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**Fire Department Report  
April 2023**

Fairly uneventful April except for the weather. The roads department did a good job of letting the fire department know of road conditions and closures. This information was spread to the department and we kept an ever-changing plan of how to respond to any property effectively, considering road and culvert conditions.

Big Water Apparatus has wrapped up work on the Husky wind sled. He installed a new battery maintainer and power system to keep our communication headsets always ready. He handed me some very melted wiring he removed from a previous attempt at adding equipment, another reason we hire professionals to keep our equipment safe and in running order.

We assembled our fire hose testing equipment and started testing our miles of hose lines. This is expected of every department, and we have a good start on completing this fairly large in-house task that should be done every 2 years.

Washburn DNR came to the island for our yearly wildfire refresher. As wet as it's been, a couple days of wind will dry up the vegetation from last year fairly quick. Springtime fire danger subsides as everything greens up again.

La Pointe Fire had a fine group of firefighters pay respect to Washburn's fallen fire chief, Mike Patterson, at a beautiful service at their fire hall.

That was April.

BE SAFE,  
Chief Reichkitzer