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Fire Department Report
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We have spent a bit of time getting prepared for wildfire season, as it's upon us. It's deceiving as winter gives up the battle and it looks so wet everywhere. But a couple days of sun and a breeze and we are smack dab in the middle of spring wildfire season. This year is less scary, as the snow has left the dead grass that fuels fires beat down a bit. But the danger is always there until we "green up."

We were trying to get our 5500 Dodge Ram brush truck to a recall but that has had snags. The recall involves the lug nut studs. We will get it to its recall as soon as we can, but we will always have 2 wildfire trucks available at all times.

At the same time we are thinking about wild fire season we are also thinking and planning for near shore water rescue. Our next training session will be at the state park, where we will be getting a better grasp on maps, roads, and the general layout of the park. We will train with our tools, including the inflatable Zodiac. We have lots of ideas and opinions on this aspect of search and rescue the need to come to the surface and swim. One huge tool in our box will be the drone program; hoping that we have taken possession of our search/rescue drone before this upcoming meeting.

We recently pulled out most of our equipment and sprayed water to help clean up the ferry dock. This is always great training and exercise for all our trucks, pumps, and peoples.

Stay safe,
Chief Reichkitzer