

Fire Chief Report

1/21/2024

District 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, 1 PT, & 3 Career (8 fire, 25 fire/EMS, 1 MPO, 2 EMS, & 1 Fire Investigator)

St 3 has 33 members: 31 POC & 2 Career (12 fire, 10 fire/EMS/dive, 1 MPO, 1 EMS, & 9 dive)

St 6 has 20 members: 17 POC, 1 PT, & 2 Career (11 fire, 6 fire/EMS, 1 MPO 1, & 2 EMS)

EMS Training: 50 members trained as EMS Responders

Ambulance Staffing: 27-member training/approved to work on ambulance

Dive Team: 20 members (12 Divers & 8)

Interviews

Dec Interviews held on 12/22/2025 for internal hiring list

Years of Service Anniversaries

Nov FF/EMT Kaden Steindorf-Berg - 4 years of service

Tim Bowman - 1 year of service

FF/EMT Dan Domski - 1 year of service

Diver Tim Fern - 1 year of service

FF Kyle Michels – 13 years of service

FF Kyle Steinmetz – 12 years of service

Dec DC Cory Scheidler (EMT) – 16 years of service

FF/EMT-P Haley Hanson - 6 years of service

Training Officer Charles Holloway (EMT) - 6 years of service

FF/EMT-P Kaden Scott - 3 years of service

Capt TJ Schemenauer – 7 years of service

Diver Eric Huebler – 7 years of service

FF Ron Dreger – 37 years of service

Capt Robbie Kerjci – 13 years of service

FF Tim Mirron – 3 years of service

Training Officer Josh Pake - 3 years of service

EMT Michelle Scheidler - 5 years of service

FF Bryce Sikora – 2 years of service

Fire Inspector Rebecca Shervey – 20 years of service

FF Joe Schindler – 37 years of service

FF Dan Syverson – 37 years of service

FF/CC EMT-P Steve Weyers – 15 years of service

Capt. Ron Wolf (CC EMT-P) - 34 years of service

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Jan DC Mike Nowak (AEMT) – 34 years of service
FF/CC EMT-P Peter Arriola - 5 years of service
FF Jim Campbell - 34 years of service
FF Randy Dienger - 45 years of service
FF/EMT-P Jeff Dykes - 30 years of service
Ff/AEMT Tony Schlueter – 4 years of service
Capt. Shane Larson (FF) – 7 years of service
Diver Dan Janicki – 20 years of service

SOPs & MOGs of the Month

Nov SOP 802 EMS Class or Conference
SOP 1008 Controlled Substance Account
MOG 3210 CO incidents
MOG 3403 Grain Bin Entrapment
Dec SOP 901 RIT Operations
SOP 1009 Patient Care
MOG 3250 Fire Risk Analysis
Jan SOP 902 MA RIT Operations
SOP 1010 First Responder Ambulances
MOG 3251 Frame Private Residence

District Meetings and Trainings

Station Meetings

Nov Station 1 meeting was held on 11/5/2025 attended by Chief Bernette, DC Nowak, Officers, and members.
Station 3 meeting was held on 11/19/2025 attended by Chief Bernette, DC Jeffers, Officers, and members.
Station 6 meeting was held on 11/19/2025 attended by Chief Bernette, DC Schiedler, Officers, and members.
Dec Station 1 meeting was held on 12/3/2025 attended by Chief Bernette, DC Nowak, Officers, and members.
Station 3 meeting was held on 12/17/2025 attended by Chief Bernette, DC Jeffers, Officers, and members.
Station 6 meeting was held on 12/17/2025 attended by Chief Bernette, DC Schiedler, Officers, and members.
Jan Station 1 meeting was held on 1/7/2026 attended by Chief Bernette, DC Nowak, Officers, and members.
Station 3 meeting was held on 1/14/2026 attended by Chief Bernette, DC Jeffers, Officers, and members.
Station 6 meeting was held on 1/21/2026 attended by Chief Bernette, DC Schiedler, Officers, and members.

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Fire Board Meeting

- Nov Meeting was held on 11/18/2025 attended by Chief Bernette, DC Nowak, DC Scheidler, and several employees of the District.
- Dec Meeting was held on 12/16/2025 attended by Chief Bernette and several employees.
- Jan Meeting was held on 1/20/2026 attended by Chief Bernette and several employees.

Fire Commission Meeting

- Oct Meeting was held on 10/28/2025 attended by Chief Bernette, DC Scheidler, DC Jeffers, Station Officers, Station members, and several from the public.

Officer's Meetings

- Nov District Officers Meeting held on 11/6/2025 attended by Chief Bernette, DC Nowak, DC Scheidler, DC Jeffers, and Station Officers.
Station 1 Officer Meeting on 11/5/2025 attended by Chief Bernette, DC Nowak, and Station Officers for new members
- Jan District Officers Meeting held on 1/8/2026 attended by Chief Bernette, DC Nowak, DC Jeffers, and Station Officers.

Employee Meeting

- Oct Career and Part-time Employee Meeting held on 10/15/2025
- Dec Career and Part-time Employee Meeting held on 12/15/2025

Fire Training

- Nov SCBA drills and initial fire attack/transitional attack
- Dec Ice Rescue
- Jan

EMS Meeting & Training

- Nov Annual Airway/Skill Training with Medical Director
- Dec Skill review and check off
- Jan

Other Trainings, Meetings, or Events

- Nov CC Traffic Safety Committee Meeting attended by Chief Bernette on 11/13/2025
NCFCA Meeting online attended by Chief Bernette on 11/20/2025
ImageTrend Meeting on the NERIS Reporting Software attended virtually by Chief Bernette on 11/25/2025
- Dec NCFCA Meeting online attended by Chief Bernette on 12/18/2025
City of Altoona & Fire District Meeting on 12/19/2025

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Jan City of Altoona & Fire District Meeting on 1/9/2025
911 Policy & Procedure Committee Meeting attend by Chief Bernette (committee member) and DC Nowak on 1/14/2026
Chippewa County EMS Association Meeting attended by Chief Bernette, Dc Nowak, and DC Scheidler on 1/14/2026
NCFCA Meeting attended by Chief Bernette on 1/15/2026

District Safety Message

Nov Winter and Cold Weather Safety – Driving & Snow Removal
Dec Hazards of Dehydration in Winter
Jan Winter hazards like cold stress (frostbite, hypothermia) & slip/fall risks from ice