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10/7 training meeting.

The training officer put together what was titled MEET THE FLEET on this night. Every apparatus was lined up in a row , chief's truck (company truck) engine 2, engine 7, emergency vehicle Dale, tankers 1,2,and 3 and the life line of our department...our portable trailer pump.



Placards signs were posted in front of each apparatus with valuable information on year,make,miles,contents, and specs of pumps and Gpm (gallons per minute) the whole department benefits from a training like this. Because we have rebuilt our entire fire department in an amazing period of time even the officers can't keep up on where every important tool and life saving devices are calling home..(except Red) our mission was to become more familiar with each apparatus and open every door and note where everything is stowed away. Ill admit even as chief I needed a greet the fleet as much as the new recruits. We will be lining up an emergency vehicle operation traing for the 2021 to get every one up to speed and comfortable operating the many apparatus.

Newbies

Last year we had 5 trainees complete fire fighter 1 and the last leg of thier journey is a live burn training. Im very proud of these fine fire fighters.

Isa Teisberg

Lucas Montagne

Kyle Krutchin

Martin Curry

Andre Eldred

Couple side notes...Andrew took this as a refresher as he left the department for a few years while he and his better half (Katie) lived and worked in Michigan.

Lucas...couldn't wait to turn 18 so he could join the crew and his dad didn't mention at 16 he technically could have started coming to meetings. No hands on fire until 18

Marty..waited almost the full 2 years to get into ff1 and is now whooping up on wildfire certification training. Seeing the fire out west put an ache in him to be qualified to offer assistance.

To fill a classroom for FF1 on madaline Island Mike Parsons from Nelson construction and a ferry captain also completed the course.

Having WITC (Wisconsin indianhead technical college) come to the island to to give certification training is more frugal than training on the mainland....mainly ferry schedules and hotel fees add up with a group of students.

ESB

I have been assisting Wendel ,Five bugles project manager whenever he calls with very pertinent questions concerning construction of the new building. Tim is doing a great job in my mind and I'm happy to answer his questions to the best of my abilities. I've been especially interested in the workings of the fire suppression system as it seemed a long road with lots of frustration to get it installed. That being said I will be working closely with Tim and the desisighners of the system as we are nearing the occupancy of our new hall. There will be be a testing and inspection of this system at least bi annually on a scheduled basis.

Cynthia (ambulance director) and Joan Martin For the fire department have been tasked with interior design and appliances decisions and from the updates im getting they are working well together to

insure a beautiful functional interior that everyone should appreciate for years to come.



Wind/weather event

Soooo im jumping into November 1st and 2nd to talk about the power issue that come with the wind. As the wind was gusting this weekend Nov 1st and 2nd and the lights flicked and shut off I wasn't the only fire fighter to begin looking for the downed powerlines. After a while I recieved information that the power outage was mainland related. So during a wind event this can mean a good thing for madaline island because the chances of getting power restored from the mainland side is much better than waiting for the wind to die down enough to get th xcell here to fix island issues.....This was a comforting thought until I recieved word of a downed powerline on the island. This concerned me as if the power came back on we might have a wild fire issue from the lines laying in the ditch for a couple hundred yards. I contacted dispatch to work with xcell energy with the scenario of not powering the island back up until the lines were fixed over here. A few smart people got together and deemed the situation safe because the powerlines were completely snapped off and not a danger. Ive been to numerous downed powerlines but this was a situation iv never seen..

Be safe

Chief Reichkitzer

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