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November was all about shuffling trucks and equipment.

We managed to get 3 tankers two pumpers and our trailer pump into the SRE/temporary fire hall. Our emergency rescue vehicle "Dale" has been moved from the parking lot to the stout hanger and then to the old county garage where it's now Sharing a nice warm space with the two main ambulances. Nate Nelson and Tavis Pearson returned the graciously loaned Egg Harbor tanker back to Washington island. We took delivery of our engine 2 replacement and when we get that fully equipped and into service we will take the DNR loaner pumper back to its home in Tomahawk Wisconsin. That will leave a warm location in the temporary hall to give E2 a warm home.

SNOW STORMS

snow storm number one we had 3 trees leaning on powerlines igniting them. The only powerlines over roads was in Barb Nelson's driveway. With the help of the town crew crew we barricaded the compromised powerlines and got very lucky that the ferry line ran a special boat in fairly high winds to get Xcel to the island. As it turned out this was just a warm up for

SNOW STORM 2

This storm basically crippled the island with wet snow on top of what we just got. Most of the island went without power as the already snow covered trees took out numerous powerlines. There was no special boat to run in this weather event. Digging out was a feat for everyone involved. Nelson construction had to pull out their bulldozer and large tracked snow blowers to clear driveways. The roads crew worked nonstop from what I saw to catch up to the mess.

Every household needs their own emergency plan for power outages in the winter...Backup heat source...backup power...because winter power outages can have far more consequences than any other time of the year.

Happy holidays from Lapointe Fire/Rescue

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Chief Reichkitzer

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