service

FF Rachael Sting - 3 years of service

Diver Andrew Sykora - 4 years of service

Chaplain Josh Kilde – 2 years of service

Chaplain Dan Rider - 16 years of service

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### SOPs & MOGs of the Month

SOP 702 Resource Placement & Staging

SOP 1004 Run Documentation

MOG 3258 One Story Commercial with Poss Basement

### Vehicle/Equipment Updates

Medic 2 in for service on 5/27/2025

Medic 1 chip repair on 5/27/2025

Dive Trk generator work on 5/28/2025

Medic 2 siren speaker replaced on 5/29/2025

Station 6 PPE Washer Extractor is in and to be installed in June 2025

Squad 6 fan not starting/serviced on 5/30/2025

Station 6 Generator – new battery installed on 5/30/2025

Engine 6 Tilt Cab fitting leak – fittings tightened on 5/30/2025

Medic 2 Touch Screen replaced on 5/30/2025

Medic 3 Driver Door hinge inspected on 6/4/2025

Tender 1 portable radio installed on 6/9/2025

CV2 (Edge) battery replaced on 6/10/2025

### District Meetings

#### Station Meetings

Station 1 meeting was held on 6/4/2025 attended by Chief Bernette, DC Nowak, Officers, and members.

Note: There was members of the Fire Board, LOSA Fire Board Trustee, and Edward Jones present to give an update/options to the employees in LOSA.

Station 3 meeting was held on 5/28/2025 attended by DC Jeffers, Officers, and members.

Station 6 meeting was held on 5/21/2025 attended by DC Schiedler, Officers, and members.

#### Fire Board Meeting

Special Meeting held on 4/24/2025 attended by several employees of the District

Special Meeting held on 5/7/2025 attended by Chief Bernette and several employees of the District

Meeting Held on 5/20/2025 attended by Chief Bernette, Capt. Frederickson, several employees of the District, and the public.

Special Meeting held on 5/21/2025 attended by Chief Bernette and several employees of the District

#### Fire Commission Meeting

Meeting held on 4/21/2022 attended by Chief Bernette, DC Scheidler, DC Nowak, Capt. Steindorf-Berg, Station members, and several from the public.

Next regular scheduled meeting is scheduled for 7/22/2025 at Station 6

#### Officers Meetings

District Officers Meeting on 5/8/2024 attended by Chief Bernette, DC Nowak, DC Scheidler, and Station Officers

Next scheduled District Officer Meetings set for 7/10/2025 at Station 1 at 6:30 pm

#### Employee Meetings

Career and Part-time Employee Meeting was held on 5/21/2025 at Station 1 at 7:30am

EMS Meeting held on 5/22/2025 at Station 1 starting at 5:00pm

EMS Duty Crew Meeting on 6/19/2025 at Station 3 at 6:00pm

### District Trainings

#### Fire Training

June: Fire behavior - Doll House Burn

May Water Movement and Hose Testing

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### EMS Training

June: To be held on 6/26/2025 at 17:30 – Driver Check off

May: Training was on 5/22/2025 – skill check off

### TEMS Training

June: TBA in needed at training

May: no Medics needed

### Other Meetings/Activities

2% Fire Dues Program Audit done on 4/30/2025 – Fire District passed the audit and is compliant.

New Employee Orientation Meeting held on 5/6/2025 attended by Chief Bernette

Chippewa County Highway and Traffic Committee Meeting attended by Chief Bernette on 5/8/2025

North Central Fire Chiefs Meeting held on 5/15/2025 attended online by Chief Bernette

SAFER Grant meeting held on 5/29/2025 attended online by Chief Bernette

PreCon Meeting: 8610-02-74, C Chippewa Falls, Bay Street; High Street to Bridge Street, STH 124, Chippewa County held on 5/29/2025 attended online by Chief Bernette

Mayo System Transfer Meeting and update was held on 6/10/2025 attended by Chief Bernette, Capt. Wolf, and Capt. Frederickson

### District Safety Topic

June: Please treat everyone with respect. My expectation is that everyone shows up and performs your jobs to the best of your ability and within SOP for the task at hand. If you are struggling with a certain task/skill, please seek out an officer for additional training. My expectation of the officer's is to build up all members of our team in a respectful manner. Officers will help the members so that the members can help you complete the tasks at hand.

Members and Officers are not to second guess what the IC is doing at scenes, on standby, and or in a duty status unless it is a direct safety issue as outlined in our SOPs. If it is a safety issue, you are to take it directly to the IC or Safety Office if in place on the call. Otherwise, if you have a question, seek the answer via the chain of command and always in a professional manner.

The District is changing for some too fast and for others not fast enough, the command staff is trying to balance the speed of the changes as to not disrupt services to our community.

May: Electrical Safety Month. Take a few minutes to look around for electrical hazards in your home and correct them. Stay clear of all downed lines and anything they are contacting, including nearby fences, trees, cable or phone lines and the ground. Be extremely cautious when using water to fight fires near downed power lines. If you must use water, use only a mist or spray.