

January – March 2020 Quarterly Park Ridge Fire Chief's Report

PRFD Calls for Service:

1-12-20

Structure Fire

2620 Chippewa DR

6 Firefighters responded

Paged mutual aid for a structure fire by Plover FD. Initially we were "In Station Standby" per MABAS (Mutual Aid Box Alarm System), but later requested to help at scene where we assisted with fire extinguishment and overhaul.

Times: Paged 00:12, Truck En-route 00:20, On Scene 00:31, Cleared 04:50

1-19-20

Structure Fiire

901 Jacobson St.

7 Firefighters responded, 7 remained in station

Paged mutual aid for a structure fire by Plover FD. We did "In Station Standby" per MABAS.

Times: Paged 16:51, Truck En-route 16:54, On Scene 17:07, Cleared 19:50

2-11-20

Structure Fire

5370 Clarice's Circle

6 Firefighters responded, 4 remained in station

Paged mutual aid for a structure fire by Town of Hull FD. We helped with extinguishment, overhaul, firefighter accountability, and water supply (no hydrants).

Times: Paged 16:51, Truck En-route 16:54, On Scene 17:07, Cleared 19:50

2-24-20

Industrial fire

3243 Whiting Rd (Neenah Paper)

6 Firefighters Responded, 2 remained in station

Paged mutual aid for an industrial fire by Plover FD. We did "In Station Standby" per MABAS.

Times: Paged 10:44, Truck En-route 10:55, On Scene 11:10, Cleared 11:17

PRFD Meetings:

1-6-20

Attendance: 15 & 3 excused

Business:

- Training Opportunities: WSFA (Wisconsin State Firefighters Assoc.), and Badger State Fire Assoc.
- MSTC Meeting – future improvements to MSTC in regards to Public Safety
- Reminder to keep current with address updates.
- Discussion of DHS Bulletin/National security threat with Iran

Training:

- SCBA (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus)
- On/Off Blindfolded
- Swapping Bottles on down firefighter

1-13-20

Attendance: 11 & 6 excused

Business:

- Training coming up by DNR
- Discussion on Cadet Program

Training:

- Gear Inspection / Break Down, re-assemble
- Critique recent call to Plover

2-10-20

Attendance: 7 & 7 excused – (2 of which in class)

Business:

- Upcoming initial DNR Wildland Training
- 1-23-20 Portage Co. Chief's meeting recap
- Recruitment survey, all to provide a reply
- MSTC class schedule
- WSFA Conference
- Annual Dinner Critique
- Needed gear has been ordered

Training:

- Radio use – recently re-programmed

2-24-20

Attendance: 14 & 5 excused (includes 2 in class)

Business:

- Training Opportunities: RIT, Officer, WSFA conference
- Cadet Rules/By-laws
- Employer Recognition Program by Portage County Chiefs Association
- Discussion on re-setting equipment for the next call

Training:

- Wildland fire tools – use of each and placement on trucks

3-9-20

Attendance: 9 & 4 excused (includes 2 in class)

Business:

- Discussion on Driver/Operator class
- Coverage for this weekend (tight)
- Desire of WPS Training
- FD Building

Training:

- Batteries / Maintenance

3-26-20

Meeting Cancelled due to COVID-19

“Other” Activities/Meetings

1/7/20: Chief Lepper attended meeting with MSTC about improving public safety training

1/20/20: DNR wildland fire refresher training, attended by 5

1/23/20: Portage County Chief’s Meeting, attended by Chief Lepper

1/31/20: Radio re-programming due to simulcast

Various dates in January – Fire Inspections and Commercial pre-plans worked on

2/11/20 & 2/25/20: Initial DNR wildland training (8 hours) attended by 6

2/20/20: Portage County recruitment meeting, attended by Chief Lepper

3/5/20 - 3/7/20: Chief Lepper and Lt. Olsen attend Wisc. State Firefighter’s Assoc. Conference, held at the Holiday Inn in Stevens Point. Chief Lepper gave a welcome address to attendees Friday evening on behalf of the Portage County Fire Chief’s Association

Various meetings were also held on new FD building in Q1

Roster:

We finished Q1 with 19 on roster; which includes 1 Cadet. We do have one applicant needing action.

Not reflected above but in Q1 2020, we had 3 staff in Fire Instructor Classes; which have been put on hold due to COVID-19. Chief Lepper was also working with MSTC to schedule a “Driver/Operator” class in Stevens Point, made up mostly of PRFD personnel. This also has been put on hold for now.

Equipment:

On February 24 our Squad was down, but only for a few hours. We were paged for a fire in Plover, and the squad threw 2 of its 3 engine belts. Assistant Chief Kraft drove it with no power steering. Chance was able to replace all 3 belts a short time later.

We ordered a substantial amount of turnout gear for firefighters in January due to wear and tear or expiration.

Due to COVID-19, commercial fire inspections are on hold. We need to complete annual compliance testing but that too is on hold for now (hose testing, ladder testing, SCBA testing, pump testing, etc.). Training is currently happening on-line.



On March 6, 2020 Chief Lepper was asked to welcome attendees to the Wisconsin State Firefighters Association Conference, on behalf of the Portage County Fire Chief’s Association during a Memorial Service held Friday evening.