



## **2024 ANNUAL REPORT**

# **Purpose, Mission, Vision, & Goals**

## **Purpose**

The purpose of the Chippewa Fire District is to protect and enhance the safety and well-being within our community.

## **Mission**

The Chippewa Fire District is committed to creating a safe community through prevention, preparedness, and effective emergency responses.

## **Vision**

We strive to be the best.

## **Goals**

- Chippewa Fire District will deliver comprehensive safety services of the highest quality.
- Chippewa Fire District will support and maintain a safe, healthy, well-trained, and high-performing workforce.
- Chippewa Fire District will provide high-quality first responder service as part of an integrated emergency medical care system.
- Chippewa Fire District Firefighters will be a community resource for life safety knowledge and information about the Department's services.
- Chippewa Fire District will attract and retain a qualified diverse workforce.

# CHIPPEWA FIRE DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

## Command Staff

Fire Chief Scott Bernette (FF/AEMT)  
Deputy Chief Mike Nowak (FF/AEMT)  
Deputy Chief Cory Jeffers (FF/AEMT)  
Deputy Chief Cory Scheidler (FF/EMT-B)

## Station 1

Chief 1 DC Mike Nowak (AEMT)  
D-11 Captain Samantha McTaggart  
D-12 Captain Clayton McTaggart  
D-13 Captain Jim Campbell  
D-14 Training Officer Charles Holloway (EMT)  
D-15 Captain Derick Lane (EMT-P)

## Station 6

Chief 6 DC Cory Scheidler  
D-62 Captain Kris Krall (MFR)  
D-63 Captain Rob Krejci

## Administrative Staff

Rita Erickson & Stephine Samson

## Maintenance Technician

Charles Smith

## Station 3

Chief 3 DC Cory Jeffers (AEMT)  
D-31 Captain Jonathan Fike (AEMT)  
D-32 Captain Erik Hennlich  
D-33 Captain Shan Larson  
D-34 Training Officer TJ Schemenauer

## Chaplains

David Rider  
David Varga (FF assigned to St 1)  
Josh Kilde

## Career and Part-Time Duty Crew Members

### A-Shift

Captain Kyle Frederickson (FF/EMT-P)  
FF/EMT-P Shinia Myren

### C-Shift

Captain Ron Wolf (FF/CC EMT-P)  
FF/CC EMT-P Joshua Macdonald

## Inspection Division

Inspector Rebecca Shervey (FF/EMT-B)

## Safety Officer

Deputy Chief Mike Nowak (FF/AEMT)

## Training Officer

Deputy Chief Cory Jeffers (FF/AEMT)

### B-Shift

Captain Olivia Steindorf (FF/CC EMT-P)  
Peter Arriola (FF/ CC EMT-P)

## Dive Team Leader

FF/EMT-B Michelle Fischer

## Health Officer

Deputy Chief Cory Scheidler (FF/EMT-B)

## **More on District Staffing**

District Staffing Level: 100 members

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

Administrative: 1

Chaplains: 2

St 1 has 39 members: 37 POC & 2 Career (12 fire, 25 fire/EMS, 1 EMS, 1 Fire Investigator)

St 3 has 35 members: 33 POC & 2 Career (14 fire, 14 fire/EMS/Dive, 1 EMS, & 7 dive)

St 6 has 19 members: 16 POC & 3 Career (11 fire, 6 fire/EMS, & 2 EMS)

EMS Training: 53 members trained as Medical Responders

Ambulance Staffing: 33-member training/approved to work on ambulance

Dive Team: 21 members (14 Divers & 7 support staff)

## Calls for Service

The Fire District responded to a total of 2392 calls for service in 2024 which is down from 2486 in 2023. Below is a break out for calls over the past two years.

Chippewa Fire District  
Year-to-Date Report

Date 1/1/2024 - 12/31/2024

EMS 911	EMS/Fire Stand-by	EMS 911 No Transport	EMS 911 Cancelled	EMS Intercepts	EMS MA Received	EMS MA Given	EMS MA Cancelled	Event Stand-by PR	Total EMS Related Request
620	130	250	21	16	21	23	8	4	1093

Transfers	Transfers Cancelled Caller	Transfer Cancelled enroute	Transfer Cancelled Weather	Transfer Cancelled LD After Hrs.	Transfer Cancelled No Crew	Transfer Cancelled No Nurse	Transfer Cancelled no PD	Not Cost Effective/Other	Total Transfer Related Request
501	111	0	13	189	148	0	0	84	1046

SWAT Calls	SWAT Trainings	Skipped Call Number	Used Call Number twice	Total SWAT Related Request
9	14	0	0	23

Dive/Water Call	Dive Call Cancelled	Total Dive Related Request
2	1	3

Structure Fires	Brush/Grass Fires	Vehicle Fires	Vehicle Accidents	Fire Calls	Fire Calls Cancelled	MA Fire Call	MA Fire Cancelled	PR Events	Total Fire Related Request
13	11	8	43	94	20	12	3	23	227

EMS	Number of Calls	Percentage
Town of Hallie	22	1.36
Village of Lake Hallie	630	38.86
Town of Lafayette	344	21.22
Town of Howard	20	1.23
Intercept	20	1.23
Mutual Aid	60	3.70
Tactical	22	1.36
Transfer Local	140	8.64
Transfer Out Area	363	22.39
Transfer Cancel	544	

Fire	Number of Calls	Percentage
Town of Hallie	3	1.32
Village of Lake Hallie	125	55.07
Town of Lafayette	68	29.96
Town of Howard	9	3.96
Mutual Aid	22	9.69

In the District	1016	62.68
Out of District	605	37.32

In the District	205	90.31
Out of District	22	9.69

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619	95	276	20	30	20	67	17	1	1145

Transfers	Transfers Cancelled Caller	Transfer Cancelled enroute	Transfer Cancelled Weather	Transfer Cancelled LD After Hrs.	Transfer Cancelled No Crew	Transfer Cancelled No Nurse	Transfer Cancelled no PD	Not Cost Effective/Other	Total Transfer Related Request
452	75	1	13	247	170	0	0	134	1092

SWAT Calls	SWAT Trainings	Skipped Call Number	Used Call Number twice	Total SWAT Related Request
6	15	0	0	21

Dive/Water Call	Dive Call Cancelled	Total Dive Related Request
5	1	6

Structure Fires	Brush/Grass Fires	Vehicle Fires	Vehicle Accidents	Fire Calls	Fire Calls Cancelled	MA Fire Call	MA Fire Cancelled	PR Events	Total Fire Related Request
8	13	11	46	54	25	39	4	22	222

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Percentage by Calls

EMS	Number of Calls	Percentage
Town of Hallie	16	0.98
Village of Lake Hallie	647	39.60
Town of Lafayette	328	20.07
Town of Howard	28	1.71
Intercept	35	2.14
Mutual Aid	99	6.06
Tactical	21	1.29
Transfer Local	170	10.40
Transfer Out	290	17.75
Transfer Cancel	624	

In the District	1019
Out of District	615

Fire	Number of Calls	Percentage
Town of Hallie	4	1.75
Village of Lake Hallie	124	54.39
Town of Lafayette	55	24.12
Town of Howard	6	2.63
Mutual Aid	39	17.11

In the District	189
Out of District	39

## **DISTRICT APPARATUS/EQUIPMENT INFORMATION**

### **Apparatus Testing**

ENGINES: All engines passed NFPA annual pump tests.  
AERIAL: Truck 1 passed NFPA service testing & pump test.

### **Equipment Testing**

SCBA: All SCBA in service passed NFPA annual testing.  
Ladders: All ladders in service passed NFPA annual testing.

### **Apparatus Location/Roster**

#### **District Staff Vehicles**

CV1 2020 Ford F150 4X4 (Fire Chief)  
CV2 2014 Ford Edge (Inspector and Maintenance Tech)

#### **Station One**

Engine 1 2013 Darley 1500/1000  
Truck 1 2013 Smeal 105 Aerial 2000/500  
Tanker 1 2016 Freightliner/UST 1000/4000 (Tender/Pumper)  
Brush 1 2002 F-350 Ford Pickup 200/250 Class A foam (funded by Tank Program)  
CAR 10 2005 Chev 4x4 2500 HD 4dr. Pickup (funded by Tank Program)  
Boat 2017 John Boat with Mercury motor  
Medic 1 2020 Ford F550/Lifeline Ambulance  
Medic 2 2017 Ford F550/Lifeline Ambulance  
Medic 4 2017 Ford F550/ Lifeline Ambulance  
UTV 1 2018 John Deere Rescue/Wildland Fire Fighting

#### **Station Three**

Engine 3 2016 Freightliner/UST 1500/1000  
Engine 33 2016 Freightliner/UST 1500/1000  
Squad 3 2016 Pierce Rescue Squad & Air Cascade  
Tender 3 2021 Freightliner- Pierce 1000/4000 (Tender/Pumper)  
Brush 3 2012 Chev 4x4 3500 (Funded by Tank Program)  
Boat 1978 Boston Whaler Rescue Boat /100HP Mercury & Trailer  
Dive Van 1996 Chevy Van with dive equipment & 4 bottle cascade  
Medic 3 2020 Ford F550/Lifeline Ambulance  
ATV 2021 Kubota Rescue/Wildland Fire Fighting

## **Station Six**

Engine 6	2008 Pierce/Dash 1750/1500
Squad 6	2016 Pierce Rescue Squad & Air Cascade
Tanker 6	2021 Freightliner-Danko 300/4000
Brush 6	2007 Ford 4X4 250/350 (funded by Tank Program)
Portable 6	Sykes 3000 GPM trailer mounted pump

## **Insurance Services Office (ISO) Rating**

ISO creates ratings for fire departments and their surrounding communities. The ratings calculate how well-equipped fire departments are to put out fires in that community. The audit reviews the fire prevention and fire suppression capabilities to develop a numerical grading called a Public Protection Classification. The Chippewa Fire District was audited in September of 2022 and maintained its rates of a 3 for the Village of Lake Hallie and 5/10 for the Townships of Hallie, Lafayette, and Howard.

## **FIRE & EMS TRAINING**

Fire Training: Station Officers and Training Officers conducted and coordinated training outlined in the 2024 District Training Schedule. The District held in-person and online training options.

EMS Training: Captain Frederickson conducted and coordinated training outlined in the 2024 District Training Schedule for our Medical First Responders.

Officer Training: There were 6 online training sessions for the Officers in 2024.

The Fire District Health and Safety Committee met 6 times in 2024. The Committee met in person with the option for virtual attendance for all meetings. At these meetings, any health-related, close calls, or safety concerns were reviewed.

## **District EMS**

2024 was again a very busy and exciting year for the Chippewa Fire District EMS section. As the need for Firefighter/EMT continues to grow and the shortage of trained individuals seeking to work in fire and EMS, the Chippewa Fire District has evolved to meet the service needs of our great communities and neighboring communities. We have implemented a field training program for all new members wishing to work on the ambulance and or become a medical first responder. This has helped better prepare our EMTs to better service in these challenging times. To combat this shortage of FF/EMTs, The District has and continues to sponsor members of our department for Emergency Medical Technician, Advanced Emergency Medical Technician, Emergency Medical Technician Paramedic, and Critical Care Emergency Medical Technician Paramedic classes.

## **District TEMS**

Chippewa Fire District Tactical Emergency Medical Services (TEMS) section within the Chippewa Fire District EMS section was commanded by Team Leader FF/CC EMT-P Peter Arriola.

The team responded to 23 events in 2024 (9 callouts & 14 trainings)

Three employees (1 career and 1 part-time) completed TEMS training.

Several medics were fitted for new protective gear, which was acquired from Eau Claire County Sheriff's Office budget.

Our TEMS group has been training with the regional quick response team to bring them up on medical training while they are deployed in a hazard zone during civil unrest.

Chippewa Fire District command staff continues to meet with our regional response partners yearly to discuss improvements in delivery of our services to the communities we serve for Fire, EMS & SWAT.

## **FIRE PREVENTION ACTIVITIES**

The Chippewa Fire District conducts Fire Inspection and Prevention activities under the scope of Wisconsin State Statutes 101.14, 101.575 and Wisconsin Administrative Code Comm. 14. Such Fire Inspection and Prevention activities are funded out of the Wisconsin Fire Insurance Fund of 2% of fire insurance premiums paid to the State of Wisconsin. The 2% fire dues fund as it is called has been a part of the State of Wisconsin Fire Insurance Commissioner's Office since before Wisconsin became a state in 1848. Each municipality of the Fire District receives a 2% Fire Dues payment prior to August 1 each year and part of the overall budget for the Fire District. The Fire District did 23 Public Education Events in 2024.

## **Fire Investigation**

The Chippewa Fire District is in compliance with: ss 165.55 Arson investigation (1) The chief of the fire department or company of every city, village, or town in which a fire department or company exists, and where no fire department or company exists, the mayor, village president or town clerk shall investigate or cause to be investigated the cause, origin and circumstances or every fire occurring in his city, village, or town when the damage exceeds \$500. Where any investigation discloses that the fire may be of incendiary origin, it shall report the same to the state fire marshal. Fires in the Chippewa Fire District are investigated per the above statutory mandate.

## **2023 Fire Inspector Report**

Throughout the calendar year 2024, FI Shervey completed at least one inspection at every facility and a second inspection as required that the District has records on. The total number of inspectable public buildings is currently 393. There were 464 inspections (initial, second as

required, and possible re-inspections) throughout the district. Most people have responded well to correcting noted violations.

Our Fire Inspection/Prevention area has worked on and continues to streamline our burning permit process. We are now maintaining a spreadsheet to track where known fires are located on a given day. We have continued to conduct site inspections for large fire burning requests.

FI Shervey had setup and did multiple public educational events for stations 1 & 3 including several schools within the Fire District.

As a member of the WI State Fire Inspectors Association, FI Shervey has attended the quarterly trainings/meetings and attended the WSFIA annual Fire Inspectors conference.

FI Shervey has continued to provide ambulance driver training and burning permits training to all new EMTs.

## **Dive Team**

The Dive Team responds to all water related emergencies within the Chippewa Fire District and mutual aid to Chippewa County Fire Departments under the county wide mutual aid agreement.

The dive team responded to 3 calls in 2024.

There were 2 trainings, and 2 meetings held for the year.