

## July - September 2019 Quarterly Park Ridge Fire Chief's Report

### PRFD Calls for Service:

7-20-19

Storms/Wind

Various locations in Village

2 Firefighters cleared several roadways of limbs/trees, we also checked on homes with trees on them and 6 others staffed FD as Stockton could not get to their FD as other FD's were very busy.

Times: Approximately 10:00 am until 14:00

7-21-19

Structure Fire – Mutual Aid to Dewey FD

1066 DuBay Dr. – Town of Dewey

4 Firefighters responded

Paged mutual aid for house on fire. Helped with extinguishment, mop-up, safety, and rehab/hydration.

Times: Paged: 7:44, Truck En-route 7:59, On Scene 8:42, Cleared 15:25

8-4-19

Structure Fire – Mutual Aid to Rudolph FD

1733 County Hwy M

4 Firefighters responded, 1 remained in station

Paged mutual aid for garage on fire. Helped with extinguishment, filled air bottles, and provided lighting

Times: Paged: 1:18, Truck En-route 1:38, On Scene 1:51 (delayed by train), Cleared 4:58

9-11-19

Smell of burning rubber in basement

304 Linwood Ave.

4 Firefighters Responded, 1 remained in station

Paged for smell of burning rubber in basement. All 3 levels of home searched, including using thermal imaging camera. Nothing found, nor smelled by all four fighters. All firefighters present could detect skunk odor outside by back door. Resident advised to call back for any potential hazards.

Times: Paged 5:30, Truck En-route 5:37, On Scene 5:38, Cleared 6:01

9-11-19

Structure Fire – Mutual Aid to Amherst

7132 Pinetree Dr.

Paged mutual aid to Amherst for squad and four firefighters (MABAS). Park Ridge FD 'passed' on the call due to squad being down for mechanical reasons.

Times: Paged 9:51, Passed: 9:53

9-15-19

Burning Complaint

209 Linwood Ave.

2 Firefighters Responded, 5 stood by

Chief received a call from a resident about this residence possibly burning items not allowed to be burned and burning outside of approved hours. Occupants were burning outside of hours, but we could not detect if materials were being burned that are not allowed. Resident extinguished the fire, was provided a printed copy of burning regulation, and issued a written warning for burning outside of hours.

Times: Phone call 12:46, Truck En-route 13:16, On Scene 13:17, Cleared 13:28

9-30-19

Structure Fire – Mutual Aid to Plover FD in the Town of Buena Vista

5403 County Trk EE

Paged Mutual Aid by Plover FD for a large agricultural building on fire. By the time we arrived it was basically a very large pile of burning hay being picked apart by a large excavator. We assisted with extinguishment and hydration. One P. Ridge firefighter suffered heat exhaustion and was transported in an ambulance to the emergency room.

Times: Paged 12:37, Truck En-route 12:45, On Scene 13:13, Cleared 19:33

### **PRFD Meetings:**

7-1-19

Attendance: 12 & 3 excused

Business:

- Became American Red Cross smoke alarm partner
- Announced department incident safety officers
- DNR Grant submitted by Anna
- Discussed Apparel order
- Iola Old Car show help

Training:

- MABAS, PRFD and other cards
- Radio Training, both Department and County SOP, and radio practice

7-15-19

Attendance: 12 & 3 excused

Business:

- Hose testing, Adam coordinating
- Hwy 66 lanes closing for bridge deck repair

Training:

- Helicopter landing zone training
- Hydrant, used hydrant and hydrant valves and flowed water

7-30-19

Attendance: 13 & 3 excused

Business:

- Upcoming Training – FF2 class and Mental Health
- Discussion on re-setting trucks
- Discussion on showing up when you commit (hose testing)

Training:

- Critique/lessons learned from recent house fire in Dewey
- Walked and measured roads – distances from hydrants
- Hydrant evolutions

8-21-19

Attendance: 11 & 5 excused

Business:

- SP Metro Wire free subscription offer
- Mental Health class offerings
- MABAS Conference
- LuAnne Meirer's passing
- Discussed Stockton aid and updated MABAS cards

Training:

- Critique/Lesson Learned Rudolph call
- Gear/PPE training and inspection
- Hose rolls, then practice throwing/deploying hose at a cone

8-26-19

Attendance: 13 & 3 excused

Business:

- Discussed getting trucks in for DOT inspections and maintenance
- Portage County Fire Chief's meeting update
- Funeral memorial
- Grant and Adam have made probation

Training:

- Responded in to several simulated scenarios: MPO/flowed water from Engine 1, Engine 2 hydrant operations, radio use, calling for MABAS help, etc.

9-9-19

Attendance: 15 & 5 excused

Business:

- Hose testing discussion
- Invite to Stockton Open house
- Squad out of service

Training:

- Scene size up and radio training

9-23-19

Attendance: 13 & 2 excused

Business:

- Open houses, Plover and Rudolph
- Hose testing on 10/5/19
- Chief to Madison to State Capital to support a bill, tomorrow
- Discussed recent Village Board meeting
- Discussed recent apparel order
- Squad back in service

Training:

- Re-setting all trucks after to use to ensure they are ready for next emergency
- Items learned were shared from recent MABAS conference

**"Other" Activities/Meetings**

8/16/19: 8 staff attended LuAnne Meier funeral service

8/22/19: Attendance at Portage County Fire Chief's Association meeting

8/26/19: Accepted Disaster Fund check from County Emergency Management

8/27, 28, 29/19: Trucks in for DOT inspections and annual maintenance

9/11/19: 3 staff did a work-out while in gear at Planet Fitness

9/13 & 14/19: Chief attended 2-day MABAS conference, another firefighter also attended one day

9/24/19: Chief rode with Plover's Chief to State Capitol to support legislation regarding how children can purchase novelty lighters (lighters that look like a toy)

9/26/19 Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources wrote us a letter approving our grant that Firefighter Anna Mancheski submitted. The state will match our funds 50/50 for PPE and equipment. Total project as submitted is \$1,904.32, making \$952.16 provided by the state.

9/27/19: By request PRFD truck led Pacelli Homecoming parade

Various dates: Updated MABAS cards, county-wide new cards went live on 9/1/19

**Roster:**

Finished Q3 with 18 on roster, and 2 applicants.

100% of staff, all 18, have at least minimum technical school level, state-required, training completed to operate on the fire-ground.

**Equipment:**

The Squad failed DOT testing in August and was off-line from August 29, 2019 until September 23, 2019. Problems were found with brakes and steering during DOT inspection. Replacement parts cannot be purchased; all failed parts had to be rebuilt. Department mechanic Chance Olson did all of the work and truck is now DOT approved to be on the road.

Some hose remains to be tested.

Engine 1 needs to have pump tested yet prior to freezing weather.