

FIRE CHIEF REPORT

Report Date: 6/9/2026

Call Volume: May had 217 requests for service: 911 EMS 120, Transfers 73, Dive 3, and Fire 21
April had 183 requests for service: 911 EMS 84, Transfers 75, Dive 0, and Fire 24

District Staffing

District Staffing Level: 94 members

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

Administrative Assistant: 1

Chaplains: 1

St 1 - 34 members: 27 POC, 3 PT, & 3 Career (9 fire, 24 fire/EMS, & 1 MPO)

St 3 - 37 members: 31 POC & 3 Career (13 fire/Dive, 12 fire/EMS/dive, 1 MPO, 2 EMS, & 9 dive)

St 6 - 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: 25-member training/approved to work on ambulance

Dive Team - 20 members (12 Divers & 8 Support)

Members that have complete Fire Training(s)

Lauren Saleh completed FF 1

Patrick Arriola completed FF 1

Nathaniel Bogle completed FF1

Matt Faulkner completed FF 2

Members that have completed EMT Training

Patrick Arriola 05/2026

Kirston Kuffler 05/2026

Members that have completed probation

FF/EMT Dan Dominski 05/2026

Anniversaries this month

Capt. Olivia Stendorf-Berg – 5 year of service

Training Officer Dennis Hutchison – 4 years of service

FF Rachel Sting - 4 years of service

FF Kiston Kuffler – 4 years of service

Diver Andrew Sykora - 5 years of service

FF Matt Faulkner - 2 years of service

FF Garson Gunderson - 2 years of service

Diver John Back - 25 years of service

Department Interview(s)

2 new applicants to Interview on 5/18/2026 for paid on call positions

Members that have started District Orientation

Rilee Leduc - ELFF POC on 5/12/2026

Justin Rurup - FF POC on 5/12/2026

Benjamin Green - ELFF POC on 5/12/2026

Madalyn Zwiefelhofer - ELFF POC on 5/12/2026

Members that have resigned from the department

Magen Ludy effective 5/15/2026

Blake Miller effective 5/15/2026

Chaplain Josh Kilde 6/3/2026

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SOPs & MOGs of the Month

SOP 102 Disciplinary Action
SOP 1018 AMBULANCE MECHANICAL FAILURE
MOG 3256 Two Story Commercial or Residential

Vehicle/Equipment Updates

Dive Boat service on 5/14/2026
Medic 1 in for front alignment on 5/14/2026
Medic 5 in for service on 5/15/2026
Engine 3 tank refill valve serviced on 5/21/2026
Engine 33 primer motor replaced on 5/22/2026
Truck 1 air inlet connected rebuilt on 5/26/2026
Dive Boat Trailer service on 5/26/2026
Medic 3 Driver door serviced on 5/27/2026
Engine 3 pump heater switched replaced on 5/27/2026
Medic Units narcotics safes installed on 5/28/2026
Tender 1 dump valve bracket repaired on 5/29/2026
Portable Pump 1 battery replaced on 6/2/2026
Station 1 SCBA Compressor and Fill Station was installed on 6/3/2026 – OOS until waiting air sample
Test results
Tender 3 tank refill valve serviced on 6/3/2026
Dive Boat Transducer Splitter for 2nd side scan added and tested on 6/7/2026
Station 1 new SCBA Compressor and Fill Station is now in service as of 6/7/2026
Station 3 new SCBA Compressor was installed on 6/9/2026 – OOS until waiting air sample
Test results

District Meetings

Station Meetings

Station 1 meeting was held on 6/3/2026 attended by Chief Bernette, DC Nowak, Officers, and members.
Station 3 meeting was held on 5/13/2026 attended by Chief Bernette, DC Jeffers, Officers, and members.
Station 6 meeting was held on 5/20/2026 attended by chief Bernette, DC Schiedler, Officers, and members.

Fire Board Meeting

Meeting held on 5/19/2026 attended by Chief Bernette and FF/EMT Matthews
Next regular scheduled meeting is scheduled for 6/16/2026 at Station 6 at 5:30pm

Fire Commission Meeting

Meeting was held on 4/28/2026 attended by Chief Bernette, DC Scheidler, several department members, and one from the public.
Next regular scheduled meeting is scheduled for 7/28/2026 at Station 3 - 6:30pm

Officer's Meetings

District Officers Meeting held on 5/8/2026 at St 6 attended by Chief Bernette, DC Nowak, DC Jeffers, DC Schiedler, and Station Officers.
Next Meeting: 7/9/2026 at St 3

Employee Meetings

Career and Part-time Employee Meeting held on 5/11/2026
Next Meeting: 7/10/2026 at Station 1 at 7:30am
Duty Crew Employee Meeting held on 5/28/2026
Next Meeting: 8/27/2026 at Station 1 at 6:00 pm

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District Trainings

Fire Training

June: Station Choice

May: Water Movement, hydrant ops, drafting operations and relay operations

EMS Training

June: TBA

May: EMS Skill Stations

Officer Training

June: Station 6 vehicles and equipment on 6/4/2026

Other Meetings/Activities

Chippewa County Emergency Management Meeting with EM Director Moses and Chief Bernette on 5/20/2026

North Central Fire Chief Association Meeting attended online by Chief Bernette on 5/21/26

Chippewa County Emergency Management Meeting with EM Director Moses and Chief Bernette on 5/27/2026

EMS/MC Meeting attended by Cathy Zeinert on 5/7/26

Chippewa County EMS Ad Hoc Committee Meeting attended by Deputy Chief Nowak on 6/4/2026

District Safety Message

OSHA June Safety Topics 2026

Heat Illness Prevention – Stay proper hydration, take rest breaks, and recognizing symptoms of heat exhaustion and heat stroke.

- Heat exhaustion occurs when your body overheats and struggles to cool itself, typically due to prolonged heat exposure and dehydration. Common signs include heavy sweating, pale and clammy skin, intense thirst, dizziness, headache, nausea, and a fast but weak pulse
- Heatstroke is a severe, life-threatening medical emergency. Its hallmark is a body temperature above 104° F (40° C) paired with profound changes in brain function. Critical Warning Signs are Altered Mental State like confusion, agitation, slurred speech, delirium, seizures, or loss of consciousness, and changed sweating pattern with hot, dry skin is common in weather-induced heatstroke. Profuse, heavy sweating typically occurs if the heatstroke is brought on by intense physical exertion

Note: If you see something, say something!

If it is a life safety issue within our house (fire door block open/closed, blocked exit, blocked electrical panel, ect) correct it and then report it. Don't leave it as a safety hazard