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HOT NEWS



THE NEWSLETTER OF THE MENOMONEE FALLS FIRE DEPARTMENT

MEET MFFD's NEWEST FULL-TIME MEMBERS

Name: Andrew

Where do you live? Brookfield

Why did you join MFFD? I joined the Menomonee Falls Fire Department because I wanted to serve the local community by joining a progressive fire department.

What classes have you taken related to Fire or EMS? EMT-B, Fire 1, Fire 2, D/O Pumper, Fire Instructor 1 Fire Officer 1, Hazmat Ops

What classes will you be taking? C/O Aerial, AEMT or Paramedic

Have you been on any other depts or in a related field? I was on the Tabor Volunteer Rescue Squad in Iowa in 2016-2018. I am currently also on Elm Grove Fire and EMS Departments.

Family/Pets? Married to Olivia

Are you employed somewhere besides MFFD? I am still a member of the Elm Grove Fire and EMS Departments.

Any hobbies? Hiking, weight lifting, traveling

Anything else you would like to tell us about yourself? My current goal is to see as many national parks as possible. I have been to about 10 parks so far!



Name: Ethan

Where do you live? Right in the middle of Menomonee Falls

Why did you join MFFD? Throughout high school I was involved with the Explorer post here and found MFFD to be a very welcoming environment and I met a lot of great people. When I saw the grant open, I was excited to finally come back.

What classes have you taken related to Fire or EMS? Fire 1 & 2, D/O Pumper, EMT Basic

What classes will you be taking? I'm currently enrolled in Paramedic, I hope to take D/O Aerial eventually, as well as ESI, FO 1 and maybe Inspector.

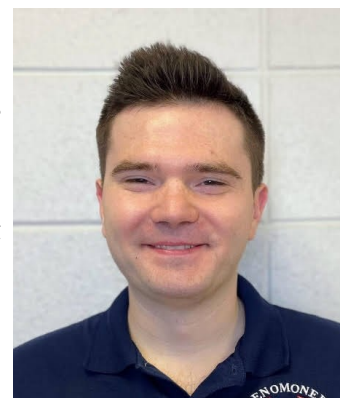
Have you been on any other depts or in a related field? I began with the Village of Lisbon Fire Department in 2020.

Family/Pets? A wonderful girlfriend named Sydney and a 10 year old Yorkie Poodle named Jordy.

Are you employed somewhere besides MFFD? I work at the Hot House Tavern on Appleton Ave

Any hobbies? Love outdoor hiking and snow shoeing, swimming in the summer, golf and baseball

Anything else you would like to tell us about yourself? I am very excited to begin my full-time fire and EMS career! This has been something I have been working towards for a while!



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Name: Ryan Greener

Where do you live? Wauwatosa

Why did you join MFFD? I joined the MFFD to advance my career in Firefighting/EMS. The Falls offers an amazing community/family atmosphere on and off the job.

What classes have you taken related to Fire or EMS? I have taken Firefighter 1 & 2, Instructor 1 & 2, Inspector, Driver/Operator, EMT-B, along with an Associates Degree in Firefighting.

What classes will you be taking? I will be taking either Advanced EMT or Paramedic to advance my career in the fire service.

Have you been on any other depts or in a related field? I have been a member of the Elm Grove Fire Department for 7 years, and a Firefighter/EMT in the US Army for 4 years.

Family/Pets? I am currently living with my parents in Wauwatosa. I have a twin sister named Olivia and a girlfriend named Kenzie.

Are you employed somewhere besides MFFD? I am employed by the US Army as a Firefighter/EMT.

Any hobbies? I enjoy attending sporting events (Admirals, Brewers, Bucks and Packers), outdoor activities (hunting, fishing), and woodworking.



Name: Charles

Where do you live? Milwaukee

Why did you join MFFD? I joined because I have family in the Falls and being able to service them and the community is something that I look forward to doing! I feel like this department is growing and I would like to be a part of that.

What classes have you taken related to Fire or EMS? EMT, AEMT, Fire 1 & 2, MPO, Inspector

What classes will you be taking? Paramedic, Officers, Instructor

Have you been on any other depts or in a related field? Town of Brookfield, Town of Merton, City of Pewaukee as part-time

Family/Pets? Ava (10), Bryson (6), Kyrie (5) and my girlfriend, Sarah

Are you employed somewhere besides MFFD? N/A

Any hobbies? Basketball league, hunting, fishing, camping, lake life

Anything else you would like to tell us about yourself? I am a hard worker and look forward to growing here as a firefighter. I enjoy the family time and going Up North. I have a Fire Protection degree from MATC.



Name: Jen

Where do you live? Greenfield

Why did you join MFFD? I have been part-time at MFFD for over a year now and have enjoyed every day of it. The morale, teamwork and bonds that you form with your coworkers. I have gained so much experience here which is why I wanted to continue here as a full-time employee.

What classes have you taken related to Fire or EMS? Fire 1, Fire 2, EMT-Basic, AEMT, and Driver/Operator

What classes will you be taking? Aerial, Instructor, Officer, and (hopefully) Paramedic

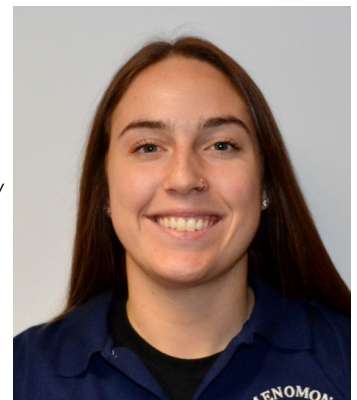
Have you been on any other depts or in a related field? I started my EMT career at Bell Ambulance. I was there for almost a year. I was an intern at Wauwatosa Fire Department for almost four months.

Family/Pets? Elizabeth-Mom, Manfred—Dad, Eric—brother, and my cat Archie

Are you employed somewhere besides MFFD? I am still technically employed at Bell Ambulance

Any hobbies? Working out, hanging out with friends, reading

Anything else you would like to tell us about yourself? I was born/raised in Illinois. I moved to WI when I was 18 to attend the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. I graduated in 2021 with a Bachelor's Degree in Criminology and a minor in Psychology. I currently live alone with my cat Archie in Greenfield. I hope to move this upcoming year.



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Name: Keelan Schmidt

Where do you live? Germantown

Why did you join MFFD? Since growing up in Wauwatosa, I was familiar with Menomonee Falls and grew fond of it over time. Additionally, since working part-time for MFFD, I realized that I wanted to start my career here.

What classes have you taken related to Fire or EMS? Fire 1, Fire 2, A-EMT, MPO, Inspector

What classes will you be taking? Aerial and Paramedic

Have you been on any other depts or in a related field? First fire related job!

Family/Pets? My mom (Kelly) lives in Germantown and my dad (Milton) lives in Georgia. I have a brother named Andrew in Colorado, and a sister named Jaime in Milwaukee.

Are you employed somewhere besides MFFD? I started working for Bell Ambulance and still currently work there.

Any hobbies? I enjoy playing soccer and spending time with my family.

Anything else you would like to tell us about yourself? I am the first one in my family to join the fire service and am excited to start a legacy.



Name: Breanna Adams

Where do you live? Milwaukee

Why did you join MFFD? I worked here part-time and wanted to continue my fire service career here full-time. I enjoy this community and the people I get to work with.

What classes have you taken related to Fire or EMS? Fire 1 & 2, DO Pumper, Paramedic

What classes will you be taking? I hope to take Instructor classes and eventually Officer.

Have you been on any other depts or in a related field? I have not been on any other departments.

Are you employed somewhere besides MFFD? N/A

Any hobbies? I enjoy being outside and seeing my friends. Otherwise I've been in Paramedic school for the past year, so I haven't had much time for hobbies.

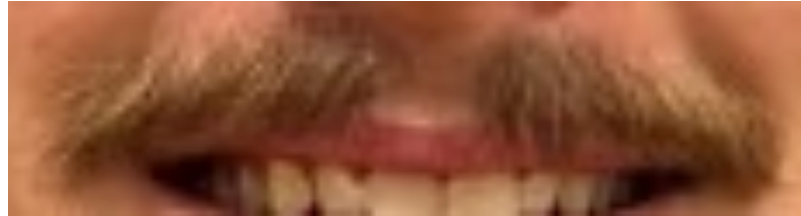


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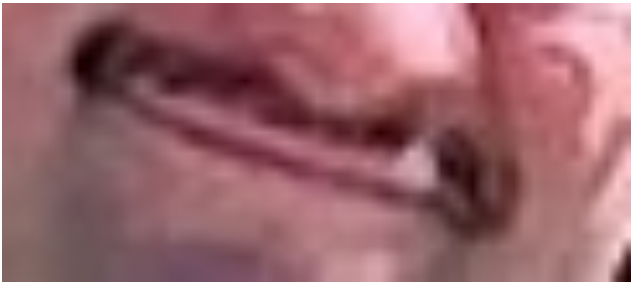
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FROM THE TRAINING BUREAU

EMS & Training Upcoming Events

- Training Division—Natural Gas/CO Incidents & New Meters
- Training Division—Thermal Imaging
- Company Training—Apparatus Positioning
- Company Training—Proper Hand Signals
- Company Training—Road Scene Safety
- Company Training—Scene Lighting
- EMS—Dr. Shepherd Case Reviews

READ:

- Fire Law Blog
- [Women Claim Cleveland Fire Department’s Hiring Process is Discriminatory - Fire Law Blog](#)

WATCH:

- YouTube
- [Bobby Halton: United in Purpose](#)

REVIEW and DISCUSS:

- CDC
- [Fire Fighter Fatality Investigation Report F2019-03 | NIOSH | CDC](#)

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 \(cvmic.com\)](#)



- Guess the Stache answers:
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| 1. Aaron Martinez | 3. Kevin Myers | 7. Stanley Mindiola |
| 2. James DuBois | 4. Jessica Wolf | 8. Sean Foley |
| | 5. Jason Nye | 9. Steve Schmitz |
| | 6. Jeff Plewa | 10. Lucas Albertson |

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1/4 Nathan Saltzman
- 1/9 Aaron Koepke
- 1/16 Jen Feldmann
- 1/17 Devin Godager
- 1/18 Paul Griffin

WORK ANNIVERSARIES

- 34 years
- 1/2/1990 Doug Mueller
- 15 years
- 1/13/2009 Lisa Ulicki
- 12 years
- 1/10/2012 Nicole Porter
- 3 years
- 1/18/2021 Paul Griffin
- Nathan Saltzman
- Paul Krueger
- 2 years
- 1/16/2022 Will Smith
- Taylor Gray

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2/3 Kurt Smith
- 2/19 Brad Behling

WORK ANNIVERSARIES

- 23 years
- 2/20/2001 Aaron Koepke
- 6 years
- 2/26/2018 DC Nick Boehlke
- 2 years
- 2/7/2022 Brad Behling



The MFFD and MFPD working together for Active Assailant training.

