

FIRE CHIEF REPORT

Report Date: 10/13/2025

District Calls: Month of September had 196 requests for service: EMS: 87 Transfers: 83 SWAT: 1 Dive: 0 Fire: 23
Month of August had 259 requests for service: EMS: 129 Transfers: 104 SWAT: 1 Dive: 0 Fire: 25

District Update

Staffing

District Staffing Level: 98 members

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

Administrative Assistant: 1

Chaplains: 2

St 1 has 38 members: 34 POC, 2 PT, & 2 Career (11 fire, 24 fire/EMS, 2 EMS, 1 Fire Investigator)

St 3 has 33 members: 31 POC & 2 Career (14 fire, 10 fire/EMS/dive, 1 EMS, & 8 dive)

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

EMS Training: 49 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 Interview(s)

2 internal applicants for Dive Team with interviews to be scheduled

2 new applicants have applied to interview for paid on call positions

New Members that have starting orientation

ELFF Patrick Arriola on 10/7/2025 assigned to St 3

ELFF Nathaniel Bogle 10/7/2025 assigned to St 3

ELFF/EMT Lauren Saleh on 10/7/2025 assigned to St 1

Members starting Ambulance Field Training

FF/EMT-P Haley Lane effective 9/2/2025

Members that have completed Ambulance Field Training

FF/EMT Dan Dominski effective 9/6/2025

Members that have been promoted

Capt (FF/EMT-P) Derek Lane to career from part-time effective 11/6/2025

Member service anniversary this month

FF Tom Albrecht - 3 years of service

FF/AEMT Zee Lanners - 3 years of service

FF Tom Peterson – 23 years of service

FF Deone Kenealy - 48 years of service

FF Peter Sweeney – 3 years of service

Members that have left

FF/EMT-B Joe Pitts-Meyer effective 9/15/2025

FF/EMT Nick Mason effective 9/24/2025

FF/CC EMT-P Josh Macdonald effective 10/9/2025

SOPs & MOGs of the Month

SOP 801 Fire Training or Conference

SOP 1007 Chapter 51

MOG 3402 Stave Silo Entrapment

Vehicle/Equipment Updates

Dive Boat batteries replaced on 9/9/2025

Medic 1 auto locking hub and front brake hub repaired on 9/9/2025

SCBA Compressor bleed-off valves replaced on 9/10/2025

Engine 1 leak in pump area fixed on 9/10/2025

Squad 3 electrical receptacle service on 9/11/2025

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Engine 1 light tower control was repaired on 9/11/2025
Tender 1 D.S. seat belt warning light serviced on 09/11/2025
Medic 4 Grill lights repaired on 9/13/2025
Medic 3 in for service on 9/15/2025
Medic 2 in for service on 9/19/2025
Brush 3 tank gauge recalibrated on 9/29/2025
Medic 2 Cot service and repaired on 9/30/2025
Engine 6 output shaft speed sensor replaced on 10/6/2025
Medic 4 fog lights replaced on 10/6/2025
Tender 1 rear view camera monitor replaced on 10/7/2025

District Meetings

Station Meetings

Station 1 meeting was held on 10/12/2025 attended by Chief Bernette, DC Nowak, Station Officers, and members.
Station 3 meeting was held on 9/24/2025 attended by Chief Bernette, DC Jeffers, Officers, and members.
Station 6 meeting was held on 9/17/2025 attended by Chief Bernette, DC Schiedler, Officers, and members.

Fire Board Meeting

Meeting was held on 9/16/2025 attended by Chief Bernette, DC Nowak, DC Sheidler, and several employees of the District.

Fire Commission Meeting

Meeting was 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 9/4/2024 attended by Chief Bernette, DC Nowak, DC Scheidler, DC Jeffers, and Station Officers. Next scheduled District Officer Meetings set for 11/6/2025
Station 3 Officer Meeting on 8/27/2025 attended by DC Jeffers and Station Officers for new members
Station 1 Officer Meeting on 10/1/2025 attended by DC Nowak and Station Officers for new members

Employee Meetings

Career and Part-time Employee Meeting to be held on 10/15/2025 at Station 1 at 7:30am

District Trainings

Fire Training

Oct: Initial fire attack / fire ground operations

EMS Training

Sept: Trauma Review with Mayo Doc

Other Meetings/Activities

North Central Fire Chief Association Meeting attend by Chief Bernette on 09/18/2025
New Member Orientation Part 3 presented by Chief Bernette to 1 member on 9/24/2025
Division of Safety & Professional Services 2025 Fall Training Presentations attend by Chief Bernette on 9/25/2025
New Member Orientation Part 3 presented by Chief Bernette to 1 member on 9/29/2025
New Member Orientation Part 3 presented by Chief Bernette to 1 member on 10/7/2025
New Member Orientation Part 1 presented by Chief Bernette to 3 members on 10/7/2025
Chippewa County 911 Policy and Procedure Committee Meeting attend by Chief Bernette on 10/8/2025
Chippewa County EMS Association Meeting attend by Chief Bernette on 10/8/2025
Chippewa Valley Airshow First Responder Debriefing Meeting attend by DC Nowak 10/10/2025

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District Safety Topic

October: Fire Prevention Month

The purpose of Fire Prevention Month, which aims to reduce home and public fires.

Key Aspects:

- Educating the public on preventing fires, especially as cold weather approaches.
- Promoting the use and maintenance of smoke alarms.
- Highlighting cooking and electrical safety to prevent house fires.

Note: If you see something, say something!