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We are coming to the end of a very busy year with the fire department. The good news is we only needed to respond to 19 fire calls, and this was a needed statistic as we were in transition into a new hall and new equipment. Members were called upon instead to perform 21 special tasks, most of which involved moving into the new fire hall. We had 12 training meetings, 12 planning meetings and 14 apparatus committee meetings to carefully plan and spec out our #1 pumper replacement. We had the luxury of taking this time and extreme effort to plan our #1 engine/pumper due to the donation of a 1991 pumper from United Fire in Central Wisconsin. While this donation has passed its pumping test and has filled the gap left when we lost our 2014 Rossenbauer engine/pumper to fire, it is well past being compliant to the need of fighting fires on an island without mutual aid. Thanks to the insurance settlement to replace apparatus and our diligence in finding our #1 replacement with everything we need to effectively fight fire, we will be back to a "complete" department within the new year.

We have our brush fire truck getting closer to completion by swapping the tank and pumps with the bells and whistles from the replacement brush truck we received from Washburn fire department. We are doing our best to do most of this work "in house," fully knowing we need to protect the remaining apparatus insurance settlement monies to replace the #1 engine/pumper.

We wish everyone a safe Christmas and new year.
Chief Reichkitzer

