

Brussels – Union – Gardner Fire Department

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We are in need of volunteers and desperately need help!

The BUG Fire Department is seeking motivated individuals to join our volunteer paid per call staff. We have experienced a lot of retirements and anticipate several more in the next year. This has caused our staffing numbers to drop dramatically over the past 3 years. Despite our many attempts to gain volunteers, very few, if any are stepping forward especially as Firefighters. We operate out of two stations and are experiencing a major volunteer staff shortage especially during Monday through Friday daytime hours. This is not unique to us and is a county, state and nationwide problem. Without volunteers, service and the ability to respond will be impacted for all.

No experience is necessary. Training is provided through Northeast Wisconsin Technical College at no cost to you. Applications are available online at www.bugfiredepartment.com or you may contact:

Fire Chief Curt Vandertie at 920-825-1465 for more information.

If we can't replace our retirements with more volunteers, we are facing the need to look at other alternative staffing options to ensure we have a response for all emergency calls. This will likely come with an added expense if we are to sustain our local Fire Department.

If you are able to help us or know of someone that may consider helping us, please don't delay. Please contact us. Thank you for helping us get this message out to our community. Thank you for supporting BUG Fire Department.

Sincere regards,

Curt Vandertie

Fire Chief

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