



2025 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 Derek Lane (EMT-P)
D-14 Training Officer Charles Holloway (AEMT)

Station 6

Chief 6 DC Cory Scheidler (EMT)
D-62 Captain Kris Krall (MFR)
D-63 Captain Rob Krejci
D-64 Josh Pake (MFR)

Career and Part-Time Duty Crew Members

A-Shift

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

C-Shift

Captain Ron Wolf (FF/CC EMT-P)
FF/EMT-P Derek Lane
FF/CC EMT-P Cerys Morris (part-time)

Inspection Division

Inspector Rebecca Shervey (FF/EMT-B)

Safety Officer

Deputy Chief Mike Nowak (FF/AEMT)

Training Officer

Deputy Chief Cory Jeffers (FF/AEMT)

Administrative Staff

Cathy Zeinert

Maintenance Technician

Charles Smith

Station 3

Chief 3 DC Cory Jeffers (AEMT)
D-31 Captain TJ Schemenauer
D-32 Captain Erik Hennlich
D-33 Captain Shane Larson
D-34 Training Officer Dennis Hutchison

Chaplains

David Rider
Josh Kilde

B-Shift

Captain Olivia Steindorf (FF/CC EMT-P)
Peter Arriola (FF/ CC EMT-P)
FF/EMT-P Kaden Scott (part-time)

Dive Team Leader

FF/EMT-B Michelle Fischer

Health Officer

Deputy Chief Cory Scheidler (FF/EMT-B)

More on 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 39 members: 33POC, 3 PT, & 3 Career (7 fire, 28 fire/EMS, 1 MPO, 2 EMS,
& 1 Fire Investigator)

St 3 has 34 members: 31 POC & 3 Career (12 fire, 11 fire/EMS/dive, 1 MPO, 1 EMS,
& 9 dive)

St 6 has 17 members: 16 POC & 1 Career (11 fire, 3 fire/EMS, 1 MPO, & 2 EMS)

EMS Training: 50 members trained as EMS Responders

Ambulance Staffing: 28-member training/approved to work on ambulance

Dive Team: 20 members (12 Divers & 8)

Calls for Service

The Fire District responded to a total of 2556 calls for service in 2025 which is up from 2392 in 2024. Below is a breakout for calls over the past two years.

Date 1/1/2025 - 12/31/2025

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
668	128	285	28	17	36	62	12	3	1239

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
448	90	0	19	188	137	0	0	133	1015

SWAT Calls	SWAT Trainings	Skipped Call Number	Used Call Number twice	Total SWAT Related Request
2	8	0	0	10

Dive/Water Call	Dive Call Cancelled	Total Dive Related Request
3	3	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
7	10	6	63	124	16	30	6	24	286

Percentage by Calls

EMS	Number of Calls	Percentage
Town of Hallie	17	1.00
Village of Lake Hallie	745	43.90
Town of Lafayette	333	19.62
Town of Howard	25	1.47
Intercept	17	1.00
Mutual Aid	100	5.89
Tactical	10	0.59
Transfer Local	117	6.89
Transfer Out Area	333	19.62
Transfer Cancel	568	

Fire	Number of Calls	Percentage
Town of Hallie	7	2.45
Village of Lake Hallie	140	48.95
Town of Lafayette	86	30.07
Town of Howard	11	3.85
Mutual Aid	42	14.69

In the District	1120	66.00
Out of District	577	34.00

In the District	244	85.31
Out of District	42	14.69

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

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 2024 Ford F550/Lifeline Ambulance
Medic 2 2020 Ford F550/Lifeline Ambulance
Medic 5 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
Medic 4 2017 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 rate 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 2025 District Training Schedule. The District held in-person and online training options.

EMS Training: Captain Frederickson conducted and coordinated training outlined in the 2025 District Training Schedule for our Medical First Responders.

Officer Training: There were 6 online training sessions for the Officers in 2025.

The Fire District Health and Safety Committee met 6 times in 2025. 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

2025 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 continues to meet the service needs of our great communities and neighboring communities. We have updated our field training program for all new members wishing to work on the ambulance and or become a Medical First Responder. This has helped prepare our EMTs and First Responders to better serve 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. Also in 2025, we added 3 Part-Time FF/EMT-P to help with staffing.

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 27 Public Education Events in 2025.

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 of 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.

2025 Fire Inspector Report

Throughout the calendar year 2025, 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 set up 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 2025.

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