

HOT NEWS



THE NEWSLETTER OF THE MENOMONEE FALLS FIRE DEPARTMENT

FROM THE CHIEF'S DESK

I've been with the Menomonee Falls Fire Department for just over a month and this article provides a great opportunity to document some of the items that have been worked on through the transition. It is important to note how much I appreciate the work of our membership and the assistance I've received as I learn more about the Village and the services the fire department provides.

In an effort to work through my first 100 days, I outlined a plan that keeps me focused on learning more about organizational and municipal priorities. I continue to meet with other public safety administrators, medical professionals, and department managers. I am working to address financial obligations and fiscal management. I am also trying to learn more about our contributions to other municipal departments (planning, engineering, IT, finance, HR, etc).

I am a student of my profession and my position. I am working to understand more about our efforts in providing purposeful outreach and community risk reduction. Menomonee Falls and its fire department are experiencing the type of growth that requires progressive thought and dynamic leadership. Every day presents an opportunity for me to learn more about the department, community, firefighters, medical providers, support personnel, shift officers, and command staff – and every day presents an opportunity for *them* to learn more about my approach.

Policies and procedures are a work-in-progress. BC Klug and I are reviewing MFFD's practices and we continue to work toward full implementation of Lexipol (a policy management program intended to provide structure to our categorization and organization of department administration and operations). This has proven to be a great way for me to better understand some of the nuances of our structure. The rest of the department will have a better appreciation of Lexipol by the end of the year.

I am grateful for this chance to provide leadership for our fire department and the community it serves. I appreciate the efforts that allowed our fire department to grow with 14 new career firefighters... and it was fun celebrating this milestone with family, friends, and community. I'm looking forward to our up-coming, department-wide meeting to learn more about how the department sees itself (through its core values, mission, and vision). There is a lot more to come. I hope all of our stakeholders are just as (if not more) excited as I am. Onward, upward!

MFFD MONTHLY INCIDENT COUNTS

MARCH 2023

Total Runs - 464

MARCH 2024

Fire - 5

Rescue & Emergency
Medical - 309

Hazardous Condition - 4

Service Call - 50

Good Intent Call - 34

False Alarm & False Call - 18

Total Runs— 420



FROM THE TRAINING BUREAU

EMS & Training Upcoming Events

Training Division—MSA SCBA
Company Training—Hose Deployment-1 ¾ Quick Attack
Company Training—Hose Deployment-2 ½ Quick Attack
Company Training—Apartment Load Deployment
Company Training—EMS Practical Skills—Cardiac
EMS Division—Dr. Shepherd Case Reviews—Pediatrics

READ:

Fire Law Blog
[California Fire District Settles Gender Discrimination Suit With Volunteer for \\$535K](#)

WATCH:

YouTube
[Rapid Deployment of a Hoseline by a Lone Firefighter](#)

REVIEW and DISCUSS:

CDC
[Fire Fighter Fatality Investigation Report F2014-02 | NIOSH | CDC](#)

FREE TRAINING:

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

COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER

Are you passionate about creating positive change in Waukesha County? The Community Outreach Health Clinic is looking for an individual to complete a Community Health Worker training program. No prior healthcare experience needed. Qualifications include someone who...

- grew up in or has spent a great deal of time in Waukesha County or a surrounding area.
- can commit to a 15-week virtual training program that begins in August 2024.
- is interested in part-time employment for a minimum of one year after completion of training.
- wants to make meaningful change in the lives of uninsured, low-income patients.

For more information, please reach out to
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APRIL BIRTHDAYS

4/3 Rich Dunaj
4/6 Bob Marki
4/7 Nick Coon
4/10 Charles Chambliss
4/12 Joe Virnig
4/15 DC Nick Boehlke
4/16 Breanna Adams
4/17 James Creegan
4/29 Lt. Cody Porter

APRIL WORK ANNIVERSARIES

36 years

4/25/1988 Lt. Todd Dettmering

13 years

4/12/2011 Josh Hutwagner

10 years

4/1/2014 Lt. Cody Porter
Lt. Ed Burg
Rico Bishop
Cam Hepp

8 years

4/2/2016 Dan Schroettner

3 years

4/18/2021 James Creegan
Devin Godager
Jeff Plewa
Rebeca Juarez

2 years

4/21/2022 Justin Biehn
Iman Johnson

RENOVATION UPDATE

As part of the Station 99 renovation, the department has purchased two UniMac turnout gear washers and two Unimac turnout gear drying cabinets. Based in Ripon, WI since 1908, UniMac is an industry leader in turnout gear cleaning. MFFD has used their washer/extractors for the past 20 years. UniMac offers equipment that is compliant with NFPA 1851 Standard on Selection, Care, and Maintenance of Protective Ensembles for Structural Fire Fighting.



UniMac makes washer/extractors specifically for the fire service and turnout gear. To ensure that the fabrics are not damaged, these extractors limit the temperature of the water and the g-force of the spin

rate. This differs from their normal extractors that utilize high temperatures and extremely high spin rates. Technology called OPTispray washes contaminants on the surface of the gear down the drain, and the UniLinc integration will allow for tracking of turnout gear washing. Together, this all helps ensure the safest, longest lasting washing for our turnout gear while staying compliant with NFPA standards.

The UniMac PPE drying cabinet offers preset programs ranging from 1.5 to 3 hours that greatly reduce drying time and get our gear back in service quickly. This cabinet runs as efficiently as possible while still complying with NFPA 1851 to keep our gear clean and in good repair, and will dry up to 6 sets of turnout gear at a time.



These washer and dryer units have already arrived at Station 99. As renovation and construction in the laundry area reaches completion they will be installed by Alliance Laundry, the vendor we purchased them through. We will also receive a training session on how to utilize all of the functions available to us.

- Deputy Chief Kevin Rokenbrodt





Through-the-lock training



BAKED FLOUNDER

Ingredients

- 4 flounder fillets
- salt and ground black pepper to taste
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup butter, melted
- 3 tablespoons white wine
- 3 tablespoons seasoned bread crumbs
- 1 pinch paprika, or to taste



Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 325 degrees. Line a baking sheet with aluminum foil and coat with cooking spray.
2. Rinse flounder fillets, pat dry, and place on the baking sheet. Season with salt and pepper. Whisk butter and wine together in a bowl; pour over flounder. Sprinkle each fillet with bread crumbs and then paprika.
3. Bake in the preheated oven until flounder flakes easily with a fork, 25 to 30 minutes.

From the firehouse to your house, enjoy!

