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To the Chief and Town Board,
Fire Training Weekend Summary:

The LaPointe Volunteer Fire Department applied for and received a training grant with the help of Northwood Tech. The grant was only open to rural & remote departments that normally have trouble getting the school, all their props and trainers into these areas for training. This is something that has been on the table for about a year now, so it was nice to see it come to fruition.

The school showed up with all of their big guns. They brought 10-12 instructors and some props that involve live fire. Other training opportunities included Tree Stand Rescue, involving ropes & knots. The school also brought their SCBA Confidence Course trailer, which is a large trailer full of obstacles to climb through while wearing air packs, in the dark. This can very intimidating for the newbies and provides great training. The "burn trailer", designed to simulate a structure fire. This gives us an opportunity to practice an interior attack on live fire, helping us become more confident in very dangerous situations. Northwood Tech also brought some props, such as a mock car, that connects to propane tanks and can be triggered to blast huge amounts of fire on demand. These are designed to get us into a live fire under a controlled and safe situation, so we can get used to these conditions and make the best decisions possible when the time comes.

By the school's standards, this was a huge success. They were very impressed with our large and highly motivated department. Our roster is one of the largest in several counties and that is something the school does not take lightly. Normally, they offer these classes one at a time, at a centrally located department or campus and many surrounding departments show up to participate. Not the case here,

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the school was promised a room full of eager learners and we delivered.

In conclusion, several of the top brass with the Northwood Tech Fire Services Program, from campuses south of here, showed up for this event. They had a great time and saw how seriously we take our training. Many of the top decision makers for the school & fire department are already excited at the prospect of doing it again next year.

Respectfully,
Tyler Andreas, Firefighter #002, *Since 1994*
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