

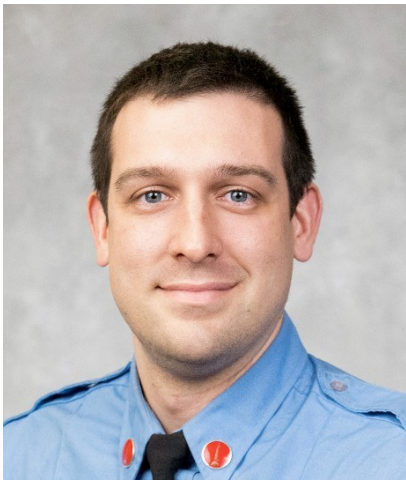
# HOT NEWS



THE NEWSLETTER OF THE MENOMONEE FALLS FIRE DEPARTMENT

## EMT OF THE YEAR AWARDS

In connection with EMS week this year, all EMS staff were asked to nominate their fellow EMT, AEMT and Paramedic who they feel regularly exemplifies our *How Can We Help* motto. Join us in congratulating the winners!



Lt. Joe Waite, Paramedic



Aaron Koepke, AEMT



Camron Hepp, EMT



## MFFD MONTHLY INCIDENT COUNTS

### MAY 2021

Station 1 - 172  
Station 2 - 52  
Station 3 - 123  
Station 4 - 49  
Station 5 - 21

Total Runs - 417

### MAY 2022

Station 1 - 169  
Station 2 - 33  
Station 3 - 111  
Station 4 - 42  
Station 5 - 35

Total Runs - 390

June is  
**PTSD**  
Awareness  
Month



## TRIVIA QUESTION

Which region in the United States has the most fire departments?

- A. South
- B. Midwest
- C. Northeast
- D. West

(answer on page 3)



## THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

Next to creating a life, the finest thing a man can do is save one.

-Abraham Lincoln



## HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST

5/17/22 - Responded to an alpha level animal assist for a cat that was stuck in a sewer drain. Upon arrival, 2761 crew was lead to the animal by law enforcement. The neighbor of the residence stated he heard meowing for approximately 3 days before he called for help. FF Stuht was able to locate a kitten inside a PVC pipe that was approximately 2 feet in depth. She attempted to grab the kitten but was unsuccessful. The law enforcement officer was able to reach in far enough to grab the kitten and bring it up. There were two deceased kittens located below the kitten found. Law enforcement contacted HAWS and 2761 crew left the kitten in the hands of law enforcement and returned in service.

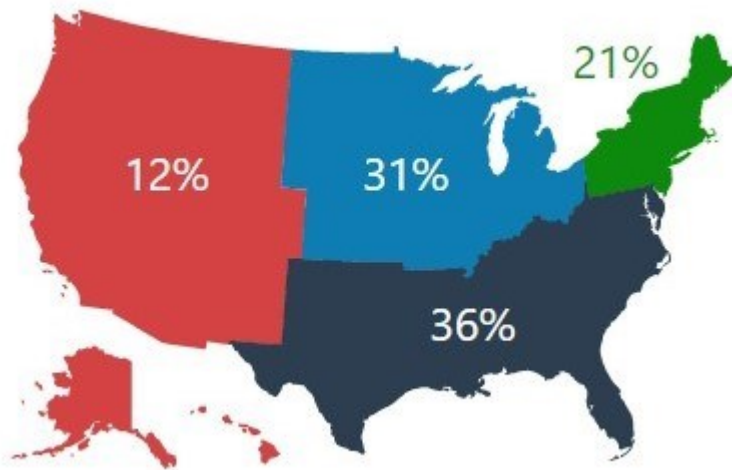
5/23/22 - Dispatched to a dumpster on fire. Arrived on scene and found a dumpster on fire with flame and smoke showing. Fire attack was made with the 1.75 trash line off the front of the engine, a 360 was completed and command established. Fire was put out and dumpster checked for cause of origin. No cause could be seen because of water from extinguishment. Approximately 250 gallons of water was used.





## FIRE DEPARTMENTS BY REGION

There are 27,176 fire departments listed with the National Fire Department Registry.



## Slow Cooker Meatball Subs

An easy low maintenance meal from the Firehouse to your house!

- 1 egg
- 1/2 c. Italian bread crumbs
- 1 pound lean ground beef
- 1 jar marinara sauce
- Sliced mozzarella cheese

Mix egg, bread crumbs and beef by hand. Roll into 1 inch size balls and place them into the slow cooker with marinara sauce. Cook on low for 8 hours or on high for 4 hours. Before serving, butter the sub buns and bake at 350° for 6-8 minutes. Add the meatballs to the bread after they have been toasted and top with sliced mozzarella cheese.

- Submitted by Lieutenant Steve Schmitz

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

6/4	Sam Goldner
6/9	Daniel Corbin
6/17	Lt Todd Dettmering
	Abigail Fritz
6/19	Luke Eliszewski
6/22	Quincy Beeks
	Lt Ed Burg
6/25	Lt Steve Schmitz

## JUNE WORK ANNIVERSARIES

### 23 years

6/7/1999 DC Kevin Rokenbrodt

### 22 years

6/20/2000 LT Steve Schmitz

### 19 years

6/10/2003 Steve Rehse

### 14 years

6/10/2008 BC Rae Ann Schone

### 13 years

6/9/2009 BC Jared Klug  
LT Dale Rome  
Greg Schneider  
Julie Wagner

### 11 years

6/28/2011 Sean Foley

### 8 years

6/1/2014 Gabe Norton

### 5 years

6/19/2017 BC Kurt Harthun  
Aaron Martinez  
John Schut

### 2 years

6/15/2020 Chief Gerard Washington

# THE REV'S REFLECTION

## "Our Calling"

This June is very special to me. On June 11<sup>th</sup>, I will celebrate the golden jubilee of my ordination. It was 50 years ago, June 11, 1972 that I was ordained to the Christian ministry. With this anniversary fast approaching, it causes me to reflect on being called. I was called to be a pastor. I looked upon that as called to be a pastor to a local congregation, but also as a minister to the community. It was much more than just a job, it became a way of life.

In a very real sense, that is what it means to be a member of the fire service. This is so much more than just a job. After all, how many jobs do you know that involves a 12 hour shift. Most jobs are 9 to 5 or 8 to 4. The fire service is at least 12 hours and most of the time 24 hours. But even more than that, how many jobs involve not only working together, but training together, eating together, working on reports together, relaxing together. And most importantly, how many jobs sometimes involve risking your lives together. Most people run away from danger, we run toward the danger.

Just as a pastor I was ordained to the ministry, so you are sworn into the fire service. That means so much more than just being hired. There is a different level of commitment. It means that once sworn, you are set apart for a very special role in society. You are trusted to save lives and property. In a very real way, to be sworn is like being ordained or called. It is recognized, by you and others, that you have been given certain skills and talents, skills and talents that continually need to be developed and expanded for this unique calling. This is a high calling. It is a special calling. It means that you are unique, endowed by God to be a life saver. Never look upon this noble profession as "just being a job." You, my friends, are called.

Take care and stay safe,  
Chaplain Russ Knoth

## JULY BIRTHDAYS

7/3	Taylor Gray
7/4	Tanner Goodchild Wendy Osborne
7/9	LT Kevin Myers
7/12	LT Joe Ostrosky
7/16	BC Brent Biedenbender
7/17	Noel Bryant-Nanz
7/18	Avery Currie
7/22	Jeff Plewa
7/30	Joe Butts

## JULY WORK ANNIVERSARIES

### 4 years

7/9/2018 Lucas Albertson

### 1 year

7/19/2021 Jenna Schwechel  
Alie Velcheck  
BC Chuck Zielke

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Please join us in  
congratulating Chief  
Umhoefer on 20 years of  
being a Deputy Chief!





# MFFD performance evaluations were held throughout the month of May





# MEET MFFD's NEWEST MEMBERS

**Name:** Justin Biehn



**Where do you live?** Brookfield

**Why did you join MFFD?** I have always looked up to firefighters and it has always been a goal in life to do something where I can make a difference and put others before myself.

**What classes have you taken related to Fire or EMS?** EMT Basic, Building Construction, and HazMat Operations

**What classes will you be taking?** Fire-1, Fire-2, AEMT, Paramedic and Driver/Operator

**Have you been on any other depts or in a related field?** I currently work for a medical transport company called Senior Express.

**Family/Pets?** I have a dog named Denali and a nephew and niece

**Are you employed somewhere besides MFFD?** Senior Express

**Any hobbies?** Anything to do with sports

**Anything else you would like to tell us about yourself?** I am a very enthusiastic and outgoing person who will get along with anyone. I also am a Dallas Cowboys fan.

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**Name:** McKenna Ferry



**Where do you live?** St. Francis

**Why did you join MFFD?** To gain more experience in EMS

**What classes have you taken related to Fire or EMS?** EMT and I am in the process of taking Paramedic

**What classes will you be taking?** Fire-1 and Fire-2

**Have you been on any other departments or in a related field?** I have worked in EMS at Curtis and Paratech. I have been in the medical field for six years as a CNA/Tech.

**Family/pets?** All of my family lives in Manitowoc. I have two dogs named Kingston and Bentley.

**Are you employed somewhere besides MFFD?** Curtis Ambulance

**Any hobbies?** I love kayaking and traveling! I also like spending time with my friends and family.

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**Name:** Iman or "E"



**Where do you live?** Milwaukee

**Why did you join MFFD?** To do my part in helping the Menomonee Falls community and do so while in an encouraging work environment.

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

**What classes will you be taking?** Fire-1

**Have you been on any other depts or in a related field?** I was a volunteer at Frostproof, FL

**Family/Pets?** I have a 17 month old daughter, Iman Asé

**Are you employed somewhere besides MFFD?** West Suburban YMCA

**Any hobbies?** Sports, family, eating, traveling

**Anything else you would like to tell us about yourself?** I am here to help, learn, provide and serve.



# MEET MFFD's NEWEST MEMBERS

**Name:** Darby McManus



**Where do you live?** Elm Grove

**Why did you join MFFD?** I want to get experience in Fire/EMS and I've heard good things about MFFD.

**What classes have you taken related to Fire or EMS?** EMT Basic

**What classes will you be taking?** AEMT and fire classes

**Have you been on any other depts or in a related field?**  
This is my first time on a department.

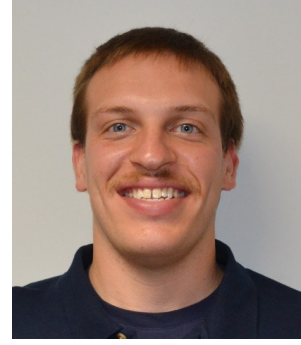
**Family/Pets?** I am the second oldest of eight. Between us we have three dogs.

**Are you employed somewhere besides MFFD?** I am a part-time barista at Starbucks.

**Any hobbies?** I like reading, knitting and boxing

**Anything else you would like to tell us about yourself?**  
I'm excited to start here!

**Name:** Alec Shafer



**Where do you live?** Okauchee

**Why did you join MFFD?** To gain more experience in the fire service and to possibly help get on a career fire department.

**What classes have you taken related to Fire or EMS?** Fire-1, Fire-2, Driver/Operator-pumper, Driver/Operator-aerial, AEMT

**What classes will you be taking?** Paramedic, Fire Inspector, Fire Instructor, Fire Officer

**Have you been on any other departments or in a related field?** Sussex Fire Department and Butler Fire Department

**Family/pets?** One dog named Milo

**Are you employed somewhere besides MFFD?** I work part-time at the Sussex Fire Department and full-time as an Account Manager at Milcut Inc.

**Any hobbies?** Fishing, golfing, and watching sports with friends

**Anything else you would like to tell us about yourself?** I'm excited to start working shifts and meeting members of MFFD and the community!



## IT'S PICNIC TIME!

Join us for the annual summer family picnic  
July 23, 2022  
3 p.m.  
Rotary Park

