

HOT NEWS



THE NEWSLETTER OF THE MENOMONEE FALLS FIRE DEPARTMENT

THE REV'S REFLECTIONS

The month of November is a time for harvest in gathering and for giving thanks. People have probably been giving thanks since the beginning of time. We certainly remember our grade school days, when we studied the pilgrims and the indigenous people (i.e. Native Americans) and the Thanksgiving Celebration in the Plymouth Plantation the year after the Mayflower landed. But in terms of an official national holiday that came over one hundred years later. In the dark days of the American Civil War President Abraham Lincoln declared a National Day of Thanksgiving on the fourth Thursday in November. This was in the year 1863. If you remember your history, the Civil War was not over when Lincoln called upon the Union to mark that National Thanksgiving. There would still be a year and half of fighting and dying to cover the soil of the United States with the blood of its citizens.

This month, I think we should pause and give thanks. As members of the Menomonee Falls Fire Department, we have a great deal to give thanks for. When I look back over my career as a pastor/chaplain, I know that I have been blessed. I have met some amazing people. I have been privileged to share in others most intimate experiences. The baptism of children, weddings, waiting for loved ones during surgeries, at the time of death. As well as being able to walk with others through all sorts of trauma and life decisions. Some of those moments have not been easy. Often times they involved me being absent from my family, missing family celebrations, and more than one good night of sleep. But then that is what happens when we are called to serve others.

Each of you are called to serve. Sometimes that involves personal sacrifice. You have had to miss birthdays and family celebrations. You have been involved in some of other peoples lives in a way that most others never have. There have been nights with little sleep and missed meals. Certainly you have spent hours and hours in training. But you are blessed by being able to serve. This November take some time to reflect over your life and discover the many aspects that are a cause to give thanks. Thanksgiving often times involves sacrifice. But then maybe that is what makes Thanksgiving so special for those of us who serve.

- Chaplain Russ Knoth

MFFD MONTHLY INCIDENT

OCTOBER 2021

Total Runs - 444

OCTOBER 2022

Total Runs - 484

TRIVIA QUESTION

In what year was the Menomonee Falls Fire Department formed?

- A. 1885
- B. 1890
- C. 1894
- D. 1900

(answer on page 2)



FALLS HARVEST FESTIVAL AWARD WINNING CHILI

Huge shout out to Station 3 green shift sous-chefs Will Smith and Quincy Beeks for helping with this batch which took first place!

1 lb lean ground beef

Andouille smoked sausage

Nueske's peppered bacon

Chili mix seasoning 1.25 oz

5 tomatoes on the vine

1 medium sized sweet onion

1 habanero pepper

1 16 oz can refried beans with jalapeños

Brown the ground beef in a pot. Add diced tomatoes and onion. Cut the andouille sausage into small chunks and brown in a pan, then add to the pot. Pre-cook the bacon well done so you render out all the fat. Add one or more habaneros diced. Add the chili seasoning mix and simmer with a lid on low heat stirring every so often. 30 minutes before serving, add 1 can of refried beans with jalapeños.

From the Firehouse to your House, enjoy!

- Submitted by Steve Schmitz

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

If it doesn't challenge
you, it won't change
you.

TRIVIA ANSWER

C. 1894

In 1894 the first village board
was elected and the first village
fire department was formed.

RIDDLE OF THE MONTH

What can only be used once
you've smashed it to pieces?

(answer on page 4)



Congratulations to: Debby Coon, 2nd place

Chief Washington, 3rd place

FROM THE TRAINING BUREAU

EMS & Training Upcoming Events

Training with Dr. Shepherd—4th Tuesday @ 1700
Part-Time Recruit Academy—November 7-18
Peer Fitness Training Train-the-Trainer—November 14-18

READ:

Fire Law Blog
[Court Upholds Termination of Florida Lieutenant - Fire Law Blog](#)

WATCH:

Fire Engineering
[HVAC Rooftop Units: Starting Our Investigation](#)
[The Dangers Associated with HVAC RTUs](#)

REVIEW and DISCUSS:

CDC
[Fire Fighter Fatality Investigation Report F2020-03 | NIOSH | CDC](#)

FREE TRAINING:

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

RECHARGE:

[Lead the Way You Want to Be Led](#)



MFFD's new full-time members being sworn in.

- Deputy Chief Nicholas Boehlke



Live fire training



CITIZEN ACADEMY

Congratulations to our most recent graduates of the Fall 2022 Citizen Academy. The 10 students completed eight weeks of training which included many hands-on experiences, CPR and AED certification and a behind-the-scenes look at the department. A special thanks to their instructor Kevin Porter and all those who assisted in the instruction. If you know of anyone interested in attending a future class, please let us know!



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 11/3 Nichole Dorvinen
- 11/4 Anthony Harmon
Alec Shafer
- 11/6 Taylor Knaebe
- 11/8 Adam Ewig
- 11/17 Brad Clemetson
Rebeca Juarez
- 11/19 Larry Jenkins
- 11/21 Iman Johnson
Greg Schneider
- 11/27 Lt. Joe Waite

NOVEMBER WORK ANNIVERSARIES

2 years

- 11/15/2020 Tyler Anders
Joseph Butts
Brad Clemetson
William Curtis
Chris Piette
Kevin Porter

RIDDLE ANSWER

An egg



Water rescue training