

FIRE CHIEF REPORT

Report Date: 8/11/2026

Call Volume: July had 235 requests for service: 911 EMS 112, Transfers 97, Dive 2, and Fire 24
June had 214 requests for service: 911 EMS 123, Transfers 67, Dive 2, and Fire 22

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: 47 members trained as EMS Responders

Ambulance Staffing: 27-member training/approved to work on ambulance

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

Members that have Started Ambulance Field Training

Carson Gunderson effective 8/6/2026

Members that have complete Ambulance Field Training

Lauren Saleh effective 7/29/2026

Elijah Andersen effective 7/29/2026

Members that have completed EMR Field Training

Kriston Koffler effective 07/14/2026

Patrick Arriola effective 07/31/2026

Anniversaries this month

FF/EMT-P Andrew Fliehr – 3 years of service

MPO/Maint Charles Smith – 47 years of service (37 with the Fire District)

FF Josh Zeug – 10 years of service

FF/EMT Elijah Anderson - 1 year of service

EMT Sophia Boudreau – 2 years of service

FF/EMT Jaden Hoople-Pleisz - 1 year of service

FF/EMR Beance Richardson – 3 years of service

Diver Tom Rocque – 11 years of service

Department Interview(s)

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

3 applicants to interview for paid on call Captain positions for Station 1

SOPs & MOGs of the Month

SOP 104 Probation and Minimum Requirements Fire

SOP 1019 BI-ANNUAL DORM CLEANING

MOG 3257 Three or Four-Story Apartments

Vehicle/Equipment Updates

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

Brush 1 wiper blades replaced on 7/20/2026

Medic 5 tire repaired on 7/20/2026

Tender 1 rear dump chute serviced on 7/24/2026

Truck 1 air leak – valve replaced on 7/29/2026

Medic 1 Rear AC service on 7/30/2026

Medic 4 in for service on 7/31/2026

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District Meetings

Station Meetings

Station 1 meeting was held on 8/5/2026 attended by Chief Bernette, 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 7/15/2026 attended by Chief Bernette, DC Schiedler, Officers, and members.

Fire Board Meeting

Meeting held on 7/21/2026 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

Aug: Live Fire Training (Burn Trailer)

July: Classroom on vehicle extrication

EMS Training

Aug: TBA

July: Cardiology

Officer Training

August: Canceled

June: Station 6 vehicles on 6/4/2026

District PR Events

AED and Basic First Aid Education at Chippewa Valley Pickle Ball Club at Gower by on Duty Crew on 7/21/2026

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AED and Basic First Aid Education at Chippewa Valley Pickle Ball Club at Gower by on Duty Crew on 7/23/2026

LODD Eau Claire Firefighter Jungbluth Procession attend by Officers and Members on 8/1/2026

National Night Out attend by Officers and Members on 8/4/2026

Daycare visit attend by Station 3 Officer and member on 8/7/2026

Pare Water Days Parade attend by Officers and Members on 8/8/2026

Bloomer Community Parade attend by Officers and Members on 8/9/2026

Eau Claire Firefighter Jungbluth Funeral attend by Officers and Members on 8/10/2026

District Safety Message

August Safety Topics 2026

- **Back-to-School & Traffic Safety:** With schools resuming, drivers must watch for children, obey school zone speed limits, and strictly follow school bus stop laws. August is also recognized as National Traffic Awareness Month.

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- **Heat Illness Prevention:** As one of the hottest months, August requires ongoing precautions against heat exhaustion and heat stroke, including proper hydration and frequent breaks for outdoor workers.

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

Other Meetings

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

NCFA Meeting attended online by Chief Bernette on 7/17/2026

One Billing Solution Meeting attended by Chief Bernette on 7/21/2026

911 Policy and Procedures attended by Chief Bernette on 7/22/2026

Chippewa County EMS Association Meeting attended by Chief Bernette on 7/22/2026

Chippewa County EM & Dispatch Meeting attended by Chief Bernette on 7/23/2026

Chippewa County MABAS Div 132 Meeting attended by Chief Bernette on 7/23/2026

Chippewa County Fire Chief Association Meeting attended by Chief Bernette on 7/23/2026

Aspirus Hospital Transfer Meeting attended by Chief Tonnancour and Chief Bernette on 7/24/2026

EMS/MC Meeting attended by Chief Bernette and Cathy Zeinert on 8/6/26

Chippewa County EMS AdHoc Committee Meeting attended by Chief Bernette and Chief Schiedler on 8/6/2026