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HOT NEWS

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE MENOMONEE FALLS FIRE DEPARTMENT

A GREAT YEAR FOR EMS

In 2022, EMS saw many new endeavors take place, new procedures implemented and equipment acquired. I'd like to share a few EMS highlights as we move into 2023!

The Menomonee Falls Fire Department participated in 16 "special" events including Memorial Fest, the Sunset Concert series (five concerts), July 3RD parade and fireworks, Operation Rock the House (three concerts), Lavender Fest, National Night Out, Oktoberfest/Harvest Fest, Downtown Trick or Treating, the Christmas Parade, and the Christkindl Market. At a *minimum* there was one paramedic and one EMT at each event.

MFFD personnel exceptionally represented our department at three open houses and 27 Fire Prevention Month presentations throughout the months of September and October.

MFFD also completed AED Checks throughout the Village of Menomonee Falls on a monthly basis at 19 locations. Areas serviced included the Village Hall, Library, Police Department, all Village of Menomonee Falls public schools, Good Hope Garage, MacArthur Maintenance, the Water Department, and the Community Center. The AED's are checked for proper function and expired pads are replaced.

MFFD partnered with the Community Education and Recreational Center to provide Senior Fire Safety, Firefighters and You, and CPR/AED Classes. MFFD American Heart instructors taught 135 citizens whom reside within the Village of Menomonee Falls and our community. The majority of the citizens participated in the AHA Heartsaver Course with an additional seven people requiring the AHA Basic Life Support Renewal Course. MFFD supplied the instructors, mask, one-way valve, AHA Heartsaver/BLS Book and AHA Completion Card FREE of charge!

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MFFD MONTHLY INCIDENT

DECEMBER
2021

Total Runs - 505

DECEMBER
2022

Total Runs - 574

TRIVIA QUESTION

What year was Fire Fighting an unofficial summer Olympic event?

- A. 1900
- B. 1925
- C. 1942
- D. 1960

(answer on page 4)

"AND NOW WE
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THE
NEW YEAR.
FULL OF
THINGS
THAT HAVE
NEVER BEEN."

- Rainer Maria Rilke
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A GREAT YEAR FOR EMS continued

I am excited to announce that our Paramedic Program has been developed! Thank you to FF/Paramedic Albertson, FF/Paramedic Corbin and FF/Paramedic Peterson for being the first paramedics to trial the program.

The Zoll X Series cardiac monitors now have the CO upgrade at Stations 1, 3 and 5. This allows personnel to monitor for CO just by monitoring our patient's SPO2. Considering how many symptoms can mimic carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning, we are grateful to have the tools to rule this dangerous condition in or out.

MFFD went live in ESO on December 15 with EHR (ePcr reporting) and Fire - Incidents (FH equivalent). This dynamic process will continue into 2023 adding Quality Management (QM), Scheduling, Inspections, and Assets & Checklists (A&C) all in one place.

In conclusion, I want to thank the members of the Menomonee Falls Fire Department. Without your dedication to the citizens and community we serve, our success would not be possible. You are an exemplary model of commitment to the MFFD Mission, Vision, Values, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion statement. On a daily basis you place others' lives, health and future before your own. The sacrifices do not go unnoticed. I am proud and honored to work with and alongside the members of the Menomonee Falls Fire Department. *"Courage is not the absence of fear but rather the judgment that something else is more important than fear"*- Amerose Redmoon

-Battalion Chief Rae Ann Schone



On Christmas day the FD hosted dinner for those on shift and their families along with on-duty officers from the MFPD.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1/1	Aimee Steggall
1/4	Nate Saltzman
1/9	Midou Gueye
	Aaron Koepke
1/16	Jennifer Feldmann
1/17	Devin Godager
1/31	Noah Curtis

JANUARY WORK ANNIVERSARIES

33 years

1/2/1990 Doug Mueller

14 years

1/13/2009 Lisa Ulicki

11 years

1/10/2012 Nicole Porter

2 years

1/18/2021 Paul Krueger
Nate Saltzman

1 year

1/16/2022 Noel Bryant-Nanz
Avery Currie
Taylor Gray
Will Smith
Aimee Steggall

1/19/2022 Alex Luger

FOOD DRIVE RESULTS

Village of Menomonee Falls staff held a food drive to benefit the Falls Area Food Pantry from December 5-9. In all, the employees of the Village collected and donated 3,425 total items for this great cause. I am proud to say that because of your generosity, our fire department donated 2,167 of those items, for an average of over 39 items per full time equivalent (FTE) employee. This is truly a great demonstration of "How can we help."

Some information from the Falls Food Pantry website: "Our mission is to gather and distribute nutritious food to residents in the greater Menomonee Falls area with acute or chronic need. We strive to raise awareness of hunger in our community and provide volunteer opportunities for community members to serve one another."

In 2021 the food pantry served 466 households, 240 senior citizens, 505 other adults and 283 children under 18. Thank you for your part in assisting this great community resource.

-Deputy Chief Kevin Rokenbrodt

EMPLOYEES OF THE VILLAGE OF MENOMONEE FALLS FOOD DRIVE

WINNER!  

Pizza Time! for the Fire Department

Congratulations

Thank you to everyone that participated!



Department	Total Items	Average (Item/Person)
Fire	2169	39.4 
Clerk Services & Assessment	136	30.2
Administration	140	20.0
Engineering & Development	149	13.5
Public Works & Utilities	525	13.1
Finance & Municipal Court	122	12.2
Information Technology	45	11.3
Police	139	1.8
Library	0	0.0
Total Items Donated:	3425	15.0

Totals – End of Day 5 (Friday, Dec 9) Food Drive CLOSED.



THE REV'S REFLECTIONS

"How Can We Help"

As the old year ends and a new year begins, I think it is an excellent time to take stock of one's life. Meaning, why do I do what I do. Since 1978, (long before many of you were born!) I have been involved with first responders. First as a volunteer firefighter with the Osseo Rural Fire Department, later as volunteer chaplain with the Menomonee Falls Police Department, Germantown Fire Department and Menomonee Falls Fire Department. I have talked with a wide range of different individuals over the years and have often asked them one simple question: "Why do you do what you do?"

Certainly you are not a first responder for the money. I remember as a volunteer firefighter, we got "paid" once a year and the check just about covered the cost of clothing that I had wrecked responding to calls in the year! With the skills that you have you certainly could find a job that paid much more money than the fire service. You don't do it for the working conditions. The places that we find ourselves both as firefighters and as emergency medical personnel are not very good or safe. The hours we work are not a benefit. How many jobs do you know where you spend 12, 24 or 36 hours away from your loved ones, often without a decent night sleep. Talk about training; the amount of training that the average FF or EMT takes easily qualifies for a full apprenticeship in the trades or almost a Bachelor's Degree at a university.

So why do you do what you do? I believe it can be summed up in the words found on our vehicles: "How Can We Help?" First responders want to be helpers. We are trained to be helpers. We respond, sometimes in the middle of the night, in awful weather, to sometimes horrific scenes because we have the skills, the talents, and the desire to help. When people, most who we do not know, are having their worst day, we are there to help. We use all our skills to save their lives or property. We use our training to make their lives better, to help them, to remind them that someone cares.

Thank you for doing what you do. Thank you for sharing yourself with our community. Thank you for your commitment to the fire service. Thank you for being a trained and compassionate helper!

*-Chaplain Russ Knoth
"The Rev"*

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

Life's not about expecting, hoping and wishing, it's about doing, being and becoming.

TRIVIA ANSWER

A. 1900

Fire Fighting was an unofficial summer Olympic event in the year 1900 and the U.S.A. won gold for the paid department portion.

