

October - December 2017 Quarterly Park Ridge Fire Chief's Report

PRFD Calls for Service:

11/6/17

Foul smell in basement of home

611 Fieldcrest Ave.

3 Firefighters responded

A voice mail was left on fire department phone regarding a foul smell in the basement of a home. Chief called in 2 other firefighters and we investigated. Smell was evident but the source was not able to be identified. This had been an on-going problem for the home owner. Several subsequent contacts with home owner, and another visit occurred over the next several weeks. UWSP was contacted, along with: Portage County Emergency Management, Portage County Health, and a State Environmental specialist all got involved. Last email from homeowner was on 11/21/17, which read, in part, "Also an extra super shout out to the Park Ridge FD and Fire Chief Brian Lepper for all of his hard work and concern in getting this ball rolling, we couldn't have gotten this far without you. Thanks again."

Times: Never Paged (direct call), Truck En-route 17:18, On Scene 17:18, Cleared 17:51

11/6/17

Search for lost child

7 Firefighters Responded

Very shortly after a fire meeting had ended, with just a couple of firefighters remaining, a community alert went out regarding a missing child. Chief made a phone call to the Portage County Communications Center and learned the last known whereabouts of the child was just a few blocks west of the village. Chief offered to gather some staff and help search, and the shift commander said they would welcome our help. All 3 trucks were deployed and just over an hour later we were notified that the child had been located.

Times: Never Paged 22:04, Trucks out 21:52, Cleared 23:10

11/9/17

Smell of gas in a residence

712 Fieldcrest Ave.

6 firefighters responded

Paged for the smell of natural gas in a residence. FD investigated, shut gas off, and called for Wisconsin Public Service (WPS). WPS was on scene at 22:55 then located and repaired the leak, which was just on the exterior of the home.

Times: Paged 21:50, Truck En-route 21:52, On Scene 21:55, Cleared 23:14

11/14/17

Structure Fire

3204 Lake Hellen Rd.

5 Firefighters responded (per MABAS)

Paged mutual aid to assist Rosholt FD for a bar on fire. We provided help with fire extinguishment and rehab for firefighters.

Times: Paged 01:43, Truck En-route 01:55, On Scene 02:19, Cleared 03:36

11/17/17

Smoke Alarm Sounding

712 Fieldcrest Ave.

5 Firefighters responded

While we were staged to participate in the Stevens Point Holiday parade, we were paged to a residence for a smoke or carbon monoxide alarm sounding. We found a faulty smoke detector. An assessment of the residence found no working carbon monoxide (CO) alarms. We discussed options and left a loaner CO alarm with the resident until alarms could be purchased. We never did get to participate in the parade. This is the same residence of the gas leak just over a week prior.

Times: Paged 17:58, Truck En-route 17:59, On Scene 18:09, Cleared 18:39

11/18/17

Carbon Monoxide Alarm Sounding

712 Fieldcrest Ave.

6 Firefighters responded

The resident from the faulty smoke detector call, the night before, purchased new smoke and CO detectors. As short time after plugging in a new CO detector, the new unit began to sound. We determined the detector was faulty. The same loaner CO detector was left with the resident. The loaner was returned a few days later.

Times: Paged 14:31, Truck En-route 14:40, On Scene 14:41, Cleared 14:55

11/23/17

House fire

5860 Regent St.

6 Firefighters responded

Paged for a house on fire, mutual aid, for the town of Hull FD. We assisted with fire extinguishment, overhaul, salvage, firefighter accountability, and hydration.

Times: Paged 9:12, Truck En-route 9:23, On Scene 9:28, Cleared 12:40

PRFD Meetings:

10-9-17

Attendance: 10 & 2 excused

Business:

- No Business

Training:

- Proper shutdown procedures for individual fire trucks
- Practice relay pumping using Engine 1, Engine 2, Portable pump and tank

10-23-17

Attendance: 10 & 5 excused

Business:

- Plover FD Thank-you for helping with open house
- Santa Visit discussion, happening Dec 18
- Discussion on staffing for trick or treating
- Upcoming E1 pump test
- Scheduled hose testing for Nov. 5, 11 and 12 if needed

Training:

- Ground Ladders – use: raising, lowering, roof ladder – deployment, leg locks, heel, etc.
- 2 minute drills

11-6-17

Attendance: 10 & 4 excused

Business:

- Hose testing reminder
- Holiday Parade 11/17/17
- Kronenwetter FD thank you letter – run for the fallen
- Annual Dinner discussion

Training:

- FD obstacle course, entanglement, enclosed spaces, ending with ladder, timed.
- Shared Fentanyl safety sheet, brief discussion

11-20-17

Attendance: 7 & 4 excused

Business:

- Dec 2 – Stockton house training burn
- Dec 9 – Salvation Army Bell Ringing
- Stevens Point City Times request for recipes “Hook and Ladder”
- Social Media/Public Relations discussion

Training:

- Hose Lines, advancing, water discharge, 1 ¾ and 2 ½

12-4-17

Attendance: 14 & 4 excused

Business:

- Read email in regards to Salvation Army bell ringing
- Discussion on budget (tight) as we near year-end
- Communicated upcoming Christmas Tree dumpster following Christmas
- Reminder to staff to communicate regarding extended absences over the holidays
- Discussion on upcoming village development
- Annual Dinner
- Staff Photo

Training:

- Ropes and knots – use, lifting equipment, etc.

12-18-17

Attendance: 15 & 2 Excused

Business:

- Annual Santa visits to village homes
- Feb 10, dinner discussion
- MSTC course offerings – FF2 & Inspector
- Pre-plans
- MABAS 130 survey, what can we send?
- Discussion about paying attention to emails outside of meeting dates

Training:

- Accountability Training
- Village Streets – map use

Additional Training (on non-meeting times):

12-2-17

Attendance: 8

House burn in Stockton, with Stockton Fire Department

“Other” Activities/Meetings

10/2,3, & 4/17: All 3 trucks in for DOT testing and preventative maintenance (oil change, etc.)

10/7/17: Tame the Flame 5K and Kid’s Fitness Challenge (various dates for prep)

10/11/17: Several helped at Plover FD’s open house, per request

10/14/17: UWSP Homecoming parade

10/18 & 19/17: Fire extinguisher training for staff at ODC

10/26/17: Engine 1 pump test/certification

10/31/17: Staffed FD and handed out candy for Trick or Treating

Various dates in October commercial inspections completed

11/5/17: Hose Testing

Various dates in November commercial inspections completed

12/2/17: Extended cleanup following Stockton training burn

12/9/17: Salvation Army bell ringing at Walgreens

Roster:

Finished Q4 with 19 on roster, currently at 18

We have 3 firefighters attending Firefighter 1 class. We have 2 firefighters in “Entry-level” class.

In Q4, we hired one fully trained, State Certified Firefighter 1.

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.