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Subject: Fire Department Report to the Town Board

Dear Members of the Town Board,

At our last regular department meeting, elections were held in accordance with our bylaws for a special election to fill the position of Fire Chief. I was nominated and unanimously elected by the membership. I am deeply honored by the trust placed in me and proud to lead what I believe is one of the most dedicated and unique volunteer fire departments in the country.

I am pleased to report that our offer for a replacement tanker has been accepted. The purchase price came in under budget and well below the original asking price. We anticipate delivery within the next month. The seller will deliver the tanker directly to the town's contracted mechanic for inspection so it can be placed into service as soon as possible.

This month's department training focused on engine operations. Members conducted drafting and pumping operations with Engine 1 and also tested the north end alternate water source by drafting with our trailer-mounted pump. These exercises help ensure we maintain reliable water supply capabilities throughout our coverage area.

I have submitted a letter to the local Gazette regarding the formation of a Fire Department Auxiliary. This group will consist of community members who wish to support the department through fundraising efforts and by assisting during extended emergencies with food, refreshments, and other support for responders. Michael Childers has graciously volunteered to help develop and chair this auxiliary group.

Additionally, I submitted a letter recognizing and thanking several of our recently retired members for their years of dedication and service to our town. Their commitment has helped shape the department we have today.

Respectfully,

Chief Joseph Wiltz
Lapointe FD