

HOT NEWS

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE MENOMONEE FALLS FIRE DEPARTMENT



FROM THE TRAINING BUREAU

Aerial Training: The first group of driver/operators completed their training in early January. The second group, which includes the remaining members who were designated as aerial operators prior to the arrival of the truck, will be finishing up by the end of March. Starting in April, all new aerial operators will begin training on the truck.

Human Trafficking Training: Detective Christy Bahr and her colleague Becky Effiong presented Human Trafficking Training to the department on February 22. Members who were not able to attend in-person or via Zoom will be assigned the training on TargetSolutions. Resources from Detective Bahr will go out to each station in March.

Recruit Class 21-02: Class will begin April 18 and conclude April 30. The format of this academy will once again be two weeks in-person followed by four weeks of ride-along time. If you are interested in observing or assisting with instruction, contact Acting Battalion Chief Biedenbender.

Walmart Market: MFFD recently signed a contract to utilize the old Walmart Neighborhood Market on Main and Pilgrim for training. The store is vacant and we will have use of it at least until the end of March. If you have an idea for training utilizing this facility, please contact Acting Battalion Chief Biedenbender.

Department Training: Department training will resume on April 2. It will be a combination of fire and EMS training and accomplished through department-wide trainings, shift trainings, company trainings and individual trainings. We will be looking to supplement training with TargetSolutions, though the goal is an overall reduction in reliance on it as the sole platform for training.

TargetSolutions: We are in the process of revamping your entire TargetSolutions experience. While most of the changes will be done by April 2, you will notice additional changes throughout 2021. The goal is to make the site user friendly while maintaining easily accessible real-time training progress.

- Deputy Chief Nicholas Boehlke

MFFD MONTHLY INCIDENT COUNTS

FEB. 2020

Station 1 - 166
Station 2 - 41
Station 3 - 96
Station 4 - 65
Station 5 - 25

FEB. 2021

Station 1 - 127
Station 2 - 38
Station 3 - 85
Station 4 - 68
Station 5 - 14

Total Runs - 393 Total Runs - 332



TRIVIA QUESTION

The risk of dying in reported home structure fires is what percent lower in homes with working smoke alarms than in homes with no alarms or none that worked?

- A. 25 percent
- B. 40 percent
- C. 55 percent
- D. 70 percent

(answer on page 4)



HAPPENING OF INTEREST

2/17/21—Dispatched for a single-story detached garage fire. Heavy gray/brown smoke was noted to be pushing out the top of the garage door, as well as the service door. Homeowner stated he turned on the propane heater in the garage and left for about 45 minutes. When he came home, he saw smoke coming from his garage. 2765 set up a hydrant, while 2764 stretched a 2.5" line to the garage door. 2761 arrived and they were the back up crew. 2772 arrived on scene and they were RIT. 2761 stretched a 1 3/4" handline to assist with fire attack.

Entry was made for fire attack, finding high heat and zero visibility in the garage. Garage door was cut to facilitate ventilation. Located a 20-pound propane tank that was off gassing which was passed out to exterior crews and placed in the snow to cool away from the structure. As visibility started to improve rear garage door was also opened allowing all smoke to clear out. Two 5-gallon gas cans were located but unable to be removed as the area was found to be energized. All crews exited the structure until We Energies could cut power to the garage. After power was cut gas cans were removed and 2764 checked the truss space, and main space for hot spots, extinguishing those found and wet washing the truss space to ensure no hidden hot spots. Additional hot spot located in ceiling corner which was then overhauled and extinguished with water. Thermal imaging camera showed no surfaces warmer than 68 degrees and structure was turned back over to the homeowner. Requested dispatch to advise MF-DPW to send a salt truck out to the area.

ON THIS DAY 38 YEARS AGO...

A spectacular fire destroyed the Westbrook Lanes on March 14, 1983, causing in excess of \$1 million in losses (around \$2.6 million today), the highest dollar amount in village history at that time. Sixty-five firefighters from three departments battled the blaze. Arson was determined to be the cause, as the fire was started in several locations throughout the building. No one was injured. Five engines and three aerial ladders were deployed, 700,000 gallons of water were used, and over 5,650 feet of hose laid.

TRIVIA ANSWER

C. 55 percent

NFPA's "Smoke Alarms in US Home Fires" report was issued in February 2021. It discusses the presence, operation, and reason for failures of smoke alarms in reported home fires. Performance differences by power source are also discussed. Additional analyses include smoke alarm status in one- and two-family home and apartment fires, and factors associated with deaths in fires with and without working smoke alarms.

Click [here](#) to download the full report.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS & WORK ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

3/2	Jerry Erjavec
3/5	Sean Foley
3/6	Aaron Martinez
3/17	Brandon Kais
3/20	DC Kevin Rokenbrodt
3/27	Lt Dan Madsen
3/29	Lt Dale Rome

ANNIVERSARY DATES

7 years

3/25/2014	Adam Ewig
	Jim Hendley
	Andrea Mayer



CREAMY ARUGULA SOUP

Arugula is a member of the super-food cruciferous vegetable family. Cruciferous vegetables (think broccoli, cauliflower, Brussels sprouts and arugula) are among the healthiest vegetables thanks to their anti-inflammatory, antioxidant, and detoxifying properties.

We typically think to eat arugula raw in salads, but it is delicious in soups! Arugula has a peppery, fresh flavor and produces a light and refreshing spring soup.

Ingredients

1 Tbsp coconut oil
1 onion, chopped
3 stalks celery, chopped
4 cloves garlic, minced
4 parsnips, chopped

4 C vegetable or bone broth
1 can coconut milk
2 tsp sea salt
4-6 C fresh arugula
Freshly ground black pepper

Directions

- Heat the coconut oil in a large pot over medium heat. Sauté onion and celery for 5 minutes, or until tender.
- Add the garlic and sauté another minute or so.
- Add parsnips, broth, coconut milk, and salt, and bring to a boil. Once boiling, lower the heat and cover and let the vegetables simmer until the parsnips are tender (approximately 10 minutes).
- Add the arugula and stir until wilted.
- Transfer the soup to a blender and blend until smooth (or use an immersion blender). Then return the soup to the pot and warm over medium heat.
- Season with salt and pepper to taste.

- Submitted by Lieutenant Steve Schmitz

MORE FROM THE TRAINING BUREAU

Take a few moments to review the following links about current events.

READ:

[Fire Law Blog](#)
[Medics and FD Sued Over Photos of Shooting Victim - Fire Law Blog](#)

WATCH:

Lightweight Construction—Failure Under Fire
<https://youtu.be/PRO01bntpU>

REVIEW and DISCUSS:

NIOSH Death in the line of duty...
Firefighter Trainee Dies from Hyperthermia After Live-Fire Training
[Fire Fighter Fatality Investigation Report F2008-24 | NIOSH | CDC](#)

FREE TRAINING:

[CVMIC Virtual Training](#)
[Employee Differences \(Diversity\)](#)

BOOK OF THE MONTH:

Pass It On: What We Know...What We Want You To Know by Billy Goldfeder

- Deputy Chief Nicholas Boehlke