

**Fire Department Report**  
**December 2022**

Well, another year in books. Here's a recap of 2022 La Pointe fire/rescue department.

Ashland County emergency dispatch toned us out 25 times.

- 2 working fires
- 3 automobile crash scenes
- 5 downed powerline calls (13 actual different powerlines)
- 10 smoke/CO alarms (2 at the school)
- 2 lift assists with EMS
- 1 propane leak
- 1 capsized canoe
- 1 ice rescue

12 very productive training meetings and 12 equally important planning meetings, 10 apparatus meetings, and numerous impromptu meetings to figure out many things, such as the newly formed dive/rescue team. Everyone remained fairly healthy throughout this year, with a couple members needing surgery recovery time for themselves that result in excused absences from calls and physical training.

We have spent another year exploring and implementing tools to improve our communications, as it's always an ongoing issue.

Between Big Water Apparatus and Brian Nelson (our lead engineer), our fleet is in good working order.

We still need 3 new members to fill our roster, and recruiting and retention is always happening throughout the year.

We have a full 2023 training calendar already and lots of irons in the fire.

Happy holidays and looking forward to a safe 2023.

Chief Reichkitzer

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