

# HOT NEWS



## THE NEWSLETTER OF THE MENOMONEE FALLS FIRE DEPARTMENT

### SWEARING-IN HELD ON DEC. 18

Congratulations to all those sworn in on Friday, Dec. 18! These promotions come after passing an assessment process and much hard work and dedication throughout the members' careers.

The deputy chiefs, battalion chiefs and lieutenants all began their new assignments on Jan. 1, while the full-time firefighters were hired earlier throughout 2020.

We look forward to an exciting year ahead and utilizing what each person uniquely brings to the table.

The following members were sworn in:

#### Deputy Chiefs

-Nicholas Boehlke  
-Kevin Rokenbrodt

#### Battalion Chiefs

-Jared Klug  
-Rae Ann Schone

#### Lieutenants

-Ed Burg  
-Kevin Myers  
-Cody Porter  
-Dale Rome

#### Full-Time Firefighters

-Nichole Dorvinen  
-Lauren Duncan  
-Joe Jankowski  
-Gabe Norton  
-Dan Schroettner  
-John Schut

### MFFD MONTHLY INCIDENT COUNTS

#### NOV. 2019

Station 1 - 149  
Station 2 - 54  
Station 3 - 89  
Station 4 - 69  
Station 5 - 20

**Total Runs - 381**

#### NOV. 2020

Station 1 - 159  
Station 2 - 51  
Station 3 - 116  
Station 4 - 57  
Station 5 - 9

**Total Runs - 392**

#### DEC. 2019

Station 1 - 178  
Station 2 - 61  
Station 3 - 74  
Station 4 - 63  
Station 5 - 23

**Total Runs - 399**

#### DEC. 2020

Station 1 - 152  
Station 2 - 55  
Station 3 - 109  
Station 4 - 51  
Station 5 - 15

**Total Runs - 382**

### TRIVIA QUESTION

On average, how many home candle fires were reported *each day* between 2014-18?

- A. 8
- B. 21
- C. 45
- D. 58

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2020 PIERCE ARROW XT

## NEW TRUCK IN THE HOUSE

The Menomonee Falls Fire Department recently took delivery of our 2020 Pierce Arrow XT 100' Platform. Featuring a Detroit Diesel DD13 which provides 525hp and 1850ft-lbs torque, 6 speed Allison transmission and a Pierce® PUC™ 1500gpm pump. PUC stands for **pump under chassis** and it eliminates the pump house so you can build your apparatus around your needs. It minimizes vehicular space used for fire suppression and maximizes equipment storage while still providing big pump and foam capabilities. The 1,500 gpm pump (rated for draft) weighs 30 percent less than most existing pumps on the market and comes with a 6-year standard warranty. The PUC is the first apparatus that offers the most complete single-source build, from the chassis and body down to the pump. It also allowed us to enclose the pump operator's panel on the side mount to keep it clean of grime, grit and moisture. The Control Zone™ pump panel is designed to fit the way you work with:

- Large lever control handles that lock to prevent valve creep under pressure
- Multi-functional pressure governor
- Extra-large engine rpm display
- Hose location on the side of the pump panel instead of under it
- Fuel level monitoring
- Pump prognostics

The truck also has 300 gallons of water, 25 gallons of Class A foam, and a 6kw hydraulically-driven generator with a 150' cord reel wired to an eight-outlet junction box for the ability to bring electricity to the scene when necessary.

The aerial platform is new to the department and makes our fire & rescue operations more versatile just by having it in our equipment inventory. It has a working capacity of 1000lbs dry and 500lbs while flowing 2000gpm. The platform can operate at 13 degrees below zero while still having a working capacity of 1000lbs. The front of the platform basket has dual monitors which gives the department the ability to flow 3000gpm if needed. There are nozzle controls in the platform basket, turn table, and on the pump-panel for the ease of operation. The front of the aerial platform basket also has a discharge for the ability for us to make a secure elevated standpipe if needed. A FLIR camera was installed under the basket to allow us an elevated advantage for locating missing persons or working on hot spots while fighting fires. The platform also features the ability to elevate lighting for lighting large areas if needed.

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## WE KEPT THE WREATHS GREEN!

Thank you to everyone who had a hand in keeping our wreaths green this holiday season. Because of your due diligence, there were no structure fires in the Villages of Menomonee Falls or Lannon in the month of December.

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The aerial platform will carry extrication tools, a large compliment of hand tools including battery operated grinders for rescue operations as well as battery operated impact drivers for the ability to disassemble equipment if needed for rescue operations. The compartments also feature the ability to ventilate a large warehouse or commercial building with two battery operated fans capable of delivering 11,400cfm each. Rotary saw for the ability to cut steel or concrete, as well as a chain saw for the ability to cut roofing materials as well as normal wood products. The aerial platform also carries extra ground ladders for the safety of our personnel while fighting a fire in a multi-story building. We are carrying 1 - 2 fly 35' extension ladders, 2 - 24' extension ladders, 1 - 20' roof ladder, 2 - 16' roof ladders and on folding Little Giant ladder. One of the 16' roof ladders is located on the side of the aerial ladder for the ease taking it to the roof for ventilation operations. We have the ability to move large objects with the truck carrying 2 - 25' ½" rescue chains as well as 2 - 2 ton come a-longs. The truck also features a Rapid Intervention bag for the safety of our personnel while operating inside a burning building. Finally the aerial platform carries four struts for vehicle stabilization while operating at the scene of a vehicle accident. The front bumper has a pre-connected 1 ¾ hose line for fast and easy deployment on car or dumpster fires.

- Acting Battalion Chief Brent Biedenbender

## DEC.-JAN. BIRTHDAYS & WORK ANNIVERSARIES

### BIRTHDAYS

12/2	Lauren Duncan
	Kory Mueller
12/4	Andrea Mayer
12/13	Steve Rehse
12/17	Chris Piette
12/18	BC Kurt Harthun
	Nick Hepner
12/20	BC Jared Klug
1/9	Aaron Koepke
1/13	William Curtis

### ANNIVERSARY DATES

#### 39 years

12/1/1981	DC Don Umhoefer
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#### 33 years

12/1/1987	Capt Mark Franzowiak
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#### 2 years

12/3/2018	Dan Corbin
	Taylor Knaebe

#### 1 year

12/6/2019	Emilio Cerda
	Kory Mueller

#### 31 years

1/2/1990	Doug Mueller
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#### 12 years

1/13/2009	Lisa Ulicki
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#### 9 years

1/10/2012	Nicki Porter
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2020 Ford F550 Chassis



## PAKISTANI KIMA

From the Firehouse to your house, enjoy!

### Ingredients

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|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1 lb ground beef     | 1 tsp salt          |
| 1 lb green beans     | 1 tsp pepper        |
| 4 sweet potatoes     | 1 tsp cinnamon      |
| 1 sweet onion, diced | 1 tsp ginger        |
| 2 tomatoes, diced    | 1 tsp turmeric      |
| 1/4 C coconut oil    | 1 tsp garlic powder |
| 1 tsp curry powder   |                     |

### Directions

- Melt the coconut oil in a large skillet and add diced onion. Cook three minutes or until starting to become translucent.
- Add ground meat and cook until well browned.
- While cooking, add curry powder, salt, pepper, cinnamon, ginger, turmeric and garlic powder.
- Add diced tomatoes.
- Add peeled and cubed sweet potatoes.
- Add green beans.
- Cover and simmer 20 minutes or until sweet potatoes have softened.

- Submitted by Lieutenant Steve Schmitz

## NEW AMBULANCE ON THE ROAD

2751 comes to us from Foster Coach Sales in Illinois. This ambulance is the third Horton custom ambulance we have purchased. The custom Horton module is mounted to a 2020 Ford F550 chassis. The layout and design of the ambulance remains mostly unchanged from the previous models. This includes the side windows on both sides of the patient care compartment, the rear bag / equipment compartment, and the double bench seats.

Improvements made to this ambulance revolve around privacy and safety. Mounted to the top center on each side of the ambulance are cameras that provide 360° of coverage. This video feed is sent to a monitor that replaced the rear-view mirror. When backing or turning, this monitor provides camera coverage allowing all blind-spots to be seen. To increase patient privacy, the rear and side windows in the ambulance have an electronic tinting feature that can make the glass opaque at the push of a button.

We are very excited to have this ambulance in our fleet, and cannot wait for its many years of service to our Village.

- Lieutenant Kevin Myers



## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION— CHAPTER TRANS 309 UPDATE

It's a long title that many of us in EMS may have never heard of. More universally referenced as just "Trans 309", this chapter in Wisconsin Administrative Code is one of the sets of rules that govern ambulance operations in the state of Wisconsin. Most specifically, Trans 309 establishes the minimum specifications for ambulances and the equipment they carry, as well as outlines the processes for ambulance inspections. Trans 309 was updated for the first time in years, with the changes having gone into effect November 1.

What does this mean for you? Well, there are a few tweaks and changes that were made to Trans 309 that have an effect on how we operate. I plan to follow up this article with an official Numbered Memo, but here's a quick breakdown of the main points:

- **Climate Control** – While the requirement to have functioning climate control systems in both the front and back of the ambulance were already in Trans 309, it is also now required that the vehicle and all medications/solutions on the vehicle be kept within appropriate storage temperatures. What does that mean for us? Make sure ambulances are kept running when out of quarters or outside, and that the heat/AC be turned on to maintain a consistent temperature (about 70°F is best).
- **Communications** – Two-way remote communications are required for all crew members who may be performing advanced skills. Since each person is already carrying a portable radio, we're set!
- **Vehicle Safe Operation** – This section breaks down requirements for the safe operation of the ambulance and that all required equipment should be in operable condition when in service. Also, there is now a requirement that all loose equipment be secured in the back of the ambulance so that if there is a sudden stop or movement nobody would be injured by flying equipment. How does this affect us? Please be sure you are appropriately reporting all damaged or malfunctioning equipment so it can be repaired, and make sure that monitors, bags, or other loose equipment is stored in its appropriate compartment or location when not in use.

As mentioned above, official communication will follow, but I wanted to give everyone a quick breakdown of these official changes from the State!

- Lieutenant Kevin Myers

## TRIVIA ANSWER

### B. 21

Per the NFPA there was an average of 21 home candle fires reported each day between 2014-18.

- Three of every five (60%) candle fires started when something that could burn, such as furniture, mattresses or bedding, curtains, or decorations, was too close to the candle.
- Candle fires peak in December. January ranked second. From January through November, 4% of home candle fires started with decorations. This jumped to 12% in December.
- Christmas is the peak day for candle fires with almost three times the daily average.

# STOP WORKING OUT!

New Year! New You! Many times that is the mindset when it comes to the turn of the New Year as 2020 fades into the rearview mirror. What a great opportunity to establish yourself to be the person that you want to be with a fresh start. With resolutions and goals, there are so many things that come to mind as to what we can do to better ourselves. Health and fitness continues to be one of those major areas. This can mean so many different things. Eating better, taking time to be more active, and losing weight are just a few things people tend to focus on when they want to improve their health. As a captain in the fire service, national speaker focused on firefighter health and fitness, natural professional bodybuilder and someone who has made health and fitness my general focus for the last 30+ years I want to encourage you in doing all of those things. However, I'd like you to add something very special to your list of things you can do to establish the NEW YEAR NEW YOU! That would be to...

## STOP WORKING OUT!

Health and fitness have been my focus for giving back to the fire service since I came on 17 years ago. That is because YOU, the firefighter, are the greatest asset to the fire service and your health and fitness is something PERMANENTLY with you everywhere you go! For that, if I can assist one of my brothers and sisters with improving their health and fitness then I have done something for them that will last well beyond their shift! So...yes! Health and fitness is very important to me and I'm humbled by your willingness to read this so that I can continue to express how important it is for all of us. With that, it is my honor to be able to share with you why you should stop working out!

Work - Who wants to work? When I think of work I think of obligation, requirement, expectation and the chief calling me to say my report wasn't done right. UGH! So why would you want to do anything that is work? In addition to that, the idea of working out focuses on wearing goofy clothes, doing goofy things in a special, goofy place. Lastly, working out implies that it happens at select moments of the day by only a certain number of people. All of these are toxic mentalities for our health and fitness and are actually contrary to the overall goal of establishing a NEW YOU! So what's the answer? What should we be doing if we should not be working out?

## TRAINING!

Training - This is the goal of every firefighter! We are professional because of the tools that we have and the TRAINING we share that allows us to use them. The purpose of training is that you are developing skills and habits that are going to last with you for when you need them the most. Lastly, you are purposefully and intentionally taking time to make progressive steps towards building that skill set. With all this said, there is one thing that is the truest about training. It is that...

## YOU ARE ALWAYS BEING TRAINED!

Whether you like it or not, you are constantly training yourself. You are developing habits that are taking you to a NEW YOU! If you decide to intentionally improve training your body to develop better flexibility, increase mobility, enhance your range of motion in ways that will not only make you better at your job, support you in feeling better and moving better and literally improve every area of your life, you are actively becoming the BETTER YOU! On the other side, if you decide to disengage from doing things like that but instead intentionally or unintentionally be sedentary, inactive and/or have eating habits that are not consistent with improving your health, you are still training. The difference is you are training yourself for a YOU that will not be as effective in your profession, will be more prone to injury and/or increase your risk of developing medical conditions.

So what's the answer? Train! Train! Train! Train!

Lastly, training is something that is essential for us as firefighters. When you think of your department, how many people train? EVERYONE! For that, we train for how we take care of everyone else. As stated earlier, YOU are what makes your department great! SO let's take some time to TRAIN ourselves by improving safety and reducing risk of injury through our health and fitness in a way that ISN'T working out but instead is about purposefully and intentionally developing a NEW YEAR and A NEW YOU so that you can continue to BE A BETTER YOU!

- Captain Jordan Ponder of the Milwaukee Fire Dept