

FIRE CHIEF REPORT

Report Date: 8/9/2025

District Calls: Month of July had 263 requests for service: EMS: 123 Transfers: 116 SWAT: 2 Dive: 0 Fire: 22
Month of June had 261 requests for service: EMS: 122 Transfers: 104 SWAT: 2 Dive: 1 Fire: 32

District Update

Staffing

District Staffing Level: 97 members

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

Administrative Assistant: 1

Chaplains: 2

St 1 has 37 members: 33 POC, 2 PT, & 2 Career (10 fire, 25 fire/EMS, 1 EMS, 1 Fire Investigator)

St 3 has 33 members: 31 POC & 2 Career (13 fire/dive, 11 fire/EMS/dive, 1 EMS, & 9 dive)

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

EMS Training: 50 members trained as EMS Responders

Ambulance Staffing: 32-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 with interviews to be scheduled

6 external applicant interview on 7/21/2025

6 new applicant applying to interview ifor paid on call positions

New Members starting orientation effective 8/12/2025

ELFF Jaden HoopleLeisz

ELFF Andrew Prueher

ELFF Evelyn Richards

ELFF Daniel Thornton

ELFF Elijah Anderson

Members starting Ambulance Field Training

FF/EMT Dan Dominski effective 8/11/2025

Members that have completed Ambulance Field Training

FF/CC EMT-P Barry McCaffery on 7/11/2025

FF/EMT Nick Mason on 7/30/2025

Members that have been promoted

FF Dennis Hutchison has been promoted to Training Officer effective 7/22/2025

FF/EMR Josh Pake has been promoted to Training Officer effective 7/22/2025

Member service anniversary this month

FF Andrew Fliehr - 2 years of service

EMT Megan Ludy - 2 years of service

FF/EMT Hannah Millerman – 1 year of service

FF/DO Charles Smith - 46 years of service (36 years with District)

FF/EMR Josh Zeug – 9 years of service

FF/EMT Sopia Boudreau – 1 year of service

FF/EMT Kevin Fischer - 4 years of service

FF/EMR Beanca Richardson – 2 years of service

FF/EMT Tucker Stary – 2 years of service

FF Cadin Welter – 1 year of service

Diver Tom Rocque - 10 years of service

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Members that have left

FF Jake Enger effective 7/31/2025
EMT Jeff Frederick effective 7/31/2025
ELFF Athony Soberano effective 7/31/2025

SOPs & MOGs of the Month

SOP 704 Fire Ground Tactics
SOP 1005 Interfacility Transfers
MOG 3301 Air Cascades

Vehicle/Equipment Updates

Genesis Extrication Tools serviced on 7/8/2026
Medic 2 suction pole repaired/remounted on 7/9/2025
Truck 1 reprogrammed aerial ECU calibrated on 7/9/2025
Tender 1 rear tire leak - bad valve stem. Replaced and tires rotate on 7/10/2025
Engine 1 roof saw serviced on 7/11/2025
Truck 1 roof saw serviced on 7/11/2025
Medic 4 new D.S. Fender Flair/fender installed on 7/11/2025 (new front tires to be installed later this week)
Medic 1 AC serviced on 7/11/2025
St 6 Gear Washer installed on 7/14/2025
Tender 1 water level gauge recalibrated on 7/16/2025
Engine 6 right rear bumper light out – repaired on 7/21/2025
Tender 6 front brake issue repaired on 7/21/2025
Brush 6 pump throttle repaired on 7/22/2025
Brush 6 fuel return line leak repaired on 7/23/2025
Medic 2 in for service and AC repair on 7/23/2025
Tender 1 water gauge replace on 7/28/2025
Medic 4 P.S. tire blow out causing fender and running board damage. New Front tires in stalled on 7/28/2025. Unit is now in for body repair.
Annual Ladder testing on 7/28 – 7/30/2025
Medic 2 auto load cot battery replaced on 7/29/2025
Engine 1 diesel breather tube replace on 7/30/2025
Truck 1 DEF Tank Level Gauge needs replacing under a factory recall – WIP as of on 7/30/2025
Medic 2 DS fog light repaired on 8/1/2025
Tender 1 serviced for ABS light on 8/5/2025
Engine 33 serviced for priming issues on 8/5/2025
Medic 3 OOS for DEF Fluid Leak on 8/6/2025
Annual ladder testing completed on 8/6/2025
Medic 4 front grill light replaced on 8/7/2025
Engine 1 cab door sensor service on 8/9/2025

District Meetings

Station Meetings

Station 1 meeting was held on 8/6/2025 attended by Chief Bernette, DC Nowak, Station Officers, and members.
Station 3 meeting was held on 7/30/2025 attended by Chief Bernette, DC Jeffers, Officers, and members.
Station 6 meeting was held on 7/16/2025 attended by DC Schiedler, Officers, and members.

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Fire Board Meeting

Special Meeting on 7/15/2025 attended by DC Nowak, DC Schiedler, several employees of the District, and the public.

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Fire Commission Meeting

Meeting held on 7/22/2022 attended by Chief Bernette, DC Scheidler, DC Jeffers, Station Officers, Station members, and several from the public.

Next regular scheduled meeting is scheduled for 10/28/2025

Officer's Meetings

District Officers Meeting held on 7/17/2024 attended by Chief Bernette, DC Nowak, DC Scheidler, and Station Officers. Next scheduled District Officer Meetings set for 9/4/2025

Station 3 officer Meeting on 7/30/2025 attended by Chief Bernette, DC Jeffers, and Station Officers

Station 1 Officer Meeting on 8/6/2025 attended by Chief Bernette, DC Nowak, and Station Officers

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

District Trainings

Fire Training

Aug: Live Fire Training

EMS Training

Aug: To be held on 8/28/2025 – topic TBA

TEMS Training

July: FF/CC EMT-P Arriola on 7/16/2025

Aug: TBA

Other Meetings/Activities

North Central Fire Chief Association Meeting virtually attended by Chief Bernette on 7/17/2025

2025 Chippewa Valley Regional Airport virtual meeting for the August 21st, 2025 live exercise attended by Chief Bernette on 7/29/2025

Chippewa County Policy and Procedure Committee Meeting attended by Capt Wolf for Chief Bernette on 7/30/2025

Chippewa County EMS Committee Meeting attended by Capt Wolf for Chief Bernette on 7/30/2025

National Night Out held at the Chippewa Falls Fairgrounds attended by District Officers and Members on 8/5/2025

District Safety Topic

Aug: National Traffic Awareness Month is observed every August to promote road safety and prevent accidents. This month-long observance encourages drivers, passengers, and pedestrians to prioritize safety by being aware of traffic rules and avoiding distractions while on the road. The goal is to reduce both major and minor accidents. Review SOP 400 Emergency Vehicle and Responses.