

HOT NEWS



THE NEWSLETTER OF THE MENOMONEE FALLS FIRE DEPARTMENT

STATION 5 WELCOMES NEW MEMBER

Some of you have already noticed the new resident at Station #5... He's a red dalmatian and his name is Rocket!



Rocket (R. Hero) teaches emergency preparedness and safety awareness to children and has his own webpage www.rocketrules.org and YouTube channel [Rocket Rules SAFETY Program - YouTube](#).

The Rocket statue is a gift from [The Hero In You Foundation - Rocket Rules](#) and is one of many located across the country.

Installing Rocket was possible through the help of the Menomonee Falls Department of Public Works. They did the excavation and obtained the materials. They completed the installation of the retaining wall, concrete slab, and grass for Rocket. In addition, MFFD member, Adam Ewig, built "Rocket's little library" that contains public fire education information.

Rocket's dedication will be at the beginning of the Open House at Station #5 on Sept. 10 at 9 a.m.. We hope to see you there.

- Deputy Chief Kevin Rokenbrodt

MFFD MONTHLY INCIDENT COUNTS

AUGUST 2021

Total Runs - 606

AUGUST 2022

Total Runs - 452

STATION 5 OPEN HOUSE

Station 5 will be hosting their Open House on Sept. 10 from 9 a.m.—noon. Bring your friends and family to tour the station, and participate in a block party, hands-only CPR, and the Survive Alive trailer. This year also features the Rocket sculpture dedication which will be held at 9 a.m.

TRIVIA QUESTION

The Great Fire of London happened in which year?

- A. 1590
- B. 1666
- C. 1723
- D. 1785

(answer on page 4)

FROM THE TRAINING BUREAU

EMS & Training Upcoming Events

Training with Dr. Shepherd—4th Tuesday @ 1700

Live Burns—October 15, 16, 29

Full-Time Recruit Academy—August 22-September 30

READ:

Fire Law Blog

[Miami Firefighter Terminated For Social Media Comments - Fire Law Blog](#)

WATCH:

LA County Fire Department

[The Deck Gun: Part 1](#)

[The Deck Gun: Part 2](#)

[The Deck Gun: Part 3](#)

REVIEW and DISCUSS:

CDC

[Fire Fighter Fatality Investigation Report F2018-12 | NIOSH | CDC](#)

FREE TRAINING:

FEMA

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

[FEMA's Premier All-Hazards Training Center - Center for Domestic Preparedness \(dhs.gov\)](#)

RECHARGE:

[Steve Harvey Motivational Speech](#)

- Deputy Chief Nicholas Boehlke

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

“Aspire rather to be a hero than merely appear one.”

— Baltasar Gracian

RIDDLE OF THE MONTH

What five-letter word becomes shorter when you add two letters to it?

(answer on page 4)



Having fun at National Night Out



Demonstrating gear at a local daycare

HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST

8/11/22 - Dispatched for an Alpha level service call. Truck 2773 responded immediately and without delay not using lights or sirens. Arrived on scene and met the homeowner in her driveway. The homeowner had a child safety seat stuck in her car and it was stuck in such a position that the rear passenger door could not be closed. The homeowner asked if we could assist her in removing the child seat from the car. The seatbelt from the vehicle had twisted around the frame of the car seat. With the homeowner's permission, crew disassembled part of the car seat and was able to disentangle the seat without damage to the seatbelt. The car seat was then placed in the homeowner's garage. Crew then departed the scene and returned to service.

8/16/22 - Dispatched for an Alpha level service call for two car/boat batteries that were arcing due to a wrench being stuck in between the terminals in the back of the caller's car. Upon arrival on scene, it was noticed that a wrench had gotten wedged between the terminals of one of the batteries in the trunk area of an SUV in a parking lot. 2761 grabbed some insulated tools and gloves and managed to remove the wrench from the battery, despite some arcing while doing so. No fire occurred. The area around the batteries was checked and everything appeared normal and safe.

8/20/22 - Dispatched for an Alpha level animal rescue. Caller was a walk in at Station 1. Pt stated her cat was stuck under the passenger seat of a mid sized SUV. 2773 crew unscrewed the seat from the floor of the vehicle and extricated the cat. The feline was not injured in the process. 2773 replaced seat to its original position and secured it to the floor.

8/21/22 - Dispatched for a Charlie level gas leak with the smell of natural gas. 2765 arrived on scene to 2 story residential structure with nothing showing and evacuation complete. Upon talking to homeowner he stated that he had just had his water heater serviced which used natural gas. He had smelled gas the day prior on 8/20 and had alarms going in the home. He had turned off the water heater then. On 8/21 he turned the gas back on and immediately smelled natural gas. No alarms were sounding at the time. Gas and CO monitor were at 0s throughout the home and in the basement where the water heater was located. Home owner stated that was the only gas powered unit in the home. Water heater was turned on once more and upon closing basement door alarms on the CO monitor began going off. It was shut off and ventilated again. Home owner was instructed to have the water heater serviced and to not turn it on again until repaired.





SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 9/3 | John Schut |
| | Jessica Wolfe |
| 9/6 | Gregg Danes |
| 9/8 | Gabe Norton |
| 9/10 | Lucas Albertson |
| 9/18 | Lisa Ulicki |
| | Kevin Porter |
| 9/23 | DC Don Umhoefer |
| 9/24 | Josh Hutwagner |
| 9/30 | Darby McManus |

SEPTEMBER WORK ANNIVERSARIES

23 years

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| 9/21/1999 | BC Brent Biedenbender |
| | Nick Coon |

17 years

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| 9/26/2005 | Lt. Joe Ostrosky |
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1 year

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| 9/1/2021 | Darold Badora |
| | Tanner Goodchild |
| | Jessica Wolfe |

TRIVIA ANSWER

B. 1666

The fire began at approximately 1 a.m. It burned out of control for five days and destroyed an area of one and a half miles by a half mile.

RIDDLE ANSWER

Short

THE REV'S REFLECTION

Help Wanted

Your Peer Support Team is looking for new members. We are wanting to expand our coverage within the Fire Department, so we are asking for some good people to step forward and join the team.

Do you have empathy? Are you a good listener? Are you respected by others? Can you maintain confidences? These are some of the qualities that we are looking for in our new members. Training is required that will be offered to those who wish to become Peer Support members.

Deputy Chief Kevin Rokenbrodt has applications for those interested in joining the team. These positions are open to all members regardless of how long you've been a part of the department and whether you are part-time or full-time. For more information, contact any current member of the Peer Support Team. We look forward to hearing from you.

- Chaplain Russ Knoth