

HOT NEWS



THE NEWSLETTER OF THE MENOMONEE FALLS FIRE DEPARTMENT

THE REV'S REFLECTIONS

THANKSGIVING

Although George Washington issued the first proclamation of a day for Thanks-Giving in 1789, it was Abraham Lincoln that called the nation to Thanksgiving on the fourth Thursday of November in 1863. Throughout our history from that day forward we have paused our busy lives to offer Thanksgiving on the fourth Thursday of November.

There are many things that we can give thanks for—tangible and intangible. Certainly, we are a very blessed people. Top of the list probably would be that we are surrounded by those who love us and care for and about us. This list would be family, but also friends. We also have safe places to live, food to eat, and “toys” (those things to help us relax).

For those of us in the fire service, I believe on Thanksgiving we can also give thanks for what we do in our community. We have, not only the opportunity, but also the skills to serve our community. We have an important sense of purpose. Those who study human behavior tell us that having a sense of purpose, helping others, is one of the noblest things a person can do. When someone is having their worst time, we are there to show that they are not alone, that we are there to help make things better, to restore order in the midst of chaos, to bring a ray of hope into their utter darkness. This Thanksgiving, wherever you are, take a moment or two to give thanks for the opportunity to serve.

On a personal note, I want to thank you for welcoming me into the Menomonee Falls Fire Service family. You have allowed me to serve along side you for these years. I thank you for welcoming me into the day room, for feeding me at meal times, allowing me to ride along on calls. But most of all I thank you for letting me minister in your midst. This is something that I never take for granted. I will keep you in my daily prayers and always give thanks for the important work that you do.

Stay safe,

Chaplain Russ Knoth
“The Rev”

MFFD MONTHLY INCIDENT COUNTS

OCTOBER 2022

Total Runs - 484

OCTOBER 2023

Fire - 5

Rescue & Emergency

Medical - 335

Hazardous Condition - 15

Service Call - 54

Good Intent Call - 35

False Alarm & False Call - 29

Total Runs— 473

*A Special
Thank
You!*

Thank you Rev for over a decade of service to the Menomonee Falls Fire

Department. You have been an inspiration and helped so many and attended so many events including open houses, trainings, retirements, new recruits, Peer Support, weddings, funerals, meetings, and many others. Be content with your job well done. Our door is always open!

With gratitude,

Your Menomonee Falls Fire
Department Peer Support
family

FROM THE TRAINING BUREAU

EMS & Training Upcoming Events

Training Division—Fire Scenarios
Training Division—MFFD/MFPD Joint Active Assailant Training
Training Division—Search and Rescue @ Vacant
EMS—Dr. Shepherd Case Reviews—Neuro

READ:

Fire Law Blog
[Ohio Firefighter Charged With Vehicular Homicide - Fire Law Blog](#)

WATCH:

YouTube
[Vent-Enter-Search: Window and Ladder Selection](#)

REVIEW and DISCUSS:

FSRI
[Uncover the Impact of Lithium-Ion batteries on Fire \(fsri.org\)](#)

FREE TRAINING:

[National Fire Academy \(fema.gov\)](#)
[FEMA's Premier All-Hazards Training Center - Center for Domestic Preparedness \(dhs.gov\)](#)
[Training | Cities and Villages Mutual Insurance Company | Cities & Villages Mutual Insurance \(cvmic.com\)](#)

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

11/2	Jason Nye
11/3	Nichole Dorvinen
11/4	Alec Shafer
11/6	Taylor Knaebe
11/8	Adam Ewig
11/17	Rebeca Juarez
11/19	Larry Jenkins
11/21	Iman Johnson
	Greg Schneider
11/27	Lt. Joe Waite

NOVEMBER WORK ANNIVERSARIES

1 year

11/2/22	Jen Feldmann Keelan Schmidt Courtney Jones Chloe Miller
11/9/22	Paul Emery Mark Franzowiak
11/16/22	Rich Dunaj



Live Fire Training

QUARTERLY STATION INSPECTIONS

The station inspections were a little different than normal at two of the stations this quarter. Not only are the station numbers different, so is the location of an entire station of our crews. Because of this, only station 97 (5) and 98 (1) got full inspection sheets. Before we get to those results, I'd like to talk about station 96 (2) and 99 (3). Station 99 (3) has been completely cleared out for construction, and you all did a fantastic job preparing for the work. During our pre-construction walk through, the contractor commented on how nice it is that the areas are completely ready for demolition and work. Additionally, crews are still keeping up on regular cleaning, station, and vehicle maintenance at station 99, and doing a much-appreciated great job.

Station 96 temporary quarters/station are set up and looking good. While the station itself is too small for crews, you have done a nice job making the two temporary trailers and the station work for you. In conversation with officers and crews, I appreciate the great attitude on the move and the positive outlook for moving back when station 99 is complete. Because of improvements that are needed at station 96, I just don't feel it would be comparable to judge on inspection. I do think it important to say that the station was clean and as organized as possible. Both trailers were also freshly cleaned and organized. Very nice job to the crews.

Congratulations to Station 97, who took the award with a score of 255. Station 97 had an attention to detail both in cleaning the station, bathrooms, bay and especially vehicles that put them over the top. One thing that stuck out is how clean the interiors of the vehicles were, including the floors. Throughout the station, it seemed clear that pride is taken in how the station is kept. Additionally (but not specifically graded), the day room has been rearranged since the last inspection, and is set up nice and looking great. Station 98's score of 243 is not bad, but station 97 was just a step ahead. Thank you for the continued work you are doing not only taking care of our community, but also our station and vehicles. From the first station inspection to now, the difference is significant.

-Deputy Chief Kevin Rokenbrodt

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

Strive to be better than who you were yesterday.



James DuBois had his first fire with MFFD on Nov. 7. We heard that his shift really enjoys a good steak to celebrate!



Stanley Mindiola's first fire with MFFD was on Oct. 9. It's tradition to bring in ice cream when we have our first experiences, so the Green Shift would like Stanley to know that they like Cookies-N-Cream and Mint Chocolate Chip!



Banana Cream Pie Cookies

- Michael Peterson

- 1 cup butter, softened
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 large ripe banana, mashed
- 1 egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 (3.4 ounce) box instant banana pudding mix
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 24 vanilla wafer cookies, chopped into 1/4 inch pieces
- 3/4 cup white chocolate chips



Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. In large mixing bowl, cream butter and sugars until fluffy. Add banana, egg and vanilla; mix until well combined. In separate bowl, whisk flour, pudding mix, baking soda, baking powder and salt. Gradually add to butter mixture; beat until combined. Fold in cookie pieces and chocolate chips. Drop dough by rounded tablespoonfuls 2 inches apart onto parchment paper-lined baking sheets; flatten slightly. Bake for 9-11 minutes, or until edges are lightly browned (tops will still be soft). Cool 5 minutes on baking sheets; transfer to wire cooling racks. Makes about 3 dozen.

Lemon Kiss Cookies

- Lisa Ulicki

- 1 1/2 cups butter, softened
- 3/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1 tablespoon lemon extract
- 2 3/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 (10.8 ounce) package chocolate candy kisses
- 1/2 cup powdered sugar, for dusting



In large mixing bowl, cream butter, sugar and extract until light and fluffy. Gradually add flour to creamed mixture until well blended. Cover dough; refrigerate at least one hour.

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. Shape rounded tablespoonfuls of dough around each chocolate candy kiss, covering completely; roll into balls. Place dough balls 2 inches apart on ungreased or parchment paper-lined baking sheets. Bake for 8-12 minutes, or until edges are lightly browned. Cool 1 to 2 minutes on baking sheets; transfer to wire cooling racks. Dust with powdered sugar. Top with Chocolate Drizzle. Makes about 3 1/2 dozen.

Chocolate Drizzle

- 1/2 cup semi-sweet or white chocolate chips
- 1 tablespoon vegetable shortening
- 1/2 teaspoon lemon extract

In double boiler or microwave, melt chocolate chips with shortening; stir until smooth. Remove from heat; stir in extract. Drizzle over cookies.

Two of our own MFFD members were featured in the 2023 We Energies Cookie Book which focused on First Responders this year. Congrats Lisa and Mike!



October was a busy month filled with many Fire Prevention school visits and multiple trainings.

DC Rokenbrodt captured a beautiful sunrise over Station 99 just a few days before construction work began.

