

FIRE CHIEF REPORT

Report Date: 10/8/2026

Call Volume: September had 182 requests for service: 911 EMS 87, Transfers 75, Dive 0, and Fire 20
August had 197 requests for service: 911 EMS 97, Transfers 76, Dive 2, and Fire 22

IAR Messages: Employee are not to reply back to the IAR email notifications.
If an employee needs to follow up as stated in the IAR message, they will do so via phone.

District Staffing updates

Staffing Level: 98 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 - 38 members: 35 POC & 3 Career (13 fire/Dive, 13 fire/EMS/dive, 1 MPO, 2 EMS, & 9 dive)

St 6 - 19 members: 16 POC & 1 Career (13 fire, 3 fire/EMS, 1 MPO, & 2 EMS)

EMS Training: 49 members trained as EMS Responders

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

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

Anniversaries this month

FF Tom Albrecht – 4 years of service

FF/EMT-A Zee Lanners – 4 years of service

FF Tom Peterson – 24 years of service

FF/EMT Lauren Saleh - 1 year of service

FF/EMT Patrick Arriola – 1 year of service

FF Nathaniel Bogle – 1 year of service

FF Deone Kenealy – 49 years of service

ELFF/AEMT Robert Kelsall – 1 year of service

Members that have completed their probation period

FF/EMT Shawn Dahl effective 09/2026

EMT Hannah Frederickson effective 09/2026

Member that has completed Firefighter II Certification

Patrick Arriola effective 09/02/202

Members that have complete ambulance field training

Elijah Anderson effective 9/20/2026

Promotions

Tony Schlueter has been promoted to Station 1 POC Captain – call sign Dist. 13 effective 9/20/2026

Members that have started department orientation

ELFF/EMR Dylan Sanders effective 9/16/2026 assigned to St 3

ELFF/EMR Jacob Justice effective 9/16/2026 assigned to St 3

FF Ryan Hunt effective 9/16/2026 assigned to St 6

ELFF Meira Smit effective 9/16/2026 assigned to St 6

SOPs & MOGs of the Month

SOP 106 Personnel File Inspection

SOP 1020 EMS Duty Training

MOG 3300 Oxy-Acetylene Torch

Vehicle/Equipment Updates

Tender 6 step light remounted on 9/18/2026

Medic 4 in for service on 9/10/2026

Medic 5 driver front tire air leak service on 9/14/2026

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Engine 3 primer control rebuilt on 9/15/2026
Engine 33 primer control rebuilt on 9/15/2026
Engine 33 was serviced for ABS light on 9/15/2026
Station 3 Radio & antenna inspected after lightning hit on 9/16/2026
Engine 33 vent saw service on 9/21/2026
Engine 1 electric hurst power unit serviced on 9/22/2026
Dive Truck front scene light switch replaced on 9/24/2026
Brush 3 pump starter replaced on 9/28/2026
Brush 3 power cable & connection installed on 9/29/2026
Medic 4 radio antenna replaced on 9/30/2026
Medic 4 mirror replaced on 10/1/2026
Engine 1 primer motor service on 10/2/2026
Medic 1 in for body work (paint) on 10/7/2026

District Meetings

Station Meetings

Station 1 meeting was held on 10/7/2026 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 9/16/2026 attended by Chief Bernette, DC Schiedler, Officers, and members.

Fire Board Meeting

Special Meeting on 9/29/2026 attended by Chief Bernette
Meeting held on 9/15/2026 attended by Chief Bernette and FF/EMT Matthews
Special Meeting held on 8/31/2026 attended by Chief Bernette
Next regular scheduled meeting is scheduled for 10/20/2026

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 9/24/2026
Next Meeting: 11/6/2026 at Station 1 at 7:30am
EMS & Duty Crew POC Employee Meeting held on 9/24/2026
Next Meeting: 11/19/2026 at Station 1 at 6:00 pm

District Trainings

Fire Training

Sept: Extrication Training
Aug: Live Fire Training (Burn Trailer)

EMS Training

Sept: Skill Stations and EMR Equipment Inventory
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

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District Public Relations Event

911 Memorial Event at Cadott on 9/11/2026

Lafayette Fall Festival on 9/26/2026

Fire Prevention at Stillson School on 10/8/2026

District Safety Message

October Safety Topics 2026

- October is officially recognized as Fire Prevention Month, making fire safety and prevention the primary focus for workplace and home safety discussions.
 1. Test smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors and replace batteries.
 2. Review fire extinguisher locations and practice the P.A.S.S. method (Pull, Aim, Squeeze, Sweep).
 3. Clear clutter around exits and emergency equipment.
 4. Practice home or workplace fire evacuation escape drills.
 5. Inspect electrical cords and avoid overloading outlets.
- Fall and Seasonal Driving Safety
 1. Prepare for earlier sunsets and reduced visibility, which increase pedestrian crash risks.
 2. Watch out for slippery roads caused by falling wet leaves.
 3. Eliminate distracted driving, such as using mobile phones behind the wheel.
 4. Schedule seasonal vehicle checks

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/Trainings

NCFA Meeting attended online by Chief Bernette on 9/17/2026

EMS/MC Meeting attended by Chief Bernette and Cathy Zeinert on 10/1/2026

EMS Coverage/Service Meeting with area Townships attended by Mr. Staber and Chief Bernette on 10/5/2026

2026 DSPS Fall Training Presentation attended by Chief Bernette on 10/7/2026

MABAS Div Training attended by Chief Bernette on 10/8/2026