

FIRE CHIEF REPORT

Report Date: 9/9/2026

Call Volume: August had 197 requests for service: 911 EMS 97, Transfers 76, Dive 2, and Fire 22
July had 235 requests for service: 911 EMS 112, Transfers 97, Dive 2, 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 - 35 members: 29 POC, 3 PT, & 3 Career (10 fire, 24 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 completed their probation period

FF/EMT Shawn Dahl effective 09/2026

EMT Hannah Frederickson effective 09/2026

Anniversaries this month

FF/EMT John Andersen – 49 years of service

FF/EMT-P Derek Lane – 26 years of service (8 with the Fire District)

FF/EMR Dave Oestreich – 49 years of service

Captain Erik Hennlich - 17 years of service (11 with Fire District)

FF/EMT Doug Matthews – 49 years of service

FF Pat Michels - 49 years of service

Department Interview(s)

5 applicants interviewed for paid on call positions on 9/1/2026

3 applicants interviewed for paid on call Captain positions for Station 1 on 8/25/2026

SOPs & MOGs of the Month

SOP 105 Organization and Operations

SOP 1020 EMS Duty Training

MOG 3258 One Story Commercial with Possible Basement

Vehicle/Equipment Updates

Medic 5 brakes in inspected on 8/12/2026

Sq 6 PP Fan plug repaired on 8/13/2026

Medic 4 rear passenger side scene light serviced on 8/26/2026

Medic 3 in for service and recall update On 8/28/2026

Dive Truck intercom service on 8/28/2026

Truck 1 slow drip from pump packing – to be watched at this time 8/31/2026

Sq 3 serviced for door ajar alarm on 9/1/2026

Tender 1 rear marker light service on 9/1/2026

District Meetings

Station Meetings

Station 1 meeting was held on 9/3/2026 attended by Chief Bernette, DC Nowak, Officers, and members.

Station 3 meeting was held on 9/9/2026 attended by Chief Bernette, DC Jeffers, Officers, and members.

Station 6 meeting was held on 8/20/2026 attended by Chief Bernette, DC Schiedler, Officers, and members.

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Fire Board Meeting

Special Meeting held on 8/31/2026 attended by Chief Bernette

Meeting held on 8/18/2026 attended by Chief Bernette, Inspector Shervey, FF/EMT Matthews, and citizen

Next regular scheduled meeting is scheduled for 9/15/2026

Fire Commission Meeting

Meeting was held on 7/28/2026 attended by Chief Bernette, DC Scheidler, several department members, and one from the public.

Next regular scheduled meeting is scheduled for 10/23/2026

Officer's Meetings

District Officers Meeting held on 9/3/2026 at St 3 attended by Chief Bernette, DC Nowak, DC Jeffers, and Station Officers.

Next Meeting: 11/5/2026 at St 6

Employee Meetings

Career and Part-time Employee Meeting held on 7/10/2026

Next Meeting: 9/24/2026 at Station 1 at 7:30am

Duty Crew Employee Meeting held on 5/28/2026

Next Meeting: 9/24/2026 at Station 1 at 6:00 pm

District Trainings

Fire Training

Sept: Extrication Training

Aug: Live Fire Training (Burn Trailer)

EMS Training

Sept: TDA

Aug: Trauma review and skill stations

Officer Training

Oct: St 1 Vehicle with date to be announced

August: Canceled

ARRL Ham Radio Class starts 9/10/2026

District PR Events

No to report

District Safety Message

September Safety Topics 2026

- **Workplace Safety:** Workplace safety is a continuous effort to protect employees' health, well-being, and productivity. It's more than an adherence requirement. Observing national safety months is the opportunity to spotlight important topics like Accountability, Rehab, and PPE on calls that might otherwise be overlooked. For more information, please review our SOPs on these topics
- **National Alcohol & Drug Addiction Recovery Month:** Recovery Month highlights the need for supportive workplaces that address substance abuse issues. Please review our SOP on this topic and our available Employee Assistance Programs (EAPs) to help provide resources for treatment and recovery support.

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

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Other Meetings

Chippewa County EMS AdHoc Committee Meeting attended by Chief Bernette and Chief Schiedler on 8/6/2026
NCFA Meeting attended online by Chief Bernette on 8/20/2026
MABAS Div Training attended by Chief Bernette on 8/20/2026
Chippewa County EMS AdHoc Committee Recommendation follow meeting with County Administrator attended
Chippewa falls FD and Chief Bernette on 8/26/2026
EMS/MC Meeting attended by Chief Bernette on 9/3/26