

FIRE CHIEF REPORT

Report Date: 7/8/2025

District Calls: Month of June had 261 requests for service: EMS: 122 Transfers: 104 SWAT: 2 Dive: 1 Fire: 32
Month of May had 196 requests for service: EMS: 101 Transfers: 67 SWAT: 0 Dive: 3 Fire: 25

District Update

Staffing

District Staffing Level: 100 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 35 members: 33 POC & 2 Career (13 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: 51 members trained as EMS Responders

Ambulance Staffing: 30-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)

3 internal applicants for Dive Team with interviews to be scheduled

5 external new member poc applicants to be interviewed on 7/21/2025

2 applicants Interviewed for Station 3 Captains list on 6/23/2025

1 applicant interview for Station 6 Training Officer list on 6/23/2025

New Members on the District

None at this time

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

TO TJ Schemenauer had been promoted to Captain on 6/25/2025

Member service anniversary this month

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

FF Shawn Dahl - 1 year of service

FF/EMT Eric Heidtke - 14 years of service

FF/ EMT-P Shina Myren - 4 years of service

Diver Eric Weiland - 6 years of service

AEMT Mary Krall – 6 years of service

Chaplain Dan Rider - 16 years of service

Members that have left

Captain John Fike on 6/25/2025

SOPs & MOGs of the Month

SOP 703 Personnel Accountability

SOP 1004 Run Documentation

SOP 1004a Run Document Template

MOG 3300 Oxy-Acetylene Torch

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Vehicle/Equipment Updates

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
UTV 1 battery serviced on 6/12/2025
Station 6 Generator battery maintainer replaced on 6/18/2025
Medic 2 driver side white light replaced on 6/19/2025
Engine 3 water extinguisher serviced on 6/24/2025
Dive Truck Light and Siren wiring and circuit issues corrected on 6/23/2025
Squad 3 coolant leak fixed on 6/23/2025
Station 1 Portable Pump new extinguisher on 6/24/2025
Medic 4 passenger winder repaired on 6/24/2025
Medic 2 in for new tires on 6/25/2025
Dive Truck AC fan motor replace on 6/25/2025
Tender 1 D.S. front tire flat - new front tires installed on 6/28/2025
Medic 2 D.S. mirror replaced on 6/29/2025
Medic 4 O.O.S. with D.S. tire blow out causing fender damage on 7/3/2025.
Dive Boat battery switch replaced and several trailer lights replaced on 7/3/2025
Medic 3 in for service on 7/7/2025
Genesis Extrication Tools serviced on 7/8/2026
Medic 4 new D.S. Fender Flair/Linder installed on 7/8/2025 (new front tires to be installed later this week)
Medic 1 AC to be serviced on 7/10/2025

District Meetings

Station Meetings

Station 1 meeting was held on 7/2/2025 attended by Capt C. McTaggart, Officers, and members.
Station 3 meeting was held on 6/25/2025 attended by DC Jeffers, 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 6 meeting was held on 6/18/2025 attended by Chief Bernette, DC Schiedler, Officers, and members.
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Fire Board Meeting

Meeting Held on 6/18/2025 attended by Chief Bernette, DC Schiedler, several employees of the District, and the public.

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 7/17/2025 at Station 3 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
EMS Duty Crew Meeting on 6/26/2025 at Station 3 at 5:30pm

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District Trainings

Fire Training

July: District wide water operations - difficult driveways hosted by Station 6

June: Fire behavior - Doll House Burn

EMS Training

July: To be held on 7/24/2025 - Driver Check off

June: Training canceled on 6/26/2025

TEMS Training

June: FF/CC EMT-P Arriola on 6/4/2025

FF/CC EMT-P Arriola on 6/18/2025

May: no Medics needed

Other Meetings/Activities

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

DNR Forest Fire Protection (FFP) Grant was submitted on 6/25/2025

FEMA 2024 SAFER Grant was submitted on 6/29/2025

Chippewa Vally Air Show for 2025 – Fire and EMS crew assisted/on standby for practices and shows on 6/26/2025 – 6/29/2025

District Safety Topic

July: Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is essential for workplace safety, acting as a barrier against various hazards. PPE includes items like turnout coat & pants, fire helmet, safety glasses/goggles, gloves, SCBA/respirators, and more, designed to minimize exposure to physical, chemical, electrical, and other workplace risks. It's crucial to ensure PPE fits properly, is used correctly, and is well-maintained to maximize its effectiveness in preventing injuries and illnesses. Review SOP 201 Protective Clothing and PPE and SOP 203 Respiratory Protection for more information

June: Please treat everyone with respect. My expectation is that everyone shows up and performs their 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 Officers 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 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.