

LAKE MILLS FIRE DEPT.
2024
ANNUAL REPORT



SUBMITTED BY CHIEF RUSS



Message from the Fire Chief

ON BEHALF OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CITY OF LAKE MILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT, IT IS MY PRIVILEGE AND HONOR AS FIRE CHIEF TO SUBMIT THE 2024 ANNUAL REPORT. OUR DEPARTMENT STAFF IS HONORED TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY CITIZENS AND VISITORS OF OUR COMMUNITIES. THE LAKE MILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT STAFF SPEND MANY HOURS ON AN ANNUAL BASIS TRAINING AND PREPARING TO BE AT THE READY WHEN TIME TO SERVE ARRIVES. IT IS THE COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE AND FOCUS TO PROVIDE THE BEST CARE POSSIBLE IN A TIMELY MANNER.

REFLECTING ON THE PAST YEAR, 2024 WAS A POSITIVE YEAR FOR THE CITY OF LAKE MILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT, ITS MEMBERS, AND THE COMMUNITY. 2024 MARKED THE FIRST FULL YEAR OF PROVIDING EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AS A SECONDARY RESPONSE BEHIND OUR PARTNERS RYAN BROTHERS EMS. AS YOU MAY RECALL THE TRANSITION OF EMS OCCURRED IN 2023. WHEN EMS WAS ANNOUNCED THAT IT WOULD NOW BE PROVIDED BASED OUT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, WE KNEW AND UNDERSTOOD THAT THIS WOULD CAUSE AN INCREASE COMMITMENT TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT STAFF. I AM PROUD OF OUR MEMBERS AS THEY HAVE STEPPED UP TO ANSWER THAT CALL. CALLS FOR SERVICE IN 2024 WAS 293 TOTAL REQUESTS FOR SERVICE AN INCREASE OF 19% FROM 2023.

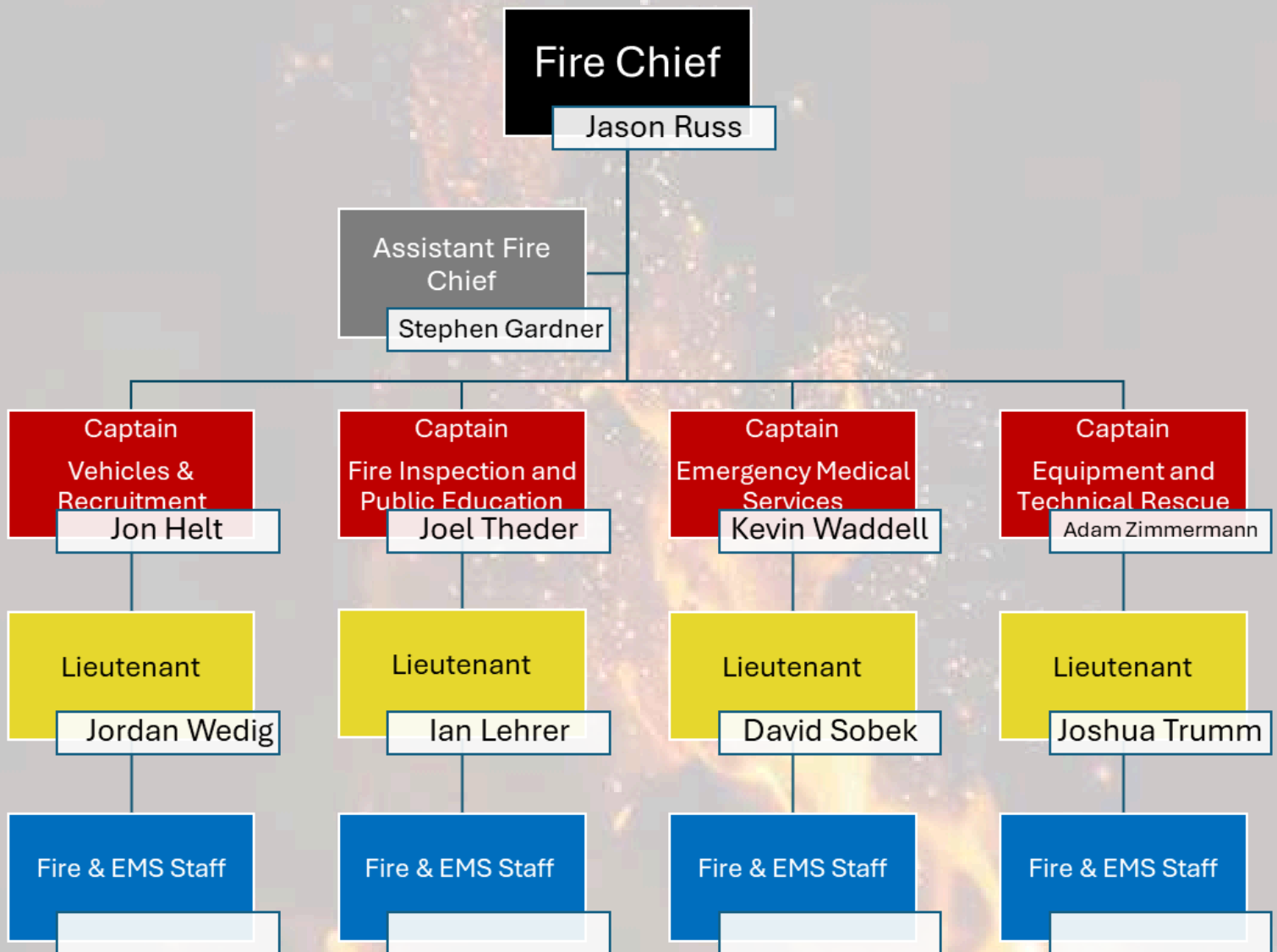
I CANNOT BE PROUDER TO BE A MEMBERS OF THE CITY OF LAKE MILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT, TO WORK ALONG-SIDE PEOPLE WHO ARE SOME OF THE BEST IN THE BUSINESS. WE LOOK TO CONTINUE TO INNOVATE AND IMPROVE WAYS TO MEET OUR MISSION AND VISION IN THE UPCOMING YEAR. OUR DEPARTMENT WILL STAND READY TO RESPOND WHEN WE ARE PAGED AS THIS DEPARTMENT HAS DONE SINCE 1878.

BEST REGARDS,

JASON A. RUSS, FIRE CHIEF CITY OF LAKE MILLS



City of Lake Mills Organizational Structure



LMFD Organizational and Staff Cont.

Joshua Archibald FF/EMT-Paramedic

Tyler Bostwick Firefighter

Billie Collins FF/EMT-Advanced

Scott Erwin Firefighter

Kevin Georgiles Probationary Firefighter

Tirri Goodrich FF/EMT-Advanced

Richard Hosig FF/EMT-Basic

Ryan Kreger Probationary Firefighter

Brendan Mertz FF/EMT-Advanced

Jeffery Moss FF/EMT-Basic

Edward Rivera Firefighter

Roxanne Schneider FF/EMT-Advanced

Clayton Schulz FF/EMT-Basic

David Smith Firefighter

Michael Stratmoen Probationary FF/EMT-Basic

Dominic Woychik Probationary Firefighter

Andrew Bilek FF/EMT-Basic

Andy Brinkmann FF/EMT-Basic

Wayne Dunn Firefighter

Caleb Gardner Firefighter

Benjamin Glennon Firefighter

Laura Hermann Probationary Firefighter

Nicholas Klotz FF/EMT-Basic

Nathan Littrell FF/EMT-Basic

Nathan Morales Probationary Firefighter

Darin Phillips Probationary Firefighter

Gilbert Schaefer FF/EMT-Basic

Beau Schroeder Firefighter

Jason Shearier FF/EMT-Advanced

Phillip Stalewski FF/ EMT-Paramedic

Christian Stuebs FF/EMT-Basic

Kyle Ziebell Firefighter

Military Veterans



Stephan Gardner



Edward Rivera



Scott Erwin



Gilbert Schaefer



Joshua Trumm



Andrew Brinkmann



Brendan Mertz



Jason Shearier

Mission Statement

THE MISSION STATEMENT OF THE LAKE MILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT IS TO MINIMIZE LOSS OF LIFE, PROPERTY AND THE ENVIRONMENT FROM FIRES, NATURAL DISASTERS, LIFE THREATENING SITUATIONS, AND TO ASSIST OTHER EMERGENCY AGENCIES.

OUR MISSION SHALL BE ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH QUALITY SERVICE DELIVERY AS FOLLOWS:

SAFETY: FOR THE COMMUNITY WE PROTECT AND THE PERSONNEL THAT PROTECT IT.

EDUCATION: THROUGH PROGRAMS FOR OUR RESIDENTS AND YOUTHS.

RESPONSIVENESS: TO THE SUGGESTIONS, INFLUENCES, APPEALS OR EFFORTS OF OTHERS.

VISION: FOR THE PAST, TO THE PRESENT AND INTO THE FUTURE.

INSPECTIONS: INVESTIGATIONS AND PRE-INCIDENT PLANS.

COMMITMENT: TO OUR COMMUNITY, OUR FAMILIES, OURSELVES AND EACH OTHER.

EMPATHY: FOR ALL.

VALUE STATEMENT

LAKE MILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT IS COMMITTED TO ALWAYS PROMOTE POSITIVE ATTITUDE, KEEP THINGS IN PERSPECTIVE AND ALWAYS "DO THE RIGHT THING" TO PROTECT OUR COMMUNITY.

Fire Station



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Location:

120 Veterans Lane, Lake Mills, WI, 53551

Built 2005

LMFD Heavy Apparatus



2022 Pierce Engine 8861

2019 Pierce Rescue 8862



2024 Pierce Ladder 8871

2006 Mack Granite Tender 8891



LMFD Brush and Light Duty Apparatus



2010 GMC 4500 4 WD
Brush / Rescue

2017 F-250 Ford
4WD Brush Unit



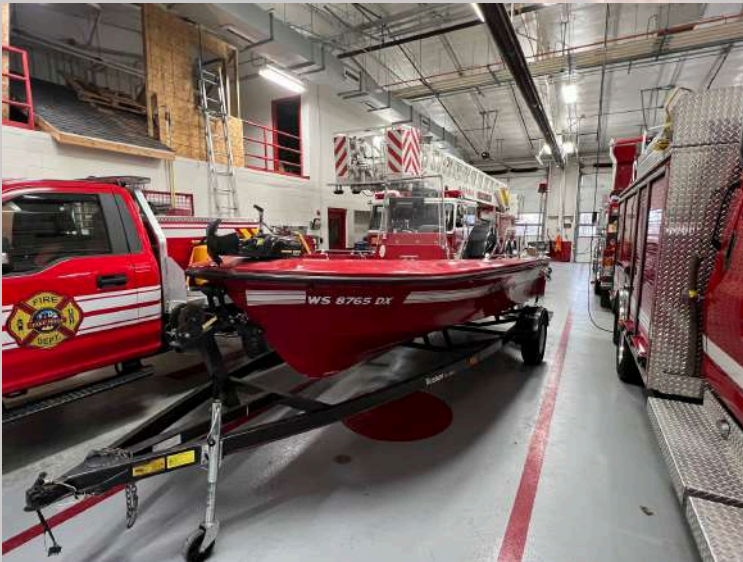
2011 Chevrolet 2500 4WD
Brush Unit
Donated by Enbridge

LMFD Medical and Special Rescue Vehicles

2022 Horton F-350
Ford Ambulance



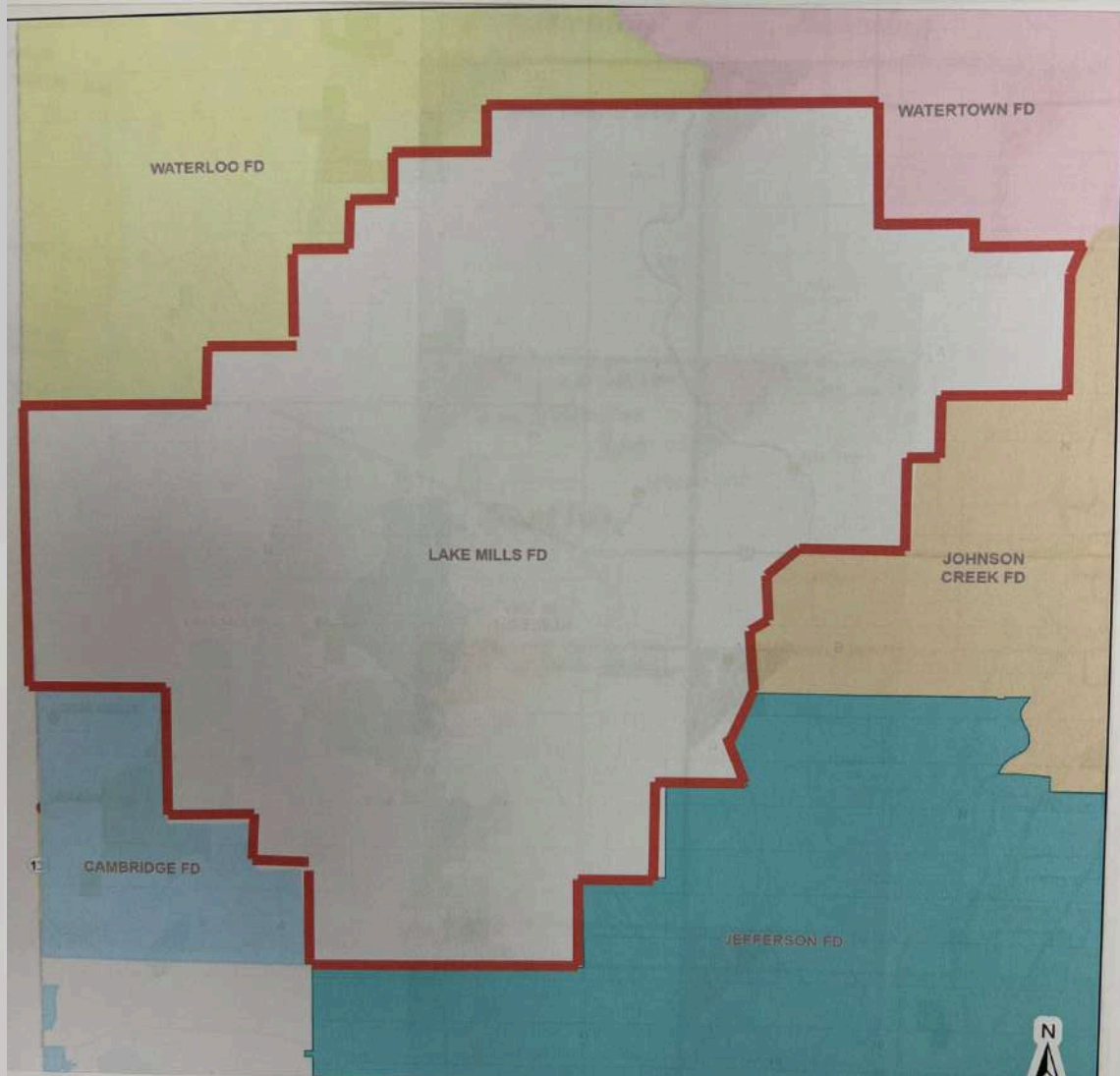
1993 Tuffy Boat



2002 Rivercraft Airboat



Lake Mills Fire Department Coverage Area



The City of Lake Mills Fire Department covers all or portions of the following communities:

- City of Lake Mills
- Town of Aztalan
- Town of Lake Mills
- Town of Milford
- Town of Waterloo

Grants/Donations

Compeer Financial:
In 2024 LMFD was awarded 4K for radio upgrades. A few years ago Jefferson County upgraded its communication system to a digital platform. This grant allowed us to purchase nearly 4 radios to improve our communication on incidents.



Lake Mills Area Community Foundation:

The LMACF awarded a grant of \$12,219.00 to the City of Lake Mills Fire Department for new A.E.D. Units. The A.E.D.s will be in places around the community in places such as Sandy beach, municipal vehicles and buildings and other emergency vehicles. The National Health Institute states "The chance of survival significantly increases to 50%-74% when there is a defibrillation with an onsite AED is available."

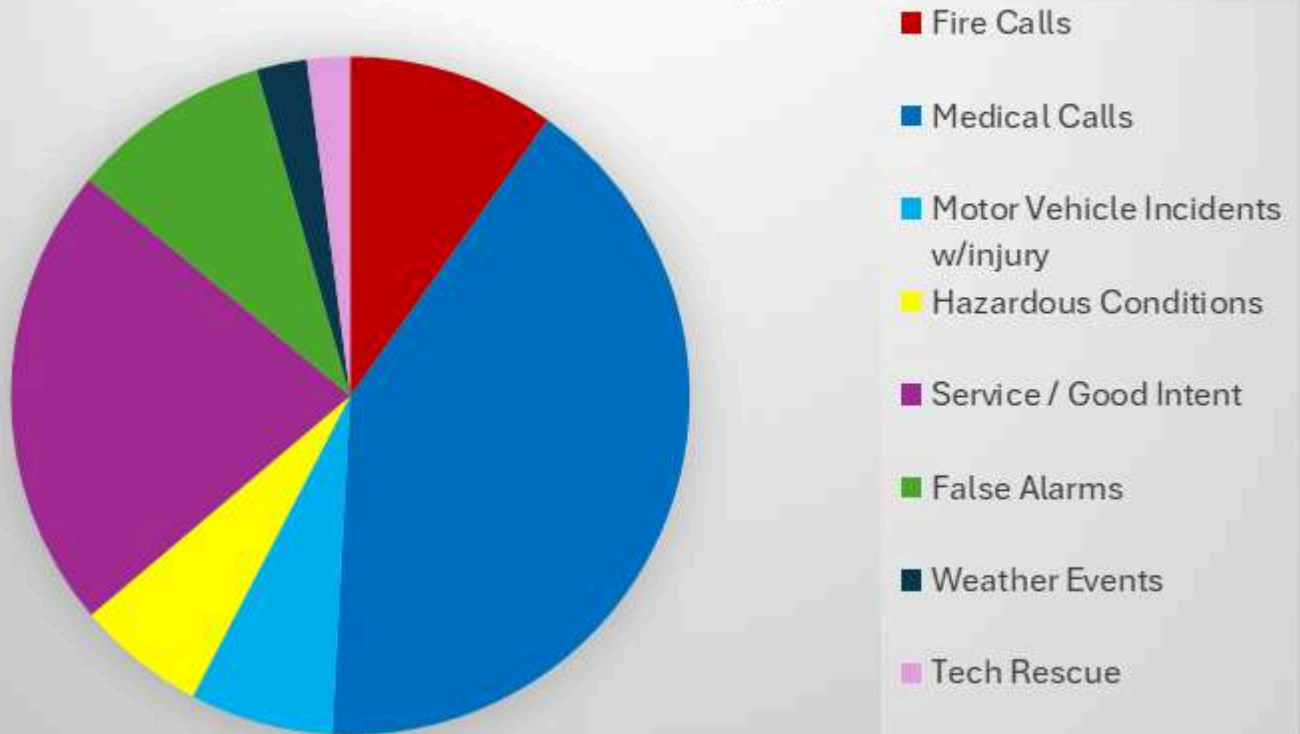


2024 Responses

Total of Incidents 297

Fire: 108 EMS:189

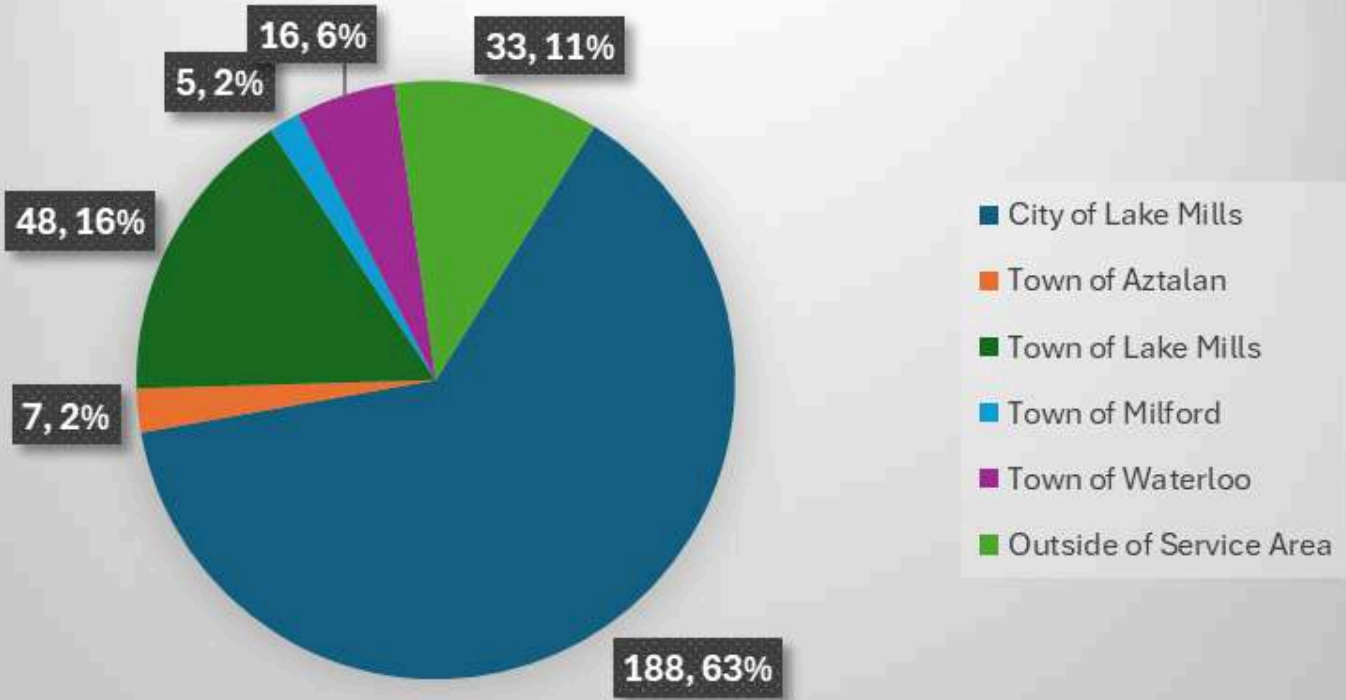
2024 Incident Types



Fire Calls	29
Medical Calls	120
Motor Vehicle Incidents w/injury	23
Hazardous Conditions	18
Service / Good Intent	66
False Alarms	28
Weather Events	7
Tech Rescue	6

Incidents By Community

2024 Incidents by Community



City of Lake Mills	188
Town of Aztalan	7
Town of Lake Mills	48
Town of Milford	5
Town of Waterloo	16
Outside of Service Area	33



City of Lake Mills Fire Department

120 Veterans Lane,
Lake Mills, WI 53551
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Proudly Serving the City of Lake Mills, and Townships of Aztalan,
Milford, Lake Mills, and Waterloo.

Fire Prevention and Public Education Division

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The City of Lake Mills Fire Departments Division of Fire Prevention and Public Education is responsible for performing fire inspections in all public buildings, places of employment, and multi-family housing. Our mission is to ensure that residents are safe and being protected by making sure building and property owners are following the fire prevention codes. The Fire Prevention and Public Education Division are responsible for performing annual and bi-annual inspections for the entire City of Lake Mills, as well as in the surrounding townships of Aztalan, Lake Mills, Milford, and Waterloo.

Fire Inspections

In 2024 City of Lake Mills Fire Department was responsible for over 320 inspectable properties in the city and surrounding townships. These inspections are completed by one full time employee (Captain Joel Theder) and four additional paid-on-call firefighters (Gilbert Schaefer, Jason Shearier, Lieutenant Josh Trumm, and Lieutenant Ian Lehrer) all inspectors are State of Wisconsin Certified. Of the 320 inspectable properties 550 inspections were performed on these properties, of the 550 inspections performed 300 fire code violations were documented, and of the documented 300 fire code violations 200 were corrected. Aside from fire inspections the City of Lake Mills Fire Department is also responsible for planning and testing review of new and existing fire alarm systems, new and existing sprinkler systems, and new construction plans. They also work with law enforcement, insurance investigators, insurance adjusters and State officials with fire cause and origin. They answer questions from the public on fire safety questions. They work with environmental companies that are performing environmental studies on properties and have questions about the history of the property in question.

Public Education

This year the fire prevention week theme for 2024 was “Smoke Alarms – Make Them Work for You”. The City of Lake Mills Fire Prevention and Public Education Division delivered that fire safety message to our local youth by conducting fourteen in class education session and two station tours where we reached 1000 students. During fire prevention week the LMFD visited all of the area daycares, preschools, and elementary schools. During these educational sessions, the students are reminded of the importance in having working smoke detectors in the home, as well as practicing their Exit Drills in The Home better known as “EDITH.” Over 3000 pieces of fire prevention educational materials were handed out to all students, and each grade of the Lake Mills Elementary School participated in the annual LMFD Fire Prevention Week Coloring Contest where a winner from each grade is selected and rewarded with a fire truck ride to school.



The City of Lake Mills Fire Department Fire Prevention and Public Education Division also provided a number of additional fire safety educational opportunities to the Lake Mills community in 2024. Demonstrations on the proper use and safety of using fire extinguishers is given to a number of local businesses, nursing homes, and Lake Mills School District on an annual basis. The LMFD also has two certified American Heart Association CPR/AED Instructors on staff which provide CPR/AED, First Aid, Bloodborne Pathogens, and Stop the Bleed training. During 2024 the LMFD conducted ten CPR/AED and First Aid classes to community residents, businesses, and City of Lake Mills Staff.



Public Relations – Community Enrichment

The City of Lake Mills Fire Department Fire Prevention and Public Education Division also believes in giving back and supporting the amazing community of Lake Mills that supports us throughout the year. So, through 2024 the LMFD participated in a number of community activities to get out and give back to the community. These activities consisted of the Fill the Boot Drive for Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) of Wisconsin where the LMFD raised \$6000.00 which all goes to benefit local families and residents living with muscular dystrophy in an attempt to help them live happier and healthy lives. During the holiday season the LMFD has two major events that we participate in, first is the annual holiday food drive where the LMFD staff put out food collection barrels in the community from Mid-November to Mid-December, all food donations raised go to benefit the Lake Mills Food Pantry, which provides support to families in need in the Lake Mills Community and Jefferson County. Second, the LMFD went out three times this year during the Christmas season and rang bells at The Lake Mills Market in support of the Salvation Army of Jefferson County, where all funds raised go to benefit families in need in the Jefferson County area. In 2024 the LMFD introduced two new community events that were an enormous success in the Lake Mills Community. The first was our first ever Touch a Truck Event which was sponsored and hosted by McDonald's, this event provided local youth and families the opportunity to get an up-close and personal look at fire apparatus, police vehicles, tow trucks, tractors, and DPW equipment. This event also allowed citizens an opportunity to ask questions and get to know their local responders in a relaxed environment. Our second new event of 2024 was our three pop-up splash pads that were hosted by the LMFD at varying locations around the city with refreshments being provided free of charge by Shine Reality. This event was widely popular and was an amazing way of providing local families with a free event to relax and cool off during the warm summer months.





In conclusion, 2024 was another successful year for the City of Lake Mills Fire Departments Fire Prevention and Public Education Division, we implemented some innovative programs and activities, while continuing to promote fire and life safety in a fun and educational environment. With 2024 complete we look forward to 2025 and another year of fun, community involvement, and continuous improvement as we continue to always put our professional foot forward.

Respectfully,

Joel S Theder
Captain
City of Lake Mills Fire Department

2024 Incidents



2024 Training

Every year the Lake Mills Fire department offers approximately 220 hours of training. Training is a very important opportunity as it provides time for our staff members to hone their skills. At any moment LMFD staff can be called to respond for any type of incident. Training can be considered the backbone to the fire department. It produces a well prepared force that by repetition increases to proficiency of the staff. Annually training at LMFD consists of hazmat, car extrication, technical rescue such as grain bin and water rescues, hose advancements, search and rescue techniques, and many more.



2024 LMFD Public Relations Events

- Lakeside Lutheran High School Kinderfest Event
- Lakeside Lutheran High School Boys' Basketball State Escort
- Easter Bunny Drop Off for Common's Park Easter Egg Hunt
- Fire Prevention Education at Lake Mills Health Services
- Tractor and Farm Safety Fire Prevention Education Class
- McDonald's Touch-A-Truck Event
- Yaresh Strong Event
- EMS Week Open House
- MDA Fill the Boot
- Lake Mills High School Track and Field State Escort
- Lake Mills Optimist Annual Fishery
- Lake Mills High School Girls Softball State Escort
- Common's Park Family Fun Fest
- LMFD Day at the Legion Slider Trailer for Town and Country Days
- LMFD Day at the Legion Slider Stand
- National Night Out Against Crime With LMPD
- Watertown Lights and Siren Event
- Hero's Day at Jefferson County Fair
- Crystal Farms CPR/AED and First Aid Training
- Three Pop-Up Splash Pads
- Coverage of all Lakeside and Lake Mills High School Football Games
- Jefferson County POST K9 Fundraiser at Lake Mills Culvers
- 2024 Fire Prevention Week Activities at all City of Lake Mills Schools and Daycares
- Lake Mills Golf Course Cross Country Meet
- Homecoming Parades for Lakeside and Lake Mills High Schools
- Lake Mills High School Homecoming Bonfire
- St. Paul's Trunk or Treat
- Lake Mills Witches Night Out
- Lake Mills High School Cross Country State Escort
- LMFD Annual Holiday Food Drive for the Lake Mills Food Pantry
- Ringing Bells for Salvation Army of Jefferson County
- Santa Delivery for Common's Park Annual Holiday Tree Lighting



