

FIRE CHIEF REPORT

Report Date: 7/20/2026

Staffing

July: Command Staff: 4 (1 Career Fire Chief & 3 POC Deputy Chief)
Administrative Assistant: 1
Chaplains: 1
St 1 - 34 members: 28 POC, 3 PT, & 3 Career (10 fire, 23 fire/EMS, & 1 MPO)
St 3 - 36 members: 33 POC & 3 Career (13 fire/Dive, 11 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: 45 members trained as EMS Responders
Ambulance Staffing: 25-member training/approved to work on ambulance
Dive Team - 20 members (12 Divers & 8 Support)

Interview(s)

May: 4 new applicants interview for paid on call positions
June: 2 new applicants interview for paid on call positions

Years of Service

May: FF Ben Buchanan – 1 year of service
FF/EMT-P Austin Landowski – 6 years of service (2 years with the District)
FF/CC EMT-P Barry McCaffery - 22 years of service (1 year with the District)
Capt. Clayton McTaggart - 12 years of service
FF Matt Faulkner - 2 years of service
FF Garson Gunderson - 2 years of service
June: Capt. Olivia Stiendorf-Berg – 5 year of service
Training Officer Dennis Hutchison – 4 years of service
FF/CC EMT-P Cerys Morris - 5 years of service (4 years with the District)
FF Rachel Sting - 4 years of service
FF Kriston Koffler – 4 years of service
July: FF Erik Heidtke – 15 years of service
FF/CC EMT-P Shania Myren – 5 years of service
Diver Erik Weiland - 7 years of service
AEMT Mary Krall – 9 years of service

SOPs & MOGs of the Month

May: SOP 101-3 Conduct
SOP 1015 BI-ANNUAL MEDIC RIG CLEANIN
MOG 3255 Older Single-Family Dwelling
June: SOP 102 Disciplinary Action
SOP 1018 AMBULANCE MECHANICAL FAILURE
MOG 3256 Two Story Commercial or Residential
July: SOP 103 Discipline and Grievance
SOP 1019 BI-ANNUAL DORM CLEANING
MOG 3257 Three or Four-Story Apartments

Station Meetings

May: Station 1 meeting held on 5/6/2026 attended by Chief Bernette, DC Nowak, Officers, and members.
Station 3 meeting held on 5/13/2026 attended by Chief Bernette, DC Jeffers, Officers, and members.
Station 6 meeting held on 5/20/2026 attended by chief Bernette, DC Schiedler, Officers, and members.
June: Station 1 meeting held on 6/8/2026 attended by DC Nowak, Officers, and members.
Station 3 meeting held on 6/8/2026 attended by Chief Bernette, DC Jeffers, Officers, and members.
Station 6 meeting held on 6/15/2026 attended by Chief Bernette, DC Schiedler, Officers, and members.
July: Station 1 meeting held on 7/8/2026 attended by DC Nowak, Officers, and members.
Station 3 meeting Held on 7/8/2026 attended by Chief Bernette, DC Jeffers, Officers, and members.

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Fire Board Meeting

- May: Meeting held on 5/19/2026 attended by Chief Bernette and FF/EMT Matthews
- June: Meeting held on 6/18/2026 attended by Chief Bernette and FF/EMT Matthews
- Next regular scheduled meeting is scheduled for 7/21/2026 at Station 3 at 5:30pm

Fire Commission Meeting

- April: Meeting held on 4/28/2026 attended by Chief Bernette, DC Scheidler, several department members, and one from the public.

Officer's Meetings

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

Employee Meetings

- May: Career and Part-time Employee Meeting held on 5/11/2026
- Duty Crew Employee Meeting held on 5/28/2026
- July: Career and Part-time Employee Meeting held on 7/10/2026

Other Meetings/Activities

- May: 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
- June: Chippewa County EMS Ad Hoc Committee Meeting attended by Deputy Chief Nowak on 6/4/2026
- EMS Meeting with Chippewa Falls & Fire District attended by Chief Brain & Chief Bernette on 6/11/2026
- EMS/MC Meeting attended by Cathy Zeinert on 6/11/26
- Chippewa County EM meeting on IAR Dispatching attended by Chief Bernette on 6/11/2026
- Chippewa County Event Debriefing attended by Chief Bernette on 6/11/2026
- July: Chippewa County EM meeting on radio/communication app and dept ID attended by Chief Bernette on 7/9/2026
- EMS/MC Meeting attended by Chief Bernette & Cathy Zeinert on 7/10/26
- Transfer Meeting with Chief Tonnancout on 7/10/2026
- NCFCA Meeting attended online by Chief Bernette on 7/17/2026

Fire Training

- May: Water Movement, hydrant ops, drafting operations and relay operations
- June: Station Choice
- July: Classroom on vehicle extrication

EMS Training

- May: EMS Skill Stations
- June: Ambulance Driver Training

Officer Training

- June: Station 6 vehicles on 6/4/2026