

January – March 2017 Quarterly Park Ridge Fire Chief's Report

PRFD Calls for Service:

2/16/17

Structure fire, Mutual Aid to Rosholt FD.

5 Firefighters Responded, one remained in station standby

Paged to provide mutual aid to Rosholt FD for a home on fire. Per MABAS we send the "Squad" and Chief. Our crew provided extinguishment and firefighter accountability.

Times: Paged 03:48, Truck En-route 03:57, On Scene 04:15, Cleared 05:22

2/23/17

Structure fire, Mutual Aid to Rosholt FD.

6 Firefighters Responded

Paged to provide mutual aid to Rosholt FD for a home on fire. Per MABAS we send the "Squad" and Chief. Our crew provided extinguishment and firefighter accountability.

Times: Paged 03:23, Truck En-route 03:33, On Scene 03:49, Cleared 06:13

3/7/17

Structure fire, Mutual Aid to Stockton

5 firefighters responded, 7 remained in station stand by

Provided mutual aid to Stockton FD for a barn on fire. Per MABAS we sent the "Squad". Our crew helped with extinguishment of the very large fire.

Times: Paged: 18:21, Truck En-route 18:34, On Scene 18:43, Cleared 20:45

PRFD Meetings:

1-2-17

Attendance: 12 and 2 excused

Business:

- Update on Captain Slicer
- 2017 Point System
- 2% dues audit on Jan. 31

Training:

- 2 videos on emergency vehicle driving (Intersections/Safe Arrival & Emergency Vehicle Rollover Protection)

1-16-17 (optional meeting)

Chief announced tonight's meeting would be optional due to dangerous ice storm

Attendance: 6 & 10 excused

Business:

- Dinner on Feb. 11
- Update of Village Board Activities

Training:

- How to fill cascade air system

1-30-17

Attendance: 10 & 4 excused

Business:

- Summary of 1-26-17 Portage County Fire Chief's meeting
- Training opportunities: Ice in Amherst, Gordon Graham in April & other depts.
- Annual Dinner discussion
- Need radio information for simulcast project

Training:

- Firefighter Thompson presented what he learned from attending the "Charleston 9" presentation by Dr. Griffin in Baraboo and showed the video.

2-13-17

Attendance: 9 & 4 excused

Business:

- Critique of annual dinner
- 2% dues review of audit
- Former Village President Budelier thank you email
- Tactical Escape dates
- Truck checks

Training:

- Harassment training: FD policy review, State DWD, and power point provided by village board

2-27-17

Attendance: 13 & 3 excused

Business:

- Reminder to complete harassment training
- Upcoming ISO Audit
- Employer recognition discussion
- Fire Inspections to begin
- Review roster for accuracy
- Marshfield Insurance, training opportunity

Training:

- HazMat refresher – ERG books, placards, etc.
- Critique 2 recent mutual aid calls to Rosholt

3-13-17

Attendance: 13 & 3 Excused

Business:

- Discussion on combining the 5k and kid's fitness event
- Reminder about harassment training
- Recent ISO audit

Training:

- SCBA – how to operate
- SCBA mask fit testing

3-27-17

Attendance: 11 & 3 Excused

Business:

- Village burning regulations, spring newsletter not accurate
- Lloyd Firkus barn fire, thank you card

Training:

- Search and rescue training, mostly class room, some practical

Additional Training (on non-meeting nights):

1-3-17

Attendance: 4

Knots: Bowline, Figure 8, Clove hitch

1-9-17

Attendance: 4

Firefighter 1 exam prep

In Q1 2017, we had one firefighter in Firefighter 1 class, one firefighter in Firefighter 2 class, 3 firefighters in Emergency Services Instructor class. Several took a DNR wildland firefighter class as well.

“Other” Activities/Meetings

1/23/17: Hosted Portage County Fire Chief's Association meeting

1-31-17: Wisconsin Dept. of Safety and Professional Services 2% audit

2/17/17: Several firefighters in station stand by during Ben Franklin lockdown incident

2/20/17: Training planning meeting

3/9/17: ISO audit

3/29/17: Two members attended funeral services for Wausau Detective

In February staff was broken into 4 teams and competed in the Tactical Escape 101 challenge. This was needed to boost morale, and all enjoyed the experience.

Various fire inspections were done in Q1 and continue into Q2. We are now required to follow up on ALL violations, through remediation. This is a change since our 2% audit. We may be leveraging the village ordinance and issuing citations because of this.

Roster:

Finished Q1 with 16 on roster

Currently Q2: zero Village residents, but one village applicant and one non-resident prospect.

We had one firefighter resign, due to moving out of the area, at the start of Q2.

Equipment:

Engine 2 continues to age, we use the truck as little as possible. Trained drivers are a concern (staff is timid around the truck, new driver training will cause significant wear on the worn clutch and rear axle). It also continues to leak water, which we monitor. The building generator continues to be out of service and in constant alarm mode since 2016. The FD does not know the status of repair or plan with the generator.

Items of interest:

State Dept. of Safety and Professional Services audit (Jan 31, 2017):

Audit for compliance to state statute, consisted of "...reviewing inspection, prevention, public education and training records along with fire reports...". Summary letter reads, in part, "...PARK RIDGE FIRE DEPT is in substantial compliance with the State of Wisconsin SPS. 314, Fire Prevention code and the 2% fire dues program. Great record keeping keep up the good work."

ISO Audit (March 9, 2017):

Insurance Service Office, which helps determine many insurance company's rates. This was similar to state audit, but several differences. There is still on-going discussion in regards to water supply/hydrant flows, etc. Per the auditor, it will be about 4 – 6 months before we get the results of the audit.