

**Fire Chief's Report
October-November 2022**

Training was zeroed around deer hunter safety. Every year at this time, our monthly training involves many scenarios:

- Lost hunter
- Tree stand accident
- Wounded hunter
- Transportation of wounded hunter

We set up a lost hunter/wounded hunter training with a victim staged well into the woods. We deployed our drone team, two teams of search parties on foot, the UTV rescue unit, and set out to find the needle in the haystack. We reached out to EMS to participate in what most certainly would be a team call if the real thing, but the multi-jurisdictional training didn't pan out. The two services (fire and EMS) have agreed to have our training personnel from here on out set up and plan "mandatory" joint training. I cannot stress how important this has to be in the future.

This training was the first night-time drone activity and was great training for our pilot and his assistant. A lot of new tools in the drone program toolbox, which makes any and all training very important to the success of any team.

I will write up a summary of 2022 in the coming weeks before the onset of 2023. So far, it's been a very safe year and our equipment is in fine shape.

Happy holidays and be safe,
Chief Reichkitzer

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