FIRE CHIEF REPORT

Report Date: 11/12/2026

Call Volume: October had 241 requests for service: 911 EMS 126, Transfers 80, Dive 0, and Fire 35
September had 182 requests for service: 911 EMS 87, Transfers 75, Dive 0, and Fire 20

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: 93 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, 22 fire/EMS, & 1 MPO)
- St 3 - 37 members: 34 POC & 3 Career (12 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
- FF/EMT Kaden Steindorf Berg – 5 years of service
- FF/EMT Dan Dominski – 2 years of service
- Diver Tim Fern – 2 years of service
- FF Kyle Michels - 14 years of service
- FF Kyle Steinmetz – 13 years of service

Members that have completed their probation period
- FF Ben Buchanan effective 11/2026
- FF/CC EMT-P Barry McCaffery effective 11/2026

Members that have resigned
- Captain TJ Schemenauer effective 11/3/2026

SOPs & MOGs of the Month
- SOP 107 Computer and Internet
- SOP 1021 Snow Removal
- MOG 3301 Air Cascades

Vehicle/Equipment Updates
- Squad 3 had 2 SCBA sent in for repair and back in service as of 10/21/2026
- Brush 1 high beams lights fixed on 10/21/2026
- Medic 2 in for font end work and alignment on 10/21/2026
- Engine 6 has 1 SCBA sent in for repair and back in service as of 10/22/2026
- Tender 1 relief valve on intake was replaced on 10/22/2026
- Medic 2 front tires replaced on 10/23/2026
- Medic 4 in for front end work and alignment on 10/24/2026
- Medic 1 cab and patient area heating issue fixed on 10/29
- Truck 1 waterway valve replaced on 10/23/2026
- Medic 1 coolant leak fixed on 11/3/2026
- Engine 1 door ajar alarm fixed on 11/4/2026
- Medic 2 passenger fog light service on 11/06/2026

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District Meetings

Station Meetings

Station 1 meeting was held on 11/4/2026 attended by DC Nowak, Officers, and members.

Station 3 meeting was held on 11/11/2026 attended by Chief Bernette, DC Jeffers, Officers, and members.

Station 6 meeting was held on 10/22/2026 attended by Chief Bernette, Officers, and members.

Fire Board Meeting

Meeting Held on 10/20/2026 attended by Chief Bernette, FF/EMT Matthews, reps from Eagle Point and Anson, and 1 citizen

Next regular scheduled meeting is scheduled for 11/18/2026 (note change of day)

Fire Commission Meeting

Meeting was held on 10/27/2026 attended by Chief Bernette, DC Nowak, DC Jeffers, several department members, and one from the public.

Next regular scheduled meeting is scheduled for 1/26/2027

Officer's Meetings

Station 3 Officer Meeting attend by Chief Bernette, DC Jeffers, and Station 3 Officers on 11/11/2026

Station 1 Officer Meeting attend by DC Nowak and Statin 1 Officers on 11/4/2026

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

Next Meeting: 11/12/2026 at St 6

Employee Meetings

Career and Part-time Employee Meeting held on 9/24/2026

Next Meeting: TBA 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

November: SCBA drills and initial fire attack/transitional attack

EMS Training

November: Skills Check off with Doctor Young

District Public Relations Event

Station 1, Station 3, and Station 6 Halloween Events on 10/31/2026

Other Meetings/Trainings

NCFCA Meeting attended online by Chief Bernette on 10/22/2026

Chippewa County 911 Policy and Procedure Meeting attended by Chief Bernette on 10/28/2026

EMS/MC Meeting attended by Chief Bernette and Cathy Zeinert on 11/10/2026

Kovo RCM (new billing company) phone meeting on EMS Onboarding & Next Step meeting attend by Chief Bernette with information provided by Cathy Zeinhart on 11/11/2026

District Safety Message

November Safety Topics 2026

Key November safety topics focus on seasonal weather shifts and reduced daylight:

- Drowsy Driving & Commuting: With the end of daylight saving time and darker morning/evening commutes, focus on fatigue prevention and the Drowsy Driving Prevention Week campaign (Nov 1–7).
- Slips, Trips, and Falls: Address early-season frost, ice, wet leaves, and slick stairways or ladders/scaffolding.
- Carbon Monoxide & Space Heaters: Warn workers and households about unventilated gas or wood appliances, portable propane heaters, and indoor CO buildup.
- Cold Stress & Early Freezes: Prepare for dropping temperatures, wind chills, and proper layering.
- Roadway & Wildlife Safety: Highlight deer and animal activity on roads, vehicle winterization, and emergency roadside kits.

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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