

January – March 2018 Quarterly Park Ridge Fire Chief's Report

PRFD Calls for Service:

1/9/18

House on fire

2154 Hwy Y, Town of Hull.

6 Firefighters responded

Paged Mutual Aid to Town of Hull for house on fire. We provided help with: extinguishment, overhaul, salvage, firefighter accountability, and firefighter re-hab.

Times: Paged: 11:35, Truck En-route 11:45, On Scene 11:54, Cleared 15:20

2/5/18

House on fire

2424 Center St.

9 Firefighters Responded (rotated some)

Paged mutual aid to City of Stevens Point. We provided: extinguishment, overhaul, firefighter accountability, re-hab, and warming.

Times: Paged 1:33, Truck out 1:51 (question accuracy), On scene 1:56, Cleared 3:31

PRFD Meetings:

1-5-18

Attendance: 10 & 2 excused

Business:

- Feb 10 Dinner
- Badger Firefighter Association Training opportunity in April

Training:

- Review of following policies: Fraternalization, Drug/Alcohol, Attendance, Media/Social Media, Confidentiality, Attire/Uniform, Professionalism
- Truck Checks

1-29-18

Attendance: 9 & 2 excused

Business:

- Feb 10 Dinner discussion
- 1-25-18 Portage County Fire Chief's Association meeting recap
- Tonight's Public Hearing recap
- Employer Recognition discussion

Training:

- Miscellaneous equipment, location of and use
- Knots

2-12-18

Attendance: 12 & 4 excused

Business:

- Annual Dinner discussion
- Employer Recognition reminder
- Reminder of Badger Firefighter Association Training opportunity in April
- Discussion on pre-plans

Training:

- 2 minute drills
- Written FF1 practice exam (practice/review)

2-26-18

Attendance: 9 & 5 excused

Business:

- Discussion on 'sit-downs'/reviews with staff
- Discussion on opportunity/need for Officer position in near future
- Discussion on pre-plans
- Discussion on driver training

Training:

- 2 minute drills
- Hydrant evolutions – connecting to, flowing water, - timed drills

3-12-18

Attendance: 7 & 5 excused

Business:

- Collin Olsen promoted to Lieutenant
- 2 training opportunities: TIM (Traffic Incident Management) & Badger Firefighter Association Training opportunity in April
- Discussion on tasks: batteries, wreath down, SCBA bottles
- Thanks to Pete for coordinating shirt order and DVD's
- Verified time sheets for Disaster fund time sheets

Training:

- Search-n-Rescue evolutions, finding hidden victims with blacked-out masks

3-26-18

Attendance: 6 & 6 excused

Business:

- Changed all batteries in equipment

Training:

- Practice Firefighter 1 test/review

“Other” Activities/Meetings

1/25/18: Attended Portage County Fire Chief’s Association meeting at Plover FD.

1/29/18: Several staff attended Village Public Hearing

3/19/18: Lt. Olsen attended Village Board meeting

Various dates in March: began fire inspections

Multiple contacts from Village residents regarding referendum

Roster:

Finished Q4 with 18 on roster.

All staff members have completed minimum training required. Two will be testing for State Firefighter certification soon. Two who have recently completed “Entry-Level” will be waiting for the tech school to schedule the additional 36 hours class needed for State Certification.

Two are currently in a State Certified Fire Inspector class.

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.

Our SBCA compressor (breathing air) has failed with a burned cylinder. This compressor is a compressor designed to pump to 2,216 psi. Prior to PRFD purchasing it, maybe 6 to 10 years ago, it was modified to pump to our needed 4,500 psi. While it does work, we had the same cylinder repaired about 3 years ago. As it is not designed to pump at the higher pressure, it runs hot, needs an additional fan, and is more prone to failure. We also need to “babysit” the compressor while in use and often re-set it due to over-heating kick-outs. Our staff mechanic, Chance Olson has it taken apart and is researching cost of repair.