

October - December 2019 Quarterly Park Ridge Fire Chief's Report

PRFD Calls for Service:

10-3-19

Structure Fire

8946 Hwy 161

5 Firefighters responded, 3 remained in station

Paged mutual aid for a structure fire by Amherst FD. We assisted with extinguishment and firefighter rehab.

Times: Paged 14:22, Truck En-route 14:35, On Scene 14:54, Cleared 18:29

11-3-19

Burning Complaint

303 Sunset Dr.

2 Firefighters responded, 4 reported to the station

Paged for a burning complaint; fire was out prior to our arrival. We explained Village burning regulations to the occupant.

Times: Paged 14:26, Truck En-route 14:27, On Scene 14:31, Cleared 14:36

11-16-19

Silo Fire

Hwy J & 10th St.

7 Firefighters responded

Paged mutual aid for a possible silo fire in the Town of Stockton and cancelled minutes later.

Times: Paged 6:36 Cancelled 6:42

12-16-19

Air handler fire

300 Moore Rd

5 Firefighters Responded, 2 remained in station

Per MABAS we back fill Plover's station for this particular request.

Times: Paged 0:30, Truck En-route 0:46, On Scene 0:54, Cleared 2:24

12-26-19

Structure Fire – Mutual Aid to Stockton

6309 Oaklane Ct. #37

6 Firefighters responded, 2 remained in station

Paged mutual aid to Stockton for a trailer home smoking. Fire was mostly out prior to our arrival, but still smoking. We were the first fire truck on scene and used 2 fire extinguishers on the fire.

Times: Paged 6:16, Truck En-route 6:25, On Scene 6:31, Cleared 7:06

PRFD Meetings:

10-7-19

Attendance: 14 & 2 excused

Business:

- None

Training:

- 3 Training Stations were set up
- Ropes/Knots – knot tying, hoisting of equipment and tools
- Hydrant – use and connecting engine to
- Ladders – raise/lower, roof transition, roof ladder

10-21-19

Attendance: 18

Business:

- FD staff photo
- Holiday parade discussion
- Santa date – 12/16
- DNR Grant discussion

Training:

- Search and Rescue – PowerPoint
- Hydrant – PowerPoint

11-4-19

Attendance: 8 & 6 excused

Business:

- Discussed 12/6 availability (bell ringing and 3 out of town for training)
- Holiday Parade
- Red Kettle – bell ringing
- Annual Dinner – Feb 8, Sky Club

Training:

- Change batteries in equipment
- Discussed / Critique calls

- Discussed Live Burn training that some took
- Village Burning Regulations / Restrictions

11-18-19

Attendance: 4

Business:

- Parade
- Red Kettle – Bell Ringing
- Holiday staffing

Training:

- None – Department and FD Support photos

12-2-19

Attendance: 14 & 3 excused

Business:

- Staffing for this weekend
- Review of Santa Visits next meeting
- Put of wreath for “Keep the Wreath Green Campaign”

Training:

- Blood borne pathogens (PowerPoint)
- Fire Hose (PowerPoint)
- Review of the following policies: 1403 Harassment, 1404 Fraternalization, 1405 Drug / Alcohol, 1410 Attendance, 1411 Media/Social Media, 1412 Confidentiality

12-16-19

Attendance: 14 & 3 excused

Business:

- MSTC Course offerings
- Points System review
- Bell Ringing appreciation
- Reminders of need for printed certs for file

Training:

- Santa Visits, which provide for radio training and village navigation

12-30-19

Meeting pushed to January 6, 2020 due to weather (snow emergency)

“Other” Activities/Meetings

10/1/19: Squad clean-up following long fire day before

10/2/19: PRFD Officer’s meeting

10/6/19: Hose Testing

10/15/19: Pump test of Engine 1 - passed

10/22/19: Several had State Firefighter 1 practical exam

10/24/19: Capt Kraft attended Portage County Fire Chiefs meeting at Bancroft FD

10/29/19: Several participated in meeting with Architect regarding new building

11/5 & 11/7/19: Delivery of Large Diameter Hose, and install the couplings on the hose

11/21/19: Chief attended a Portage County recruitment meeting at Plover FD

11/22/19: Holiday Parade

12/6 & 12/7/19: 3 Attended RIT training in Slinger WI (Rapid Intervention Team – is specialized training to be part of a team that remains on stand-by at a scene and only goes into action if interior firefighters get into trouble. This training is a first for PRFD).

12/7/19: Multiple staff participated in the Public Safety Red Kettle Challenge and gathered funds for the Salvation Army at Walgreens form 10a until 2 p. We collected \$541.97.

Misc. Dates: Fire Inspections and progress on our DNR grant was completed

Roster:

Finished Q4 with 19 on roster, and 1 applicant.

All but one new staff member has at least minimum technical school level, state-required, training completed to operate on the fire-ground.

In Q4 2019 3 successfully passed their Firefighter 1 State Certification and 3 also passed their Firefighter 2 State Certification. In Q1 2020 several are beginning an Instructor’s class, which is a pre-requisite for Fire Officer Class, which several plan to advance to.

Equipment:

A large amount of our Large Diameter Hose failed in early October. This is the hose that brings water from a hydrant to the fire truck. We carry over 2,000 feet of this expensive hose due to our lack of fire hydrants. The hose was replaced in early November. Members fitted the new hose with the old coupling, which saved over \$1,400 on the project.

We will be ordering some new gear in early 2020, as we were waiting on the new budget cycle. All other equipment is in service-able condition.