FIRE CHIEF REPORT

Report Date: 10/21/2026

Staffing Level: 96 members

- Command Staff: 4 (1 Career Fire Chief & 3 POC Deputy Chief)
- Administrative Assistant: 1
- Chaplains: 1
- St 1 - 33 members: 27 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: 47 members trained as EMS Responders
- Ambulance Staffing: 26-member training/approved to work on ambulance
- Dive Team - 20 members (12 Divers & 8 Support)

Anniversaries this month

August	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-Leisz - 1 year of service
	FF/EMR Beanca Richardson – 3 years of service
	Diver Tom Rocque – 11 years of service
September	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
October	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

September	FF/EMT Shawn Dahl effective 09/2026
	EMT Hannah Frederickson effective 09/2026
	Administrative Assistant Cathy Zeinert effective 10/02/2026

Members that have complete ambulance field training

July	Lauren Saleh effective 7/29/2026
October	Elijah Anderson effective 9/20/2026

Promotions

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

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Members that have started department orientation

September	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

Members that have resigned

October	FF/EMT-P Andrew Fliehr effective 10/12/2026
	ELFF/EMT-P Katrina Jost effective 10/19/2026

SOPs & MOGs of the Month

August	SOP 104 Probation and Minimum Requirements Fire
	SOP 1019 BI-ANNUAL DORM CLEANING
	MOG 3257 Three or Four-Story Apartments
September	SOP 105 Organization and Operations
	SOP 1020 EMS Duty Training
	MOG 3258 One Story Commercial with Possible Basement
October	SOP 106 Personnel File Inspection
	SOP 1020 EMS Duty Training
	MOG 3300 Oxy-Acetylene Torch

Station Meetings

August	Station 1 held on 8/5/2026 attended by Chief Bernette, Officers, and members.
	Station 3 held on 8/12/2026 attended by Chief Bernette, DC Jeffers, Officers, and members.
	Station 6 held on 8/20/2026 attended by Chief Bernette, DC Schiedler, Officers, and members.
September	Station 1 held on 9/2/2026 attended by Chief Bernette, DC Nowqak, Officers, and members.
	Station 3 held on 9/9/2026 attended by Chief Bernette, DC Jeffers, Officers, and members.
	Station 6 held on 9/16/2026 attended by Chief Bernette, DC Schiedler, Officers, and members.
October	Station 1 held on 10/7/2026 attended by Chief Bernette, DC Nowak, Officers, and members.
	Station 6 held on 10/21/2026 attended by Chief Bernette, Officers, and members.

Fire Board Meeting

August	Meeting held on 8/18/2026 attended by Chief Bernette, Inspector Shervey, FF/EMT Matthews, and citizen
	Special Meeting held on 8/31/2026 attended by Chief Bernette
September	Special Meeting on 9/29/2026 attended by Chief Bernette
	Meeting held on 9/15/2026 attended by Chief Bernette and FF/EMT Matthews
October	Meeting held on 10/20/2026

Fire Commission Meeting

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

Officer's Meetings

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

Employee Meetings

September	Career and Part-time Employee Meeting held on 9/24/2026
	EMS & Duty Crew POC Employee Meeting held on 9/24/2026

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Fire Training

August	Live Fire Training (Burn Trailer)
September:	District Wide: LZ Setup
	Station: Extrication Training
October	Initial Fire Attack/transitional attack Ladders and Chimney fire

EMS Training

August	Trauma review and skill station
September	Skill Stations and EMR Equipment Inventory

Officer Training

September	ARRL Ham Radio Class
October	St 1 Vehicle

District Public Relations Event

August	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
September	911 Memorial Event at Cadott on 9/11/2026
	Lafayette Fall Festival on 9/26/2026
October	Fire Prevention at Stillson School on 10/8/2026

Other Meetings/Trainings

August	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
	NCFCA 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
September	EMS/MC Meeting attended by Chief Bernette on 9/3/26
	NCFCA Meeting attended online by Chief Bernette on 9/17/2026
October	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

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.
- 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.

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 us 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.

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