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Another trip around the sun.

December was busy for the department in terms of tidying up the membership requirement points for retirement, going through our list of special tasks, calls, and meetings. This year things went smoothly as far as the spread sheets Red uses to keep a running tally that goes to Barb for her precise scrutiny.

I'm giving kudos to Steve Adamski and Big Water Apparatus for getting the apparatus in good order with hopefully no surprises until we replace our lifeline pumper. One issue that cost a bit of time and money was numerous air leaks with the replacement fleet. This became apparent when the brand new compressor that came with our expensive new fire hall broke down. I remain concerned that this gets rectified soon with this equipment is Definitely under warranty. Because the apparatus had almost no air leaks, we were able to use a small backup air compressor. This is not a reason to believe we can substitute a smaller air compressor for the very expensive one that came with the building. My hearing that Brown possibly didn't get the appropriate compressor for our need is definitely not the Town of La Pointe's problem. We were asked once by the builders about what we lost and that was that. Sooooo let's let warranties do what they're there for and not reinvent the wheel. This is Five Bugle's problem to pass to the appropriate subcontractors to make this right. No cost must be endured by the town. We can talk about a different air compressor if we are convinced we need something different BUT we absolutely do not have to lose money for something that falls under warranty. You don't get a smaller transmission in your car because somebody brings up that's all you need to fix your broken car. Coming up, we have a monthly training calendar filled with important in-house training and ongoing setting up our fire hall to best suit our needs.

Jan. 8 we have ice rescue meetings that include inventory of our gear and setting dates to get everyone's ice rescue specialists qualifications up to snuff.

Be safe, as winter has definitely grabbed hold: Look for your furnace exhaust vents (whether they are on your roof or sticking out your walls) to make sure they don't get covered with snow and ice. A house in Moorhead Minnesota took 7 lives recently.

Happy new year.

Chief Reichkitzer

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