

FIRE CHIEF REPORT

Report Date: 7/15/2026

Call Volume: June had 214 requests for service: 911 EMS 123, Transfers 67, Dive 2, and Fire 22
May had 217 requests for service: 911 EMS 120, Transfers 73, Dive 3, and Fire 21

District Staffing

District Staffing Level: 93 members

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)

Members that have complete Fire Training(s)

Elijah Anderson Firefighter 1 - 6/12/2026

Members that have completed EMR Field Training

Kriston Koffler EMT - 07/14/2026

Anniversaries this month

FF Erik Heidtke – 15 years of service

FF/CC EMT-P Shania Myren – 5 years of service

FF/CC EMT-P Cerys Morris – 5 years of service (June of 2026)

Diver Erik Weiland - 7 years of service

AEMT Mary Krall – 9 years of service

Department Interview(s)

2 new applicants on our waiting list to Interview for paid on call positions

Members that have started District Orientation

Katrina Jost – ELFF/EMT-P POC on 6/11/2026

Members that have resigned from the department

FF/EMT Kevin Fischer 6/24/26

SOPs & MOGs of the Month

SOP 103 Discipline and Grievance

SOP 1019 BI-ANNUAL DORM CLEANING

MOG 3257 Three or Four-Story Apartments

Vehicle/Equipment Updates

Dive Truck passenger side compartment rollup door service on 6/15/2026

Station 3 new SCBA Compressor is now in service as of 6/15/2026

Medic 4 window chip fixed on 6/15/2026

CV1 out of service for body work/repair on 6/15/2026

Brush 1 water pump service / repaired on 6/17/2026

Medic 5 in for service on 6/22/2026

Engine 1 door ajar switch was replaced on 6/22/2026

Boat 1 clearance lights serviced on 6/23/2026

Tender 6 water level gauge replaced on 6/29/2026

Medic 4 airhorn serviced/remounted on 6/29/2026

Squad 6 AC service on 6/30/2026

Medic 5 passenger side warning light was service on 6/30/2026

Medic 5 rear door was adjusted/serviced on 7/1/2026

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CV1 is back in service on 7/3/2026
Engine 1 coolant hose "Y" connector replaced on 7/7/2026
Medic 5 grill light replaced on 7/9/2026
Tender 1 new rear tires installed on 7/14/2026
Truck 1 tool mount on ladder was repaired on 7/15/2026

District Meetings

Station Meetings

Station 1 meeting was held on 7/8/2026 attended by DC Nowak, Officers, and members.
Station 3 meeting was held on 7/8/2026 attended by Chief Bernette, DC Jeffers, Officers, and members.
Station 6 meeting was held on 6/15/2026 attended by Chief Bernette, DC Schiedler, Officers, and members.

Fire Board Meeting

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

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 7/9/2026 at St 3 attended by Chief Bernette, DC Nowak, DC Jeffers, and Station Officers.
Next Meeting: 9/3/2026 at St 1

Employee Meetings

Career and Part-time Employee Meeting held on 7/10/2026
Next Meeting: 9/4/2026 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

District Trainings

Fire Training

July: Classroom on vehicle extrication
June: Station Choice

EMS Training

July: TBA
June: Ambulance Driver Training

Officer Training

August: Station 3 vehicles on 8/6/2026
June: Station 6 vehicles on 6/4/2026

Other Meetings/Activities

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
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

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District Safety Message

OSHA July Safety Topics 2026

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

1. 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
2. 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
 - Water & Hydration: Encourage employees to drink 4 to 6 ounces of cool water every 15 to 20 minutes.
 - Rest & Shade: Mandate regular breaks and provide access to shaded or air-conditioned recovery areas.
 - Identifying Symptoms: Train workers to spot dizziness, nausea, and confusion, and know when to call 911.

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