

HOT NEWS



THE NEWSLETTER OF THE MENOMONEE FALLS FIRE DEPARTMENT

MAHALO

That's "thank you" in Hawaiian. Thank you so much to everyone who attended the department picnic in July, and to those who helped in one way or another. It wouldn't have been a success without any of you!

OUT ON THE TOWN

We have been involved with a number of public education events this summer. A few of the recent ones have been National Night Out, Lannon's Cars on Main, Safety Town and a fundraiser for the MFFD held by Mr. Brews Taphouse. Here are some photos from these events. (More photos on Page 5.)



JULY-AUG BIRTHDAYS & WORK ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

7/4	Wendy Osborne
7/9	Lt Kevin Myers
7/12	Lt Joe Ostrosky
7/16	ABC Brent Biedenbender
	Emilio Cerdá
7/22	Jeff Plewa
7/30	Joe Butts
8/8	Chuck Zielke
8/15	Dan Schroettner
8/23	Benjamin Todd
8/26	Randy Garrett
8/28	Paul Griffin
8/29	Anchal Scott
	Paul Krueger

ANNIVERSARY DATES

18 years

7/8/2003 Lt Dan Madsen

6 years

7/18/2015 Lauren Duncan

4 years

7/10/2017 Brandon Kais

3 years

7/9/2018 Lucas Albertson

14 years

8/7/2007 Jessi Coon

8 years

8/6/2013 Nick Hepner
Wendy Osborne

1 year

8/2/2020 Drake Barczak
Brandon Mumm



Water rescue training on July 14



Water rescue incident on July 22

LATEST FROM THE TRAINING BUREAU

Live Burns: All firefighters are scheduled to participate in live fire training October 9, 10 and 11. All EMS personnel are scheduled to support rehab at the training. Be sure to check InTime to see when you are scheduled and mark it on your calendar.

READ:

Fire Law Blog

[Washington Court Holds Public Duty Rule Does Not Protect Seattle Medics Who Went to Wrong Address](#)
- Fire Law Blog

WATCH:

Water Rescue—Throwbag Fundamentals
https://youtu.be/eybMX_sXnFO

REVIEW and DISCUSS:

NIOSH

[Fire Fighter Fatality Investigation Report F2019-19 | NIOSH | CDC](#)

FREE TRAINING:

FEMA

[National Fire Academy \(fema.gov\)](#)

RECHARGE

Keynote FDIC 2021

<https://youtu.be/jA75Kq5u9uU>

- Deputy Chief Nicholas Boehlke

MEET SOME OF OUR NEWEST RECRUITS



Name: Rachel Bower

Where do you live? Milwaukee

Why did you join MFFD? To gain further experience in Fire/EMS

What classes have you taken related to Fire or EMS? EMT, Paramedic

What classes will you be taking? Fire I

Have you been on any other depts or in a related field? Yes

Are you employed somewhere besides MFFD? UW Health

Any hobbies? Biking



Name: Alie Velcheck

Where do you live? Milwaukee

Why did you join MFFD? To gain experience and serve a new community

What classes have you taken related to Fire or EMS? Fire I, MPO & Paramedic

What classes will you be taking? Fire II this fall

Have you been on any other depts or in a related field? Yes

Family/pets? A hedgehog named Moe (short for Mobitz)

Any hobbies? Kickboxing and spending time with family

Anything else you would like to tell us about yourself? I'm excited to start running calls and to learn about MFFD



Car fire training



SLOW COOKER ZUPPA TOSCANA

This is just like your favorite breadstick maker, only better! So make it a soup, salad and breadstick meal.

Ingredients

1 lb ground hot Italian sausage
1 bag Simply Potatoes diced potatoes and onions, or substitute with 1 diced yellow onion and 4 russet potatoes, peeled and cubed
2 cloves of garlic, minced
32 oz chicken stock

½ bunch kale de-stemmed, torn into bite size pieces
1 cup heavy cream
2 Tbsp flour
Salt and pepper to taste
Pinch of red pepper flakes

Directions

1. Heat large sauté pan over medium-high heat and brown sausage
2. Add minced garlic and stir to combine
3. Drain off the grease, then add sausage and garlic to bottom of slow cooker
4. Add bag of diced potatoes and onion, cover with chicken stock and water (if necessary) to completely cover potatoes and sausage
5. Cover and cook on low for 5-6 hours or high 3-4 hours

Before serving

6. Whisk together heavy cream and flour until well mixed. Pour into slow cooker, add kale and stir to combine
7. Cover and cook on high for 30 minutes until soup has thickened slightly
8. Season with salt and pepper to your liking

- Submitted by Lt. Steve Schmitz

MFFD MONTHLY INCIDENT COUNTS

JUNE 2020

Station 1 - 159
Station 2 - 51
Station 3 - 95
Station 4 - 52
Station 5 - 18

Total Runs - 375

JUNE 2021

Station 1 - 178
Station 2 - 53
Station 3 - 113
Station 4 - 45
Station 5 - 26

Total Runs - 415

JULY 2020

Station 1 - 175
Station 2 - 47
Station 3 - 114
Station 4 - 63
Station 5 - 16

Total Runs - 415

JULY 2021

Station 1 - 159
Station 2 - 56
Station 3 - 131
Station 4 - 46
Station 5 - 27

Total Runs - 419

TRIVIA QUESTION

When was the ambulance transport system created?

- A. 1797
- B. 1842
- C. 1908
- D. 1921

(answer on page 5)



FF Anders created a new sign for Station 2



One-car accident on Silver Spring & Marcy

THE REV'S REFLECTIONS

On January 6, 1941, in his State of the Union Address, President Franklin D. Roosevelt presented his Four Freedoms. This speech was given 11 months before the United States entered World War II when Pearl Harbor was attacked. Those four freedoms were: Freedom of Speech, Freedom to Worship as one chooses, Freedom from Want and Freedom from Fear. President Roosevelt said these are basic human freedoms that all people are entitled. As we recently celebrated Independence Day, I believe we should take some time to reflect on these freedoms and what we can do as citizens to enable all people to enjoy them.

I believe, especially for us in the fire service, there is one very important additional freedom. We have chosen the Freedom to Serve. Most of us are firefighters or in emergency medical service because we want to serve our community. We find a fulfillment or a joy in serving. We did not join the fire service to "get rich quick" or have our names up in bright lights. We freely chose to serve. That Freedom to serve meant that we had to make sacrifices. That Freedom to serve brings with it a sense of accomplishment.

As a Christian Chaplain, my guidebook is the Bible. In the Gospel of John, Jesus says that no greater love has anyone than that they lay down their life for another. I truly believe that is what we do in the fire service. We might be called to do that in one great act where we make the ultimate sacrifice for another. But I believe that this also means laying down one's life in hundreds of other acts. When we chose to serve, we lay down our life (hours of our life) through training, through responding to calls, through being away from family and friends, through missing holidays, birthday and anniversary celebrations. It means 12 hour, 24 hour, 48 hours shifts at the fire house rather than with family and friends. We exercise the freedom to serve. We are role models for others, inviting them to discover the joy of the freedom of service.

May God's richest blessing be poured on you for your willingness to be a meaningful member of this organization and serving our community.

With appreciation,

Chaplain Russ Knoth

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

Beginning today, treat everyone you meet as if they were going to be dead by midnight. Extend to them all the care, kindness, and understanding you can muster, and do it with no thought of reward. Your life will never be the same again.

- Og Mandino

HAPPY
INTERNATIONAL
CAT DAY!
AUGUST 8



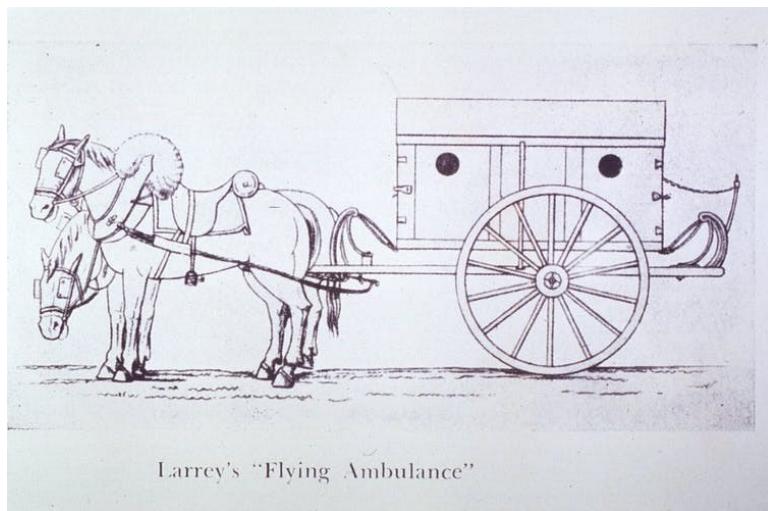


TRIVIA ANSWER

A. 1797

Though EMS as medical treatment of a patient prior to and during transportation to the hospital may have roots dating back centuries, it is only since Napoleon's European campaigns that we can draw a direct line from his system for moving combat casualties to today's EMS.

Baron Dominique-Jean Larrey, chief physician in Napoleon's army, believed in rapid treatment of the wounded, and invented the first ambulance. These horse drawn "flying ambulances" could maneuver rapidly across the battlefield, picking up injured men and taking them to field hospitals just outside the battle zone. There the soldiers would be treated, and when stable, sent to hospitals behind the lines, often based in convents or monasteries.



The National Library of Medicine

This system was introduced into the U.S. Army during the Civil War.