

## July - September 2020 Quarterly Park Ridge Fire Chief's Report

### PRFD Calls for Service:

7-16-20

Carbon Monoxide Alarm Sounding

319 Fieldcrest Ave.

5 Firefighters responded

Paged for a carbon monoxide alarm sounding and found a faulty detector. No carbon monoxide found.

Times: Paged 18:00, Truck En-route 18:11, On Scene 18:11, Cleared 18:36

7-27-20

Carbon Monoxide Alarm Sounding

41 Park Ridge Dr.

3 Firefighters responded, 2 Firefighters on stand-by

Found high readings of CO due to hot water heater vent failure. Gas was shut off and Wisconsin Public Service (WPS) was called to scene. We ensured no occupants were ill; all had evacuated prior to our arrival. Building was vented and once CO readings cleared the all-clear was given. Gas was locked in 'off' position by WPS until water heater vent repaired.

Times: Paged 11:18, Truck En-route 11:27, On Scene 11:29, Cleared 13:21

8-10-20

Structure Fire

4563 Buckhorn Lane

11 Firefighters responded, 1 Firefighter on stand-by

Paged Automatic aid for Stockton. Electrical box caught on fire and exploded. We left training in progress. We arrived before Stockton fire trucks, and found no active fire. Checked home for fire extension with thermal imaging camera and was cleared by Stockton Chief once Stockton engine arrived on scene.

Times: Paged 18:27, Truck En-route 18:31, On Scene 18:39, Cleared 18:52

8-10-20

Structure Fire

5122 Custer Rd.

5 Firefighters responded

Paged Automatic aid for Stockton for a silo fire. We assisted with water supply and monitored silo.

Times: Paged 12:53, Truck En-route 12:54, On Scene 13:06, Cleared 15:35

## **PRFD Meetings:**

7-13-20

Attendance: 9 & 7 excused

Business:

- None

Training:

- Hydrant – walk through of 4-way valve
- Roof Ventilation – cut holes using training prop

7-27-20

Attendance: 9 & 7 excused

Business:

- 7/23/20 Portage County Chief's meeting discussion
- Portage County Specialized Rescue
- COVID-19 Video for Emergency Mgt

Training:

- Search and rescue in smoke filled home

8-10-20

Attendance: 11 & 8 excused

Business:

- CO Detector

Training:

- First-in Engine – report, 360, resources, water on fire
- Engine 2 arrival, laid 600' Large hose to Engine 1, flowed water using 4-way hydrant valve

8-24-20

Attendance: 11 & 5 excused

Business:

- FD Building

Training:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> story rescue
- Advancing charged line into home

9-2-20 (extra training with Plover and Hull FDs)

Attendance: 9 & 3 excused

Business:

- None

Training:

- Command Training
- RIT (Rapid Intervention Team)
- Search and Rescue
- Burned Grainery with Plover and Hull FD's

9-14-20

Attendance: 9 & 2 excused

Business:

- None

Training:

- Nance Drill (Firefighter fallen through floor rescue)

9-21-20

Attendance: 10 & 4 excused

Business:

- Village Board meeting update from 9-21-20
- Hose Testing
- US Flag removal
- COVID updates
- Driver Operator class possible after 1/1/20

Training:

- Ventilation – cut hole in roof at Plover's training house

9-3-20 (extra training with Plover FD)

Attendance: 5

Business:

- None

Training:

- Interior fire attack. Extinguished 3 fires inside of house
- Controlled burn house

**Additional Training Notes:**

Plover FD offered Park Ridge FD the use of a house on the north end of Plover that was scheduled for demolition, to use for training. All training in Q3 2020 took place at the house. This was an extraordinary opportunity for us, and we found great value in using the house.

### **“Other” Activities/Meetings**

7/22/20: US flag repair

7/23/20: Attendance at Portage County Fire Chief’s Association meeting

7/28/20: Installed free smoke detectors for village resident (American Red Cross program)

8/16/20: Resumed fire inspections

8/18/20: Staff helped at Wisconsin State Firefighter’s Memorial Park

9/16/20: US Flag Removal

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9/23 & 9/24/20: Fire Extinguisher training for ODC staff by request

9/24/20: US Flag Removal

9/27/20: Hose Testing

Chief Lepper is also participating with COVID-19 conference calls with Portage County Public Health staying up to date on local and regional activities.

### **Roster:**

We finished Q1 with 18 on roster and 2 applicants. 2 Firefighters enrolled and started Officer 1 Class.

### **Equipment:**

Engine 1 failed to start following training on 9/14/20. A magnetic switch, which is part of the starting electrical system failed. This is our main engine and was down for several hours. Mid-State Truck Service in Plover sold us an incorrect part. Mid-State Truck is open late, and the correct part was obtained just before 9 pm. This is our newest truck at 28 years of age. The vendor has been contacted for our annual pump test/certification on this truck.

Same as previous reports – Engine 2 remains a challenge for the FD. We intentionally do not use the truck much for fear of failure.

MSTC is possibly going to offer a Driver/Operator class in early 2021. This class is needed before we can add drivers.

Also a repeat of Q2 report - The Squad is over-due for a new clutch. We are trying to stretch out this costly and challenging repair as long as we can. Parts are not readily available for a 1974 vehicle. Repairs generally take longer than a desired amount of time, mostly due to challenges with parts. Vendor has requested that existing clutch be removed from squad requiring it to be out of service, shipped to them, to ensure they provide the correct parts. This truck will probably be down for a week or longer. As this truck sees the most use, this is a bit concerning. We tentatively plan to replace the clutch in early 2021 if it makes it that far.

The FD laptop is beginning to fail and will need to be replaced.