



# GREENVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

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## 2012 ANNUAL REPORT



**Greenville Volunteer Fire Department**  
**Mission Statement**

***“TO PROTECT AND PRESERVE THE LIVES AND PROPERTY OF OUR  
GREENVILLE RESIDENTS WITH THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF FIRE  
SUPPRESSION, RESCUE SERVICES AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL  
CARE THROUGH CONTINUAL TRAINING, PUBLIC EDUCATION AND  
FIRE PREVENTION PROGRAMS.”***

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

March 13, 2013

It is my pleasure to give you an update on what has gone on in the past year and what we are looking forward to for this year. Deputy Chief Tim Lambie and EMS Coordinator Mark Evers continue to work closely with me to make sure the Town of Greenville has the best Fire and EMS service that is available to the public.

Lt. Eric Kitowski and Lt. Josh Lambie continue to work for the town as full-time Fire and EMS providers. They work on our day to day duties. One of their main duties is the inspections of commercial businesses. We have approximately 332 of them that are required to be inspected twice per year for safety. This is a mandate by the State. The second time consuming item, but very worthy of its time is public education. They and other members of the department have conducted many public education events over the past year. They visit schools and conduct station tours. It's not only educational for the children, but fun for our people to be around the children. Lots of interesting questions.



Photo courtesy of Julie Lee Photography

We will be moving to a new radio system in September of this year. This is a 700 megahertz system. We had to purchase all new radios and pagers for this transition. This is a mandate by the FCC. What this will do is give us better radio reception throughout the county and increase interoperability with other agencies. The system that is in place now has a lot of dead spots where our communications are unreliable. This is inherently unsafe for emergency operations. We look forward to the upgrade in the communications system.

We have several new members enrolled in fire classes to become fire fighters for the town. We are very happy to be able to say we have a waiting list to get on the department. Most towns are struggling to recruit members. This is a big commitment for an individual and their family. So when you see these people out there, please thank them for what they do for the community.

Continued training is always a big part of the Fire and EMS group. We train two nights per month. There are classes being held all of the time for individuals that are looking for additional training.

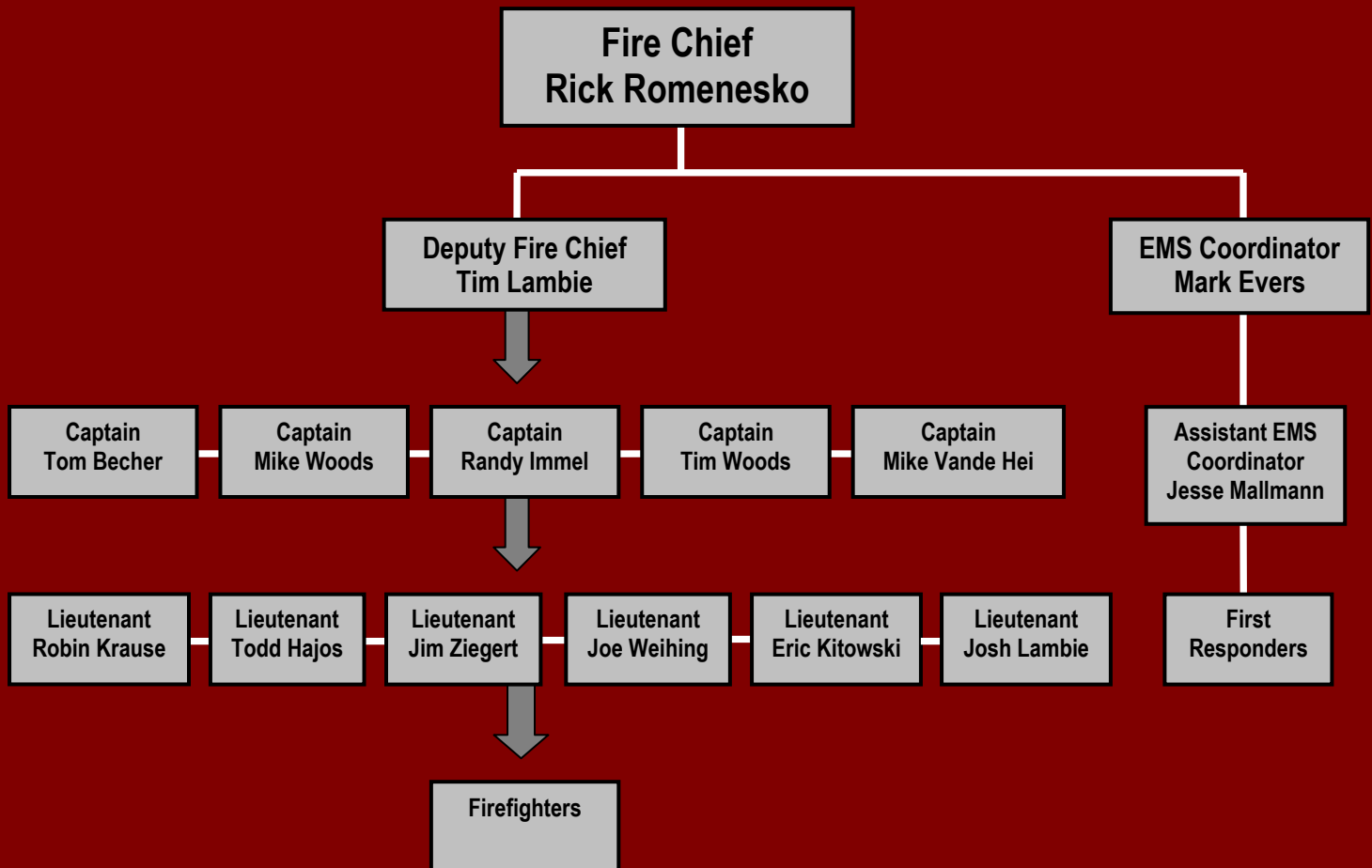
This last year was an exciting year for the Fire and EMS group. We received the two large World Trade Center beams from the Port Authority of NY/NJ. A brilliant memorial design was drafted by Jim Beard (an instructor at Fox Valley Technical College and a Greenville resident), and was accepted by the Town Board. Volunteers helped construct it along with generous material, equipment, and labor donations from local businesses. It is displayed in front of the Public Safety Building. If you haven't had a chance to stop by this wonderful piece of landscaping, I would urge you to do so. Thank You to everyone that put time into this project.

My staff and I at Greenville Fire and EMS strive to provide a safe environment for the Town of Greenville.

Sincerely,  
Chief Romenesko

## PERSONNEL

# Greenville Fire & EMS Table of Organization



### Greenville Fire & EMS Consists of:

13 Fire Officers  
53 Total Firefighters  
6 EMS Officers  
15 Total 1<sup>st</sup> Responders

6 Firefighters are also Greenville 1<sup>st</sup> Responders  
2 Full-time Firefighter/1<sup>st</sup> Responders

## Membership Length of Service – As of March 2013

(Name, rank, continuous years of service)

### Fire Department Command Staff

Rick Romenesko	Chief/1 <sup>st</sup> Resp	22	Tim Woods	Captain	26
Tim Lambie	Deputy Chief	13	Robin Krause	Lieutenant/1 <sup>st</sup> Resp	12
Tom Becher	Captain/1 <sup>st</sup> Resp	42	Todd Hajos	Lieutenant	9
Mike Vande Hei	Captain	23	Jim Ziegert	Lieutenant/1 <sup>st</sup> Resp	9
Mike Woods	Captain	36	Joe Weihing	Lieutenant	13
Randy Immel	Captain	27	Eric Kitowski	Lieutenant/1 <sup>st</sup> Resp	3
			Josh Lambie	Lieutenant/1 <sup>st</sup> Resp	10

### Firefighters

Dave Swichtenberg	Firefighter	13	Jake Swim	Firefighter	0
Adam Pringnitz	Firefighter	0	Mike Hills	Firefighter	20
Jesse Nicholas	Firefighter	1	Ted Ebben	Firefighter	20
Jim Wilke	Firefighter	12	Dave Sigl	Firefighter	6
Tim Immel	Firefighter	2	Chris Schlechta	Firefighter	2
Scott Paap	Firefighter	3	Pat Ebben	Firefighter	12
Paul Schroeder	Firefighter	22	Chris Thelen	Firefighter	20
Austin Weisnicht	Firefighter	1	Steve Pashcke	Firefighter	15
Gary Moser	Firefighter	3	Mike Benton	Firefighter	16
Chris Thelen Jr.	Firefighter	2	Rick Fischer	Firefighter	6
Mike Peters	Firefighter	24	Spencer Jack	Firefighter	3
Jonathan Schlafer	Firefighter	2	Dave Schmidt	Firefighter	18
Josh Altenhofen	Firefighter	1	Tim Flunker	Firefighter	15
Travis Steinacker	Firefighter	12	Chad Miller	Firefighter	9
Shannon Loewenhagen	Firefighter	9	Tyler Ernst	Firefighter	6
Brian Bellile	Firefighter	1	Jason Doucette	Firefighter	1
Tom Kempen	Firefighter	1	Ben Rachubinski	Firefighter	1
Brian Salm	Firefighter	1	Jaime Martinez Jr.	Firefighter	1
Blaire Joas	Firefighter	1	Adam Freimuth	Firefighter	1
Chris Kelly	Firefighter	1	Ben Zemple	Firefighter	1

### First Responders (EMS)

Mark Evers	First Responder	21	Connie Wilke	First Responder	8
Ben Romenesko	First Responder	4	Gary Snow	First Responder	15
Rick Rosenfeldt	First Responder	19	Jesse Mallmann	First Responder	10
Kathy Mallmann	First Responder	17	Vicki Prey	First Responder	10
			Scott Rozmarynowski	First Responder	6

## Notable 2012 Membership Changes

### *In Memoriam*



Eric Jack—Top row, 4<sup>th</sup> from right  
Cornelius Ebben—Bottom row, 1<sup>st</sup> from left

**Eric Jack**  
Born: 12/21/1929  
18 years of service  
Return to Quarters: February 2012

**Cornelius Ebben**  
Born: 7/26/1927  
16 years of service  
Return to Quarters: January 2012

*It is with deep regret and sadness that we remember the passing of Eric Jack and Cornelius Ebben. They served a combined 34 years of service to their community. We salute you and your families. You will always be part of the Hortonville and Greenville Fire Department families. May you rest in peace.*



Deputy Chief Tim Lambie introducing newly hired, full-time firefighter Josh Lambie at the Town's Annual meeting.  
(April 2012)

As stated in the 2011 annual report, the fire department and Town Board approved the hiring of a 2<sup>nd</sup> full-time firefighter/first responder based on fire department workload and safety concerns. A hiring process was started in early 2012 that included many qualified candidates. The Town Board hired firefighter and first responder Josh Lambie. In September, he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant. We are excited to see him take on added responsibility and leadership roles and congratulate him on this career achievement.



Ryan Wilke



Aaron Hansen



Mike Engels

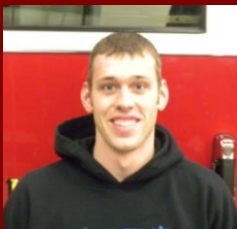


Troy Olson

Four Greenville Fire Department members retired in 2012. Ryan Wilke retired in January after serving 8 years on the department. Ryan is now on the Bear Creek Fire Department. Aaron Hansen retired in March after serving 5 years on the department. Mike Engels retired in May after serving 4 years on the fire department.

Lastly, Troy Olson retired in May after serving 1 year on the department.

We thank all of you for your years of dedicated service to the GFD and the Town of Greenville.



Brian Bellile



Jesse Nicholas



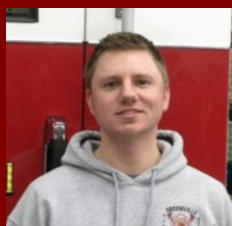
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Jason Doucette



Ben Rachubinski



Chris Kelly



Brian Salm



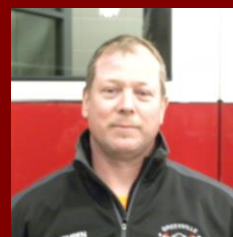
Blaire Joas II



Adam Freimuth



Ben Zemple



Tom Kempen



Jaime Martinez Jr.

We welcomed 13 NEW firefighters in 2012, including Brian Bellile, Jesse Nicholas, Austin Weisnicht, Josh Altenhofen, Jason Doucette, Ben Rachubinski, Chris Kelly, Brian Salm, Blaire Joas, Adam Freimuth, Ben Zemple, Tom Kempen, and Jaime Martinez Jr. We appreciate their commitment to the Town of Greenville.

# OPERATIONS

## Station, Staffing, and Apparatus

### Fire Station #53 W6895 Parkview Dr



The station is staffed by the part-time Chief, 2 full-time firefighter/first responders. An active roster of 15 first responders and 53 firefighters answer the call to duty 24 hours a day, 365 days of the year.

### Engine 5321



2010 Pierce Velocity  
Seats 6, Waterous-1250  
gpm pump, and 750 gal.  
water tank.

Thermal imaging camera, extrication equipment, ventilation fan, master stream device, foam system, and scene lighting.

### Pumper/Tanker 5361



2004 Pierce Enforcer  
Seats 6, Waterous-1250  
gpm pump, and 2500 gal.  
water tank.

Thermal imaging camera, 3000 gal. porta-tank, ventilation fan, master stream device, foam system, and scene lighting.

### Pumper/Tanker 5362



1997 Pierce/Freightliner  
Seats 2, Waterous-1750  
gpm pump and 3000 gal.  
water tank.

3000 gal. porta-tank, portable generator, ventilation fan, and scene lighting.

### Heavy Rescue 5371



2005 Pierce/Freightliner  
Seats 10, breathing air  
cascade system, Nightscan  
light tower, command center,  
winch, extrication equipment.

Ice rescue equipment, wildland FF suits, rescue rope, EMS supplies, gas detectors, power tools, spill clean up supplies.

### Utility/Command 5381



2006 Chevy 2500HD  
Seats 5, 13 gal. on-board  
pressurized water supply,  
and scene lighting.

EMS equipment, long board, hand tools, spill clean up supplies, and portable generator.

### Utility/Brush Truck/Light Rescue 5382



2000 Ford F-350XL Super-Duty, Seats 2  
Skid mounted 150 gal. tank  
with pump and Class A  
foam.

Scene lighting, extrication & EMS equipment, generator, and wildland firefighting equipment.

### Rescue Trailer 5383



Features a Polaris 6-wheeler with skid mounted tank/pump and Class A foam. Off-road rescue cart, ice rescue sled, trench rescue shoring. Cribbing, pumps, long boards, Stokes basket, hand tools, trench jacks and utility rope.

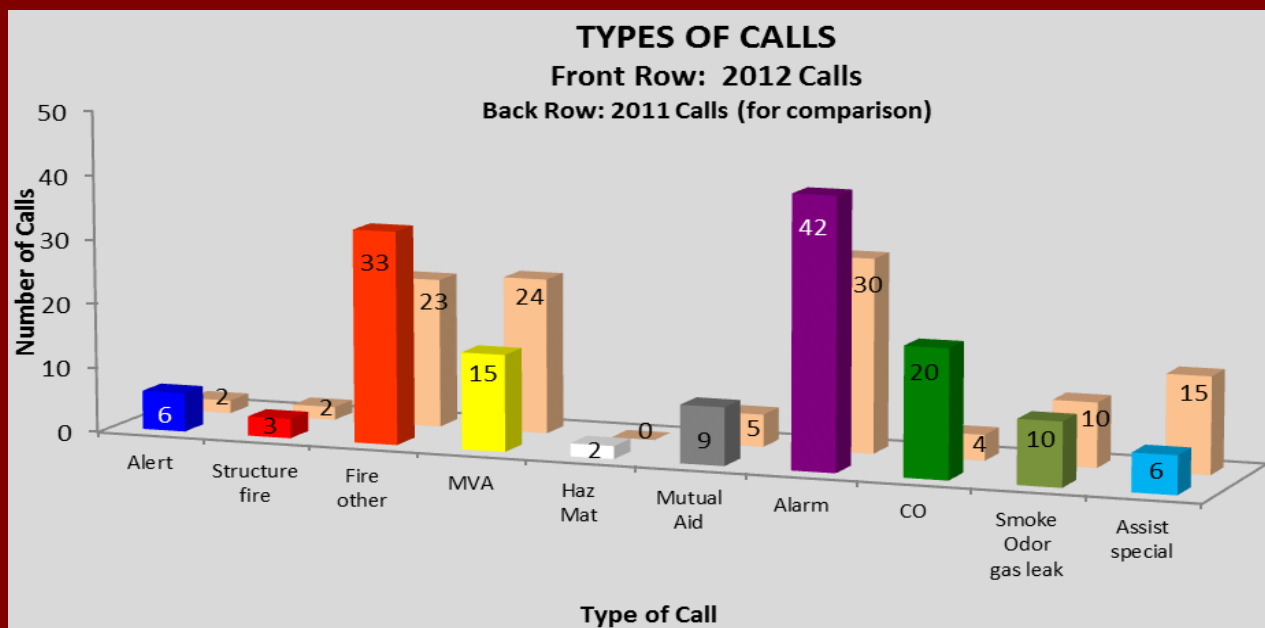
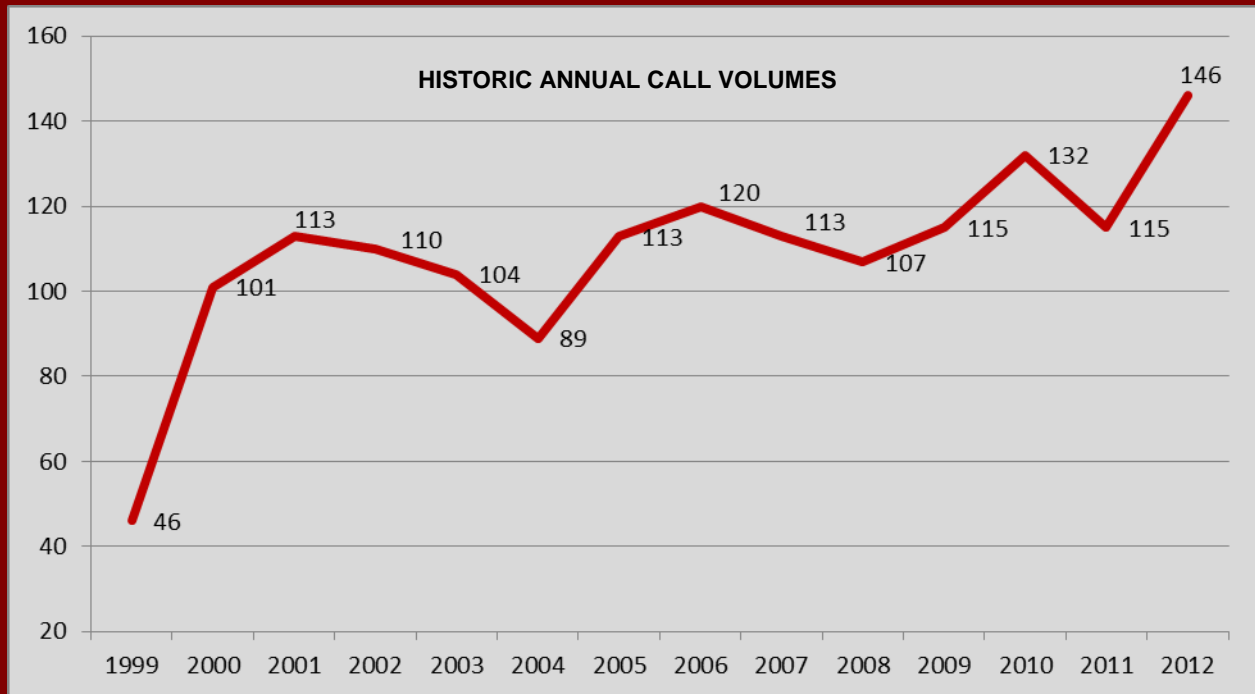
### Outagamie County Disaster Trailer

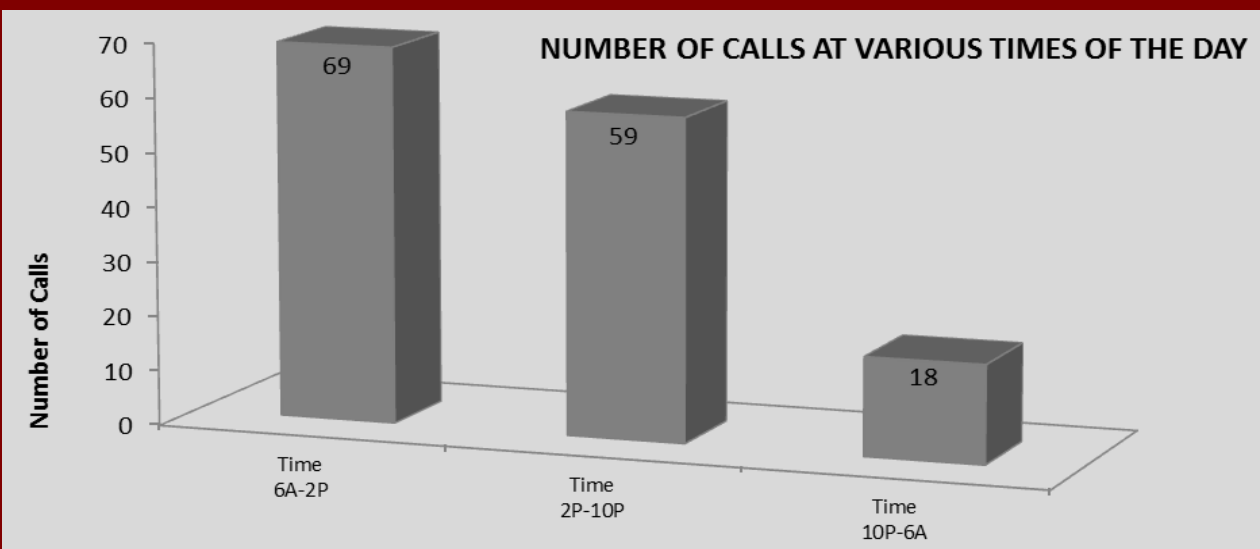
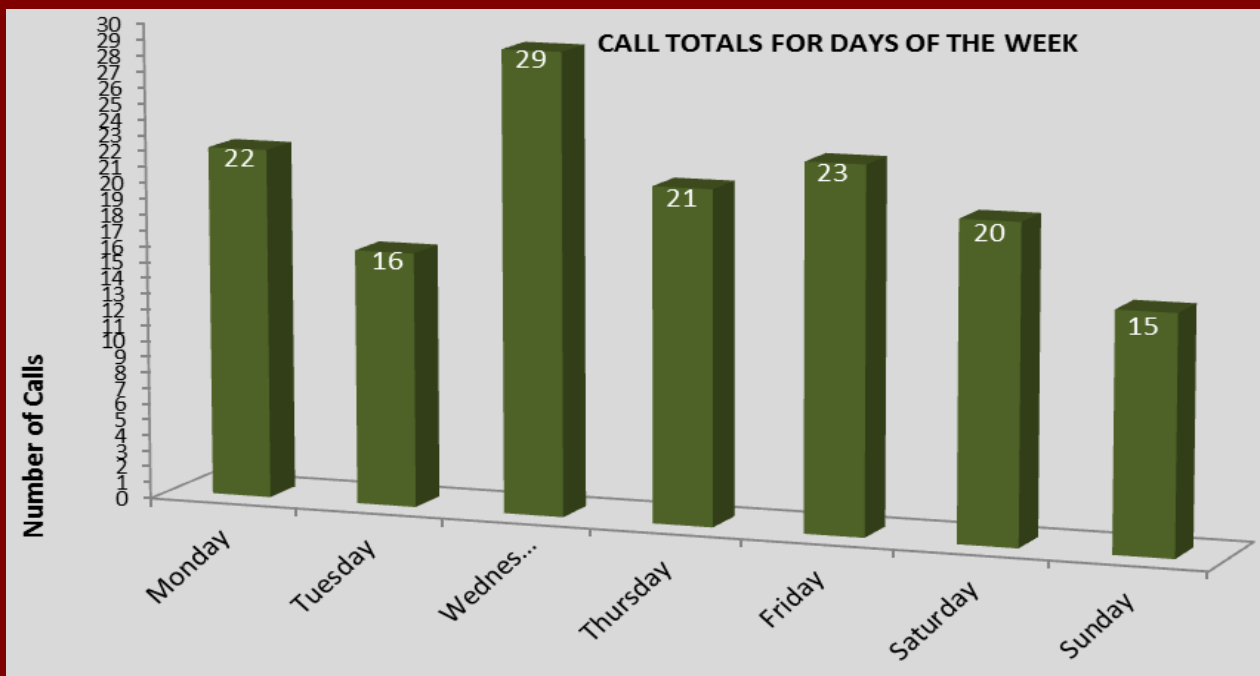
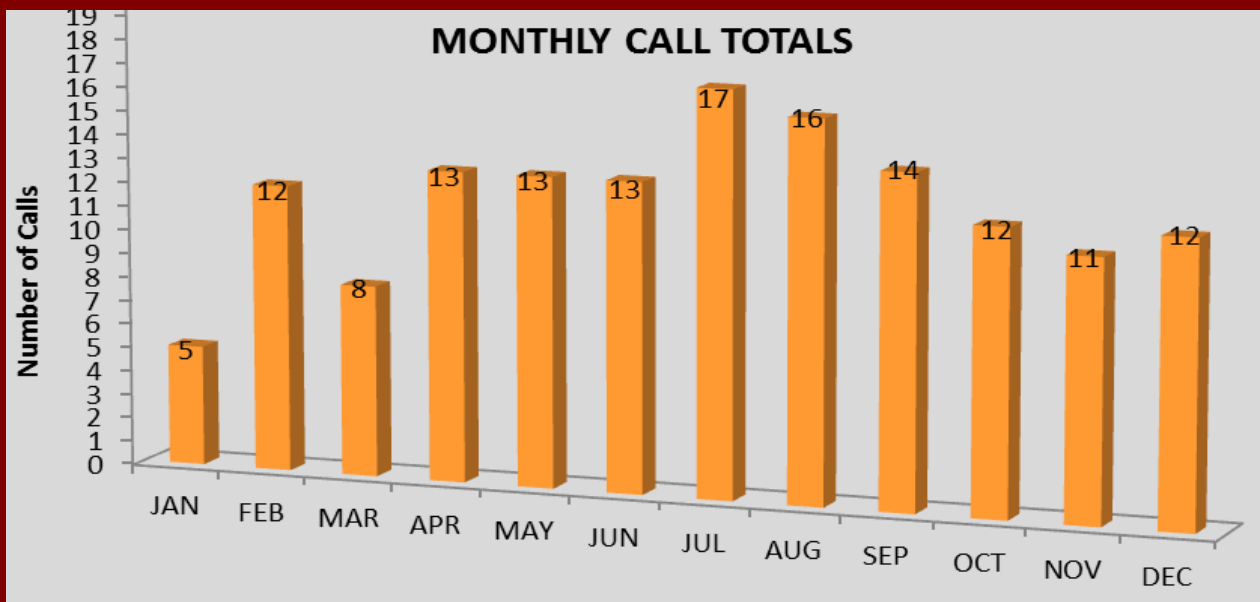


Features a generator, portable lighting, EMS/Triage supplies, and Incident Command supplies, long boards, chemical resistant boots, sand bags, coveralls, sump pumps and hose.

## 2012 Call Volumes and Response Summary

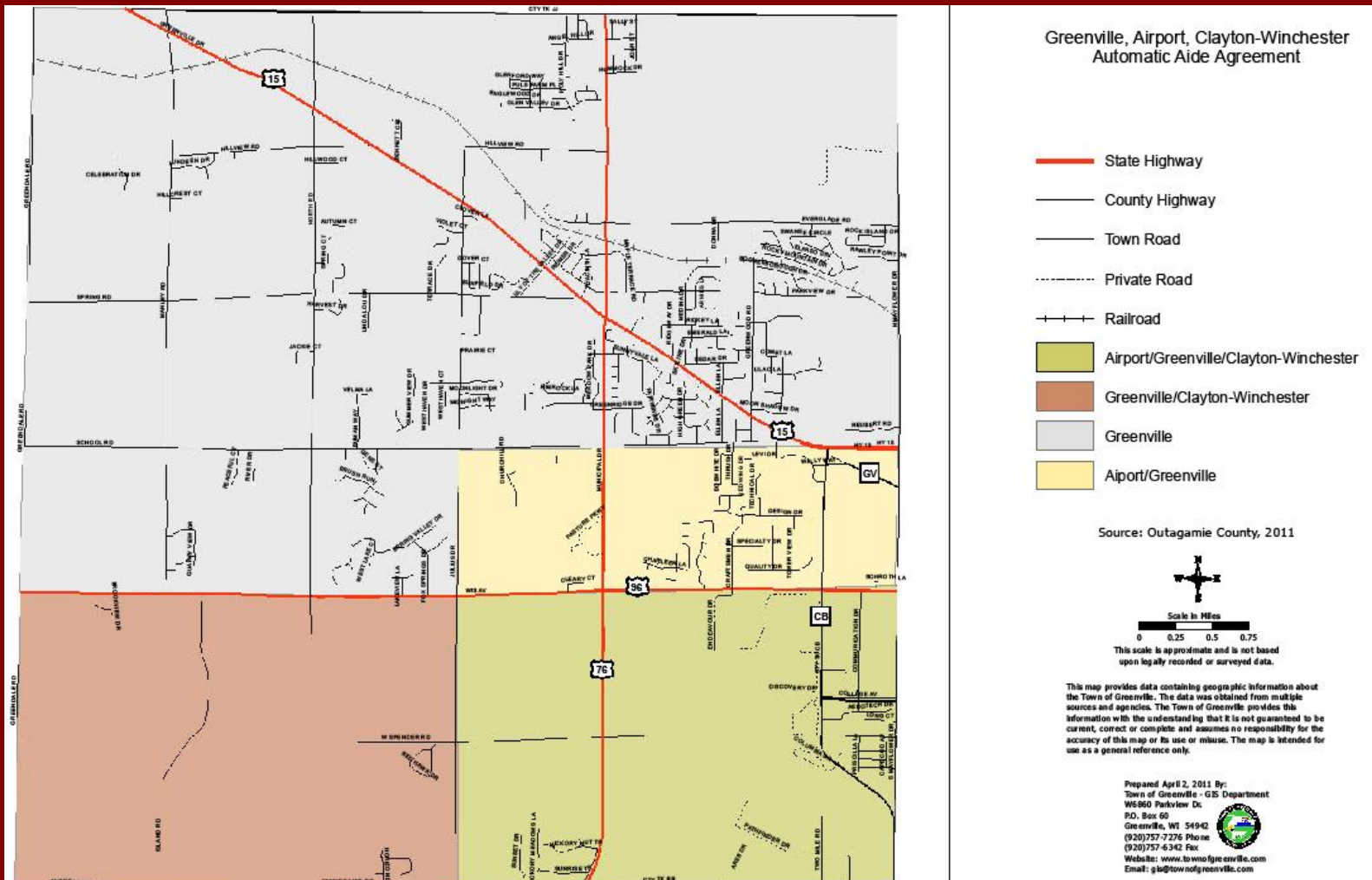
In 2012, the Greenville Fire Department responded to 146 calls. The total number of calls between 2011 and 2012 increased by 26.9%. The Greenville Fire Department responded to 36 fire calls (3 of which were structure fires), 15 MVAs (Motor Vehicle Accidents), 6 Outagamie County Airport Alerts, and 9 mutual aid calls. There was a 37% decrease in motor vehicle accidents between 2011 and 2012 which was most likely due to relatively mild winter seasons. There was a 43% increase in miscellaneous fires in 2012 which was mainly due to illegal burning and burning complaint calls. Lastly, we saw a 400% increase in carbon monoxide alarm calls. Part of this increase can be attributed to the number of CO alarms that have been installed since the residential CO alarm law went into effect in 2011. Additionally, we are finding more CO detectors that are at the end of their operational life which causes them to sound.





## Automatic Aid

The Town of Greenville has Automatic Aid agreements with the Outagamie County Airport and Clayton/Winchester Fire Departments. Automatic Aid is assistance that is dispatched automatically by a contractual agreement between two fire departments, communities or fire districts. In 2012, Greenville Fire responded to 5 automatic aid structure fire calls into the Clayton/Winchester fire district. Automatic aid was also given to the Airport Fire Department for 6 aircraft alert calls.



Response areas within the Town of Greenville given by Automatic Aid departments

## Mutual Aid

The Town of Greenville also has Mutual Aid agreements with surrounding fire departments. Mutual Aid is assistance that is dispatched, upon request, by the responding fire department. Mutual Aid agreements are in place with the following fire departments: Dale, Ellington, Center, Grand Chute, Hortonville, and Town of Menasha. Greenville fire provided mutual aid for two calls in 2012 to the Town of Ellington. One was for a missing person search and the other was for a structure fire.

## M.A.B.A.S.

In the event of a large incident, the MABAS system (**M**utual **A**id **B**ox **A**larm **S**ystem) provides for even more assistance from departments located beyond the towns listed above. MABAS is a mutual aid measure that may be used for deploying fire, rescue and EMS personnel in a multi-jurisdictional and/or multi-agency response. Participation in the mutual aid program is voluntary. The Greenville Fire Department is a MABAS member department and could be called upon to respond for aid to departments within the system. Greenville Fire apparatus were requested via the MABAS system twice in 2012. The first was for hazardous materials spill on Highway 41 in Grand Chute and the second was for a restaurant fire in Grand Chute.

## TRAINING

This past year was a very busy year for the Greenville Fire Department. We have had more calls for service than ever before. As our town population grows, so does our responsibility to ensure the protection and safety of our citizens. We should also never lose sight of those dedicated individuals who put themselves in harm's way to provide that service to our community. Firefighter health and safety is always paramount in everything we do. The fire department has grown and evolved also. We have added 13 new firefighters this past year with 9 of those members having no previous fire-service experience. That's a lot of new faces to get through schooling and certification so we credit them for accepting the privilege and commitment to become a Greenville firefighter. Our members are involved in regular firefighter training, continuing education, and are able to attend numerous public education events throughout the year at schools, churches, daycare facilities and local businesses to help spread the fire safety message. To stay on the cutting edges of the fast-changing world of residential and commercial construction, automobile design, new materials and technologies, the fire service has to continually upgrade and update its operating procedures and equipment to provide the best fire protection for the Town of Greenville. One of our biggest challenges within the fire service is maintaining high levels of readiness and proficiency so we can effectively operate during emergency situations.



Training Lt. Todd Hajos, Firefighter Tim Immel, and Lt. Eric Kitowski will utilize ice rescue equipment and techniques to remove single or multiple victims that have fallen through the ice. (1-7-12)

## **FIRST TO ARRIVE, TRAINED TO SURVIVE**



Training Lt. Josh Lambie, Training Lt. Todd Hajos and Greenville First Responders, will utilize various extrication equipment and techniques to remove door panels and/or roof panels to rescue trapped occupants from a vehicle involved in a simulated auto accident. (10-11-12)



Greenville Fire Department personnel demonstrate techniques to safely shore up a trench area and extricate victims of a trench cave-in or similar entrapment. (5-14-12)

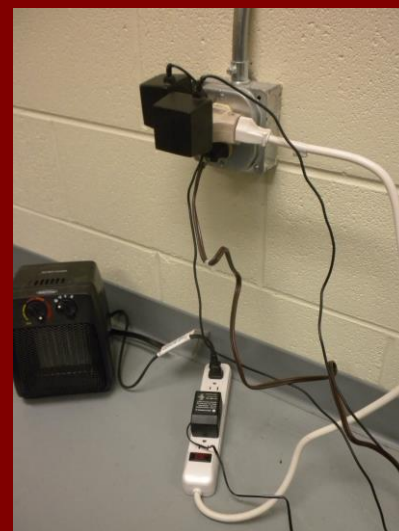
To ensure that all department members maintain proficiency in the basics of firefighting, training is conducted to address the "core" training priorities. Crews work on not only basic firefighting skills, but also more complex operations like vehicle extrications, trench and confined space rescues, ice and water rescues, and emergency vehicle driving/operating skills. The Greenville Fire Department had a total of 1594 training hours in 2012. Department trainings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of every month. **The goal of the training officers has been, and will continue to be, to provide all department members with quality training that is specific to their job requirements yet provides them with the knowledge, skills and abilities to fulfill the mission of the department.**

## FIRE PREVENTION AND PUBLIC EDUCATION

Public fire prevention and life safety education has been proven to be one of the most effective and cost efficient methods of reducing not only the number of fires, but also the number of deaths and injuries that result from fires. The Greenville Fire Department offers residents of Greenville the latest techniques for not only surviving a fire and other hazards, but also gives them knowledge and skills to prevent emergencies from occurring. The goals of the Greenville Fire Department's Fire Prevention & Public Education Programs are to provide the residents, visitors, and businesses of Greenville protection against loss of life and property by fire and other hazards through:

### Fire Prevention Inspections & Code Enforcement

- Fire and life safety inspections of all commercial, multi-family residential, health care, church, and school buildings.
- Maintenance of the Knox Box program, which controls emergency access to buildings and other secure areas for fire operations.
- Investigation of citizen complaints of potential fire code violations.



Overloaded outlet



Obstructed fire extinguisher

Greenville fire inspectors are charged with inspecting approximately 335 commercial occupancies. State statutes require a minimum of 2 inspections in non-overlapping 6-month periods totaling a minimum of 670 inspections per year. Raising that total are follow-up inspections that are done when code violations are discovered (follow up inspections are based on a specific violation criteria). These are done to ensure the owners/occupants correct code deficiencies and bring their occupancies to code compliant levels of fire and life safety. Thirty seven follow-up inspections were required in 2012. We commend the managers and building owners of the properties we inspect for their commitment to safety of both staff members and patrons.



Public education presentation (10-11-12)

### Fire Prevention and Life Safety Education Program

- Fire station tours
- Community parades
- Home fire safety inspections
- Fire extinguisher training for businesses
- GFD/EMS Annual Open House during Fire Prevention Week
- Public appearances at local events (ex. National Night Out and Catfish Races)
- Fire Prevention Month (October)-Safety presentations given to students at local schools and day care centers (Firefighters visit the schools with fire apparatus).
- Fire prevention and life safety information that can be found at the Greenville Town Hall, Greenville Fire Station, the Town's quarterly newsletters, and the fire department and first responder websites at [www.townofgreenville.com](http://www.townofgreenville.com)

The fire station is open to public tours during daytime business hours Monday-Friday and/or by appointment. Tours give the public an opportunity to see the fire station, apparatus, and equipment up close to become more familiar with what is used on emergency scenes.

Home fire safety inspections are free to residents who would like help pointing out hazardous conditions in their homes, suggestions about elimination of hazards, and assistance with emergency preparedness.

Fire extinguisher training is offered to local businesses. We instruct employees how to properly use fire extinguishers for specific types of fires.



Fire station tour (7-9-12)



Fire extinguisher demo at GFD/EMS Open House (10-11-12)



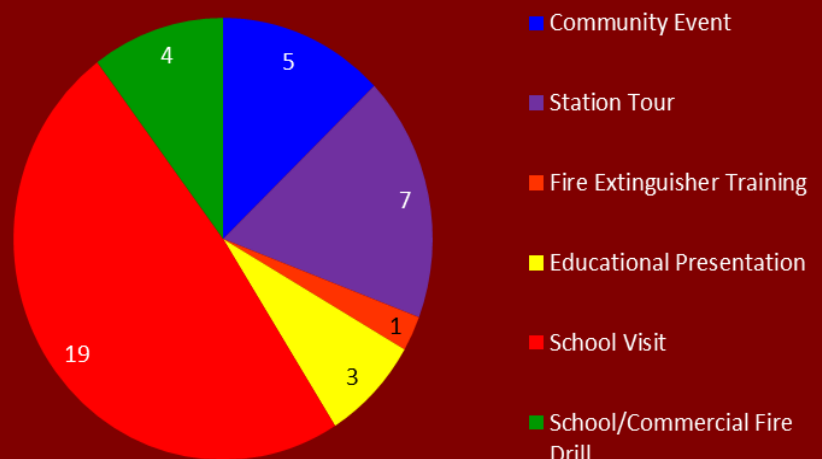
Recognition of fire poster contest winners (10-11-12)

Fire Prevention Month (October) includes fire crew visits to local schools and day care facilities to teach children the basics of fire safety, familiarize them with what a fire fighter looks like in protective clothing, and to let them see the fire apparatus & equipment up close. The month's firefighter activities culminate with the Fire Department and EMS Open House. Some highlights of this event include station tours, fire extinguisher demonstrations, car seat inspections, various apparatus on display, a mock emergency demonstration, and a visit by the Theda Star helicopter (weather permitting). Food and beverages are also served.

The GFD participated in 39 public education events in 2012. The time committed to these events totaled 47 hours. 791 adults and 1422 children took part in the public education (Approx. 400 more children than in 2011!!)



School visit during Fire Prevention Week (October 2012)



## 2012 HIGHLIGHTS

The Greenville Fire Department maintains a membership of approximately 55 firefighters. In early 2012, the Greenville Fire Department reviewed its staffing volume and determined that a recruitment process was necessary. Thirteen firefighters were added to the roster over the course of 2012. Most of them are current residents who wanted to give back to their community. Some have recently moved to Greenville and have firefighting experience on other departments. We welcomed Brian Bellile, Jesse Nicholas, Austin Weisnicht, Josh Altenhofen, Jason Doucette, Ben Rachubinski, Chris Kelly, Brian Salm, Blaire Joas II, Adam Freimuth, Ben Zemple, Tom Kempen, and Jaime Martinez Jr. Their dedication to the Town and the fire department is appreciated (photos on page 7).

In 2011, Greenville fire officers and town officials also looked at the day to day fire department workload and safety for Lt. Eric Kitowski working at the station alone. Those duties include: Fire/Life safety inspections on commercial buildings and businesses including follow-ups, and pre-fire plans, light apparatus/equipment maintenance, response to fire/EMS calls, fire prevention/education activities, reports, data entry, and assistance with training set-ups. Based on a review of that workload and safety concerns, the Town approved the creation of another full-time firefighter/first responder position. An internal hiring process was conducted late in the year. In March, Josh Lambie was promoted to this position. In September, Josh was also promoted to the rank of Lieutenant. The promotion comes with added administrative, training, and fire crew responsibilities.

In the spring of 2012, the Town of Greenville commissioned RW Management Group, Inc. to conduct a fire department capital improvement and staffing needs study. Construction of a new fire station was one of the key recommendations, among many, that came out of the study. It cited firefighter safety issues with the current facility, the need for improved training facilities, congested turn-out gear changing areas, overall lack of storage/offices, and general site congestion at the current location. Some of the other recommendations were to complete automatic aid agreements with Town of Menasha and Grand Chute, incorporate the capital recommendations from the study, incorporate a career development program and health and fitness program, and many others. RW Management identified the area around the current fire station as an ideal location for a new station based on its relation to emergency calls, firefighters' homes, and major Town thoroughfares. Determining the precise location for a new station was determined to be a time-critical task based on the availability of undeveloped land at the intersection of Municipal Dr. and Parkview Dr. A project study group consisting of various members of Town government, the public, fire, and EMS worked to determine the exact site. That group recommended the vacant site at the intersection of Municipal Dr. and Parkview Dr. A public vote was held in December to approve the Town's purchase of that property for future Town use; including the possibility of its use for a new fire station. The vote resulted in an approval to purchase the property. The fire department and first responders will continue to move forward with the recommendations/projects outlined in the RW Management study. A copy of the study report can be found on the Town's website.



Although the fire department trains its personnel in the use of Rapid Intervention Teams (RIT) at structure fires, we did not have dedicated RIT equipment packages for those teams. RIT teams are put into service specifically for the rescue of firefighters in distress. In 2012, the department purchased equipment specifically designed for those teams. Some of the equipment includes: Drag bags for spare air bottles and equipment, search rope, flashlights, knives, wire cutters, etc. The equipment will help to ensure "we all come home."



As part of a FCC mandate, Outagamie County will be required to upgrade its radio system infrastructure and agency equipment in 2013. The new system and associated portable and mobile radios will greatly improve communications in the county and interoperability between agencies.



The current system is being overwhelmed with use on its relatively few radio channels and does not have clear coverage in all parts of the county. The new system and equipment is designed to remedy these issues which will make emergency operations inherently much safer. Greenville Fire made an initial equipment purchase in 2012 to prepare for this system upgrade. 13 pagers and 19 portable radios were purchased.



In spring of 2012, a September 11<sup>th</sup> Memorial construction committee was put together consisting of Fire/EMS personnel, Greenville residents, veterans, and members of Town government. This gave people from all walks of life the opportunity to contribute to the planning and construction of the Memorial. Ground was broken on July 11<sup>th</sup> and construction continued until the final touches were made on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Over 160 people and businesses donated materials, labor, money, and services to the construction. Many others helped plan and participated in the Memorial dedication and unveiling. The Greenville September 11<sup>th</sup> Memorial was dedicated on August 25<sup>th</sup> 2012.



Photo Courtesy of Fox Valley Technical College



Town residents, visitors from out of town, police, fire, EMS, veterans, soldiers, and elected officials from all over the state were in attendance. Several hundred people attended the dedication which was very solemn and emotional. Guest speakers included: Walter Zerrenner, a Greenville resident who worked in New York at the time. He witnessed the smoke pouring out of the North Tower from inside commercial jet liner. He also witnessed the city shut down due to the disaster.



Photo Courtesy of Fox Valley Technical College

Another guest speaker was Luke Laidley who worked for Morgan Stanley on the 61<sup>st</sup> floor of the South Tower. He felt the building shudder from the impact of United Airlines flight #175. He worked 16 floors below the crash site and escaped the dark and smoke-filled building.

The last guest speaker was Lt. Joe Torrillo, a retired New York City firefighter who was buried in the rubble of the collapse and rescued by other firefighters. Since 9-11, he's been telling his account of that day so that people don't ever forget. He also volunteers as a guide at the Ground Zero 9-11 Memorial in New York.



Photo Courtesy of Fox Valley Technical College

Symbolism is heavily incorporated in the Memorial's design. The pond represents the hole in the ground at Shanksville, PA and those that died on United Airlines Flight #93. The stone patio in front of the beams represents the Pentagon (same shape) and those that died there. The beams represent and are positioned in a similar way to the Twin Towers. While standing on the Pentagon patio and looking at the beams, you are actually facing Ground Zero. A waterfall in the

pond ties our Greenville Memorial to the 9-11 Memorial in New York which also incorporates waterfalls. The red stripe in the wall represents firefighters, especially the 343 that died on 9-11. The crab tree represents the Survivor Tree at the New York Memorial. That pear tree was nearly destroyed by the wreckage of the Twin Towers, but was nursed back to life. The roses represent the survivors, Veterans, Police, Fire, and EMS

## DEPARTMENT AWARDS & RECOGNITION

### FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR



The title of "Firefighter of The Year" for 2012 went to Lt. Josh Lambie. Lt. Lambie was appointed to career firefighter and Fire Prevention Specialist in March of 2012, and was also promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in September. He was later promoted to Training Officer and shares those duties with Lt. Todd Hajos. Lt. Lambie was recognized for going above and beyond in all of his duties in 2012; most notably, his hard work and leadership role relating to Greenville's September 11<sup>th</sup> Memorial. Many of the monetary, labor, material, and equipment donations relating to the construction would not have been possible without his efforts. Lt. Lambie was recognized at the department's annual Christmas party.

### EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT



Firefighter Chad Miller and Captain Mike Vande Hei were recognized for their Exemplary Service to the fire department in 2012. They both have spent untold hours out of their personal schedules to help maintain Greenville Fire apparatus and equipment in a constant state of readiness. Their efforts and knowledge have also saved the Town and the department hours in labor and part costs. Captain Vande Hei is our lead mechanic and also ensures our personal protective gear is properly maintained. Firefighter Miller took a lead role in organizing the annual charity brat fry in May. They were also recognized at the annual Christmas party.

### LEADERS IN TRAINING HOURS



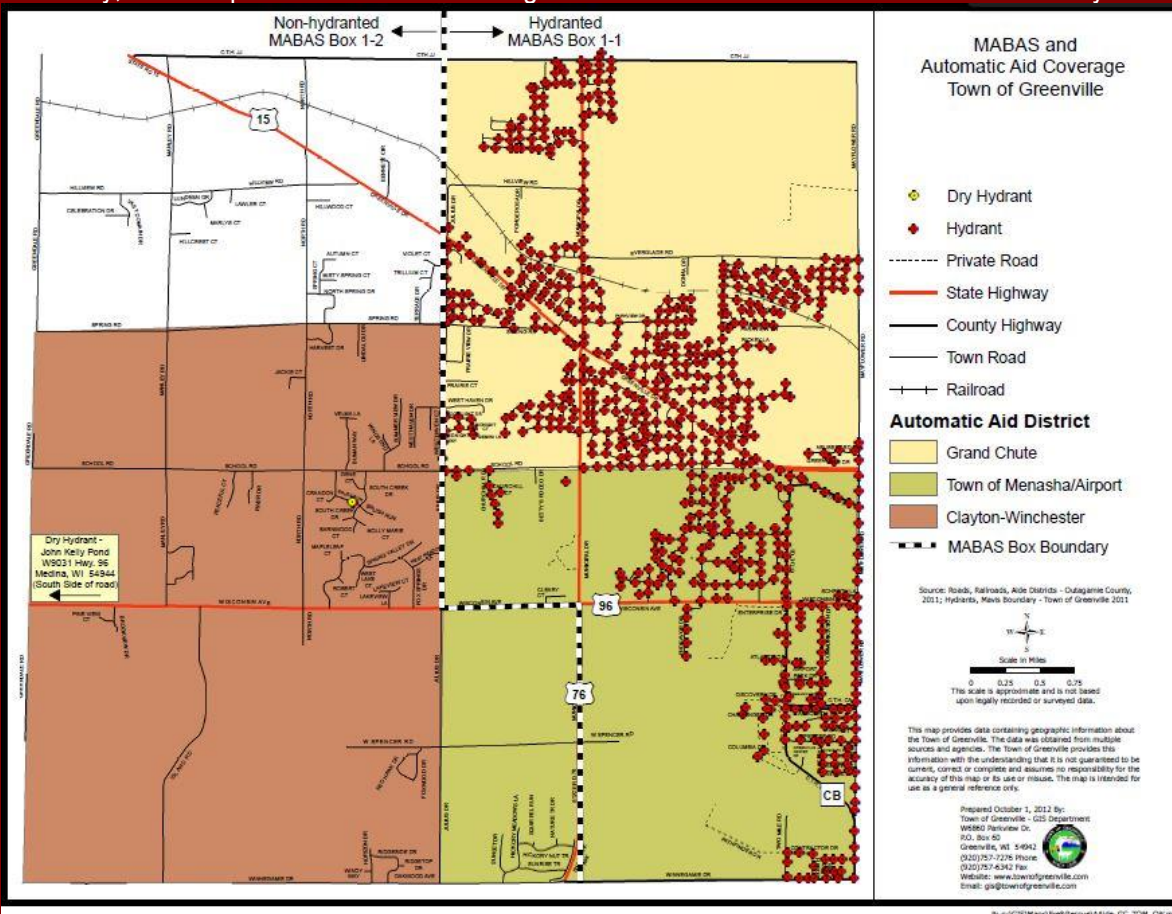
Firefighters Chad Miller, Chris Schlehta, Rick Fischer, Lt. Joe Weihing, and Captain Randy Immel were recognized for their accumulated training hours in 2012. They attended classes, training seminars, etc. above and beyond the annual, base set of 24 department trainings. Firefighting tactics, equipment, training, etc. are constantly evolving and we as firefighters need to change with those aspects of the job. We commend these individuals for continuing their education and sharing that information with the rest of the department. They were also recognized at the annual Christmas party.

## 2013 GOALS



Not enough thanks can be said for all those who had a hand in Greenville's September 11<sup>th</sup> Memorial's planning, construction, and unveiling. The project is not complete, however. A plaque will be erected in 2013 that will recognize contributors to the Memorial's planning, construction, and unveiling. Plaque(s) will also be set in place that describe the elements of symbolism incorporated in the Memorial.

In 2013, we will be working to create new, and expanding existing automatic aid agreements with our neighboring fire departments. The Town of Grand Chute, Town of Menasha, and Clayton/Winchester are currently reviewing these proposals. These agreements will improve fire suppression coverage to the eastern and southern portions of Greenville. These neighboring departments will be automatically dispatched for any structure fire calls in Greenville that are near their districts. Conversely, those departments are also looking into how Greenville Fire can assist automatically in their districts.



Page 11 shows the current automatic aid coverage. The image above depicts the proposed coverage areas.

As mentioned in the 2012 highlights section, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has mandated that our regional radio communications get upgraded from wide band VHF to narrow band VHF in 2013. This means that ALL portable, station, vehicle radios and pages also get upgraded. This system will allow for clearer communications, increased interoperability with mutual aid resources, and will free up the main county dispatching radio channel which is currently being over-loaded. There will be a capital investment for the Town of Greenville. Some of this cost will be offset by a FEMA grant that Outagamie County was awarded. A committee of fire & EMS personnel has been put together to champion this project. A portion of the required equipment has already been delivered to the fire department as of April 1, 2013. The balance should arrive by summer. Greenville fire & EMS will transition to the new system late in the year. We are looking forward to the use of the new equipment and infrastructure as it will increase safety at emergency scenes by providing clearer and more reliable communications.

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Greenville Fire & EMS will continue to work on projects and recommendations that were made by RW Management Group, Inc. in the spring of 2012. One of the highlights of those recommendations are to begin planning and determining design considerations for a new fire station that may be built on the property at Parkview Dr. and Municipal Dr. that the Town recently purchased. Another project is to complete the auto-aid agreements highlighted on page 18. Another main goal is to update the fire department's long term strategic plan based on the recommendations of the aforementioned study. The study report can be found at the Town of Greenville website.

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In 2012, firefighter Chris Schlechta proposed the formation of a Greenville Fire Department Honor Guard. Many enthusiastic members expressed interest in becoming part of this unit. A set of Honor Guard operating policies was drafted and the unit began to train late in the year. Funding of the unit will come from the department's fundraising account and from a future department fundraiser in 2013. The unit will take formal training in Milwaukee on June 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>. They will take the field in full, Class-A uniforms at Miller Park prior to the Brewer game on the 7<sup>th</sup> as part of their training.

The Greenville Fire Department Honor Guard Unit was formed as a ceremonial unit to:

- Plan, coordinate, and conduct all departmental funerals, with the permission of the family, for all active and retired members. The Unit shall provide assistance to the family of the fallen to the extent desired by the family.
- Represent the department at the funeral of a fallen member of a fire, EMS, or law enforcement agency in Wisconsin.
- Develop, plan, and coordinate the ceremonial functions of the department.
- Perform other functions as deemed appropriate by the fire chief.

## 2012 OPERATING BUDGET

2013 Budget-Final									
ACCOUNT	2010	2011	2012	8 months	4 months	Total Actual	Proposed	+ or -	% <>
	Actual	Actual	Budget	2012	2012 est.	Estimate	2013 Budget	2012	
<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT</b>									
FIRE CIP/VEHICLE PURCHASE							-	-	
FIRE DEPT INSPECTOR/FF (Wages)		40,174.16	63,000.00	43,299.52	19,700.48	63,000.00	86,000.00	23,000.00	36.51%
FIRE DEPT INSPECTOR/FF(Benefits)			41,400.00	25359.2	14,640.80	40,000.00	51,930.84	10,530.84	25.44%
FIRE CHIEF	38,031.33	5,988.32	5,000.00	3,770.05	1,229.95	5,000.00	5000.00	-	0.00%
FIRE EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES	31,156.34	37,973.09	35,000.00	29,873.48	5,126.52	35,000.00	40,000.00	5,000.00	14.29%
FIRE INNOCULATIONS/WELLNESS	3,992.00	2,664.00	14,000.00	7,952.00	6,048.00	14,000.00	19,000.00	5,000.00	35.71%
FIRE MEETING AND TRAINING	12,466.48	9,337.09	17,000.00	8,355.02	8,644.98	17,000.00	19,000.00	2,000.00	11.76%
FIRE INSPECTIONS	504.26	10,976.79							
FIRE RADIO MAINT	7,184.70	5,158.64	6,000.00	7,746.84	(0.84)	7,746.00	6,000.00	-	0.00%
FIRE RUNS/Officer Pay	24,458.68	19,338.18	38,300.00	11,672.50	26,627.50	38,300.00	44,275.00	5,975.00	15.60%
FIRE TELEPHONE	1,000.27	1,740.36	2,000.00	2,231.50	268.50	2,500.00	3,500.00	1,500.00	75.00%
FIRE VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	13,897.67	17,284.80	11,000.00	9,822.10	2,177.90	12,000.00	13,000.00	2,000.00	18.18%
FIRST RESPONDER MTGS/officer pay	5,921.00	5,500.00	8,310.00	2,670.00	5,330.00	8,000.00	6,280.00	(2,030.00)	-24.43%
FIRST RESPONDER RUNS	22,627.50	24,710.00	25,410.00	14,297.50	10,702.50	25,000.00	30,300.00	4,890.00	19.24%
FIRST RESPONDER SUPPLIES	11,249.07	3,982.67	6,540.00	1,891.25	4,648.75	6,540.00	6,600.00	60.00	0.92%
PART-TIME HELP	17,395.80	4,869.96	3,000.00	1,104.77	895.23	2,000.00	3,000.00	-	0.00%
LOSAP	13,981.60	15,329.60	16,000.00	15,606.72	(0.72)	15,606.00	20,896.00	4,896.00	30.60%
RADIO UPGRADE/BUDGET PORTION					-				
<b>TOTAL FIRE DEPT</b>	<b>203,866.70</b>	<b>205,027.66</b>	<b>291,960.00</b>	<b>185,652.45</b>	<b>106,039.55</b>	<b>291,692.00</b>	<b>354,781.84</b>	<b>62,821.84</b>	<b>21.52%</b>

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