



GREENVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

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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 19, 2013

A note from your Fire Chief,

Hello all, 2013 is in the history books and a fast one it was! The Fire Department and First Responders had a busy year with projects and calls. We were called on 173 times for fire services and 314 times for medical services this past year. We are all surprised at the increase in calls from past years. Fire calls are up 18.5%. First Responder calls are up due to an increase in population (both commercial and residential).

This past year we had five fire fighters retire; Tim Hanson, John Heenan, Mike Peters, Chris Kelly, and Adam Pringnitz. However, we continue to do well with recruiting for both sides of our services. We added five new fire fighters; Adam Pringnitz, Jake Swim, Kyle Hofacker, Adam Lenth, and Jeremy Honick. On the first responder team we had one retire; Gary Snow and added two; Kaitlyn Darnick and Tim Immel. Our membership in 2013 was 16 first responders and 52 fire fighters. The Town of Greenville is fortunate to have so many people willing to commit their time and talents for a risky service like this. When you see these people, please thank them for their services.



Photo courtesy of Julie Lee Photography

Lieutenant Eric Kitowski and Lieutenant Josh Lambie continue to serve as fulltime fire fighters and first responders. We task them with a lot of day to day projects, including all fire inspections of businesses two times per year. They also are heavily engaged in our fire prevention program. They have group visits at the fire station and they also visit schools for fire prevention classes. The children love it!

Outagamie County is now on a new radio system that was mandated by the Federal Government. The implementation of this system was time consuming. We had Lt. Kitowski heavily involved in this project to make sure we were well advised and trained for this switchover.

Greenville Fire & EMS are always raising money and looking for ways to give it back to the tax payers. This last year we used fund raising money to purchase stabilization struts which is a system for bracing things for rescues. \$8000.00 was allocated by the fire department for the purchase of the struts. Fire & EMS also contributed \$15,000.00 to help fund a new off road rescue vehicle. Greenville Fire & EMS gains fundraising money from several events throughout the year along with generous donations from local, charitable organizations and commercial and private donations.

Last year, the town purchased property on the northwest side of Municipal Dr. and Parkview Dr. This is being looked at for a new Fire & EMS station. The growth of the town, safety issues, and room constraints are pushing the town to move forward on this.

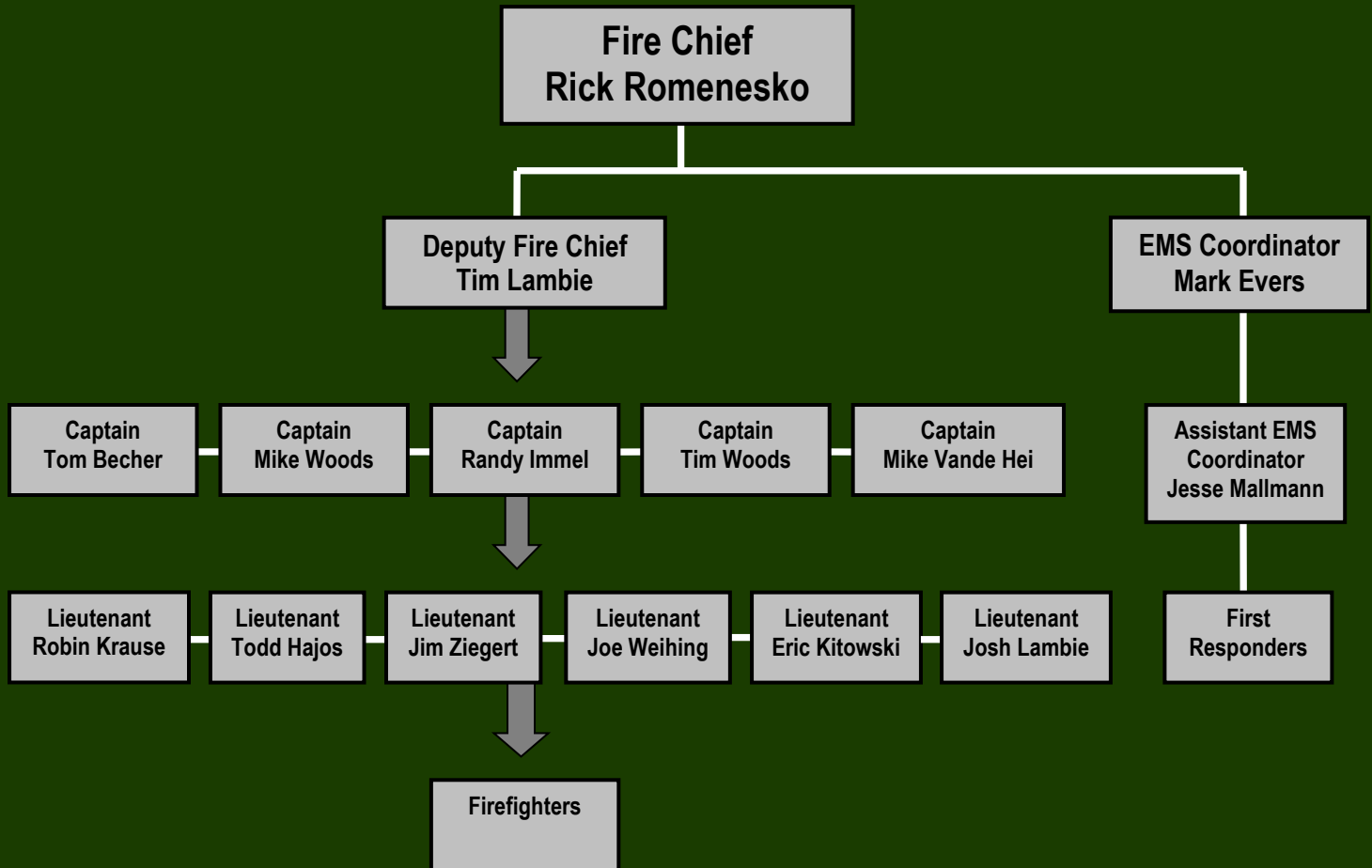
After serving as a volunteer fire fighter and first responder for over 31 years, I have decided to retire. I have great memories and experiences over these years. I will miss my team and serving the people of Greenville. You are in good hands with the Greenville Fire & EMS team. They will continue to move forward and serve you at the professional level they always have.

Thank you for all of the support throughout the years.

Chief Rick Romenesko

PERSONNEL

Greenville Fire & EMS Table of Organization



Greenville Fire & EMS Consists of:

13 Fire Officers
52 Total Firefighters
6 EMS Officers
16 Total 1st Responders

7 Firefighters are also Greenville 1st Responders
2 Full-time Firefighter/1st Responders

Membership Length of Service – As of March 2014

(Name, rank, continuous years of service)

Fire Department Command Staff

Rick Romenesko	Chief/1 st Resp	23	Tim Woods	Captain	27
Tim Lambie	Deputy Chief	14	Robin Krause	Lieutenant/1 st Resp	13
Tom Becher	Captain/1 st Resp	43	Todd Hajos	Lieutenant	10
Mike Vande Hei	Captain	24	Jim Ziegert	Lieutenant/1 st Resp	10
Mike Woods	Captain	37	Joe Weihing	Lieutenant	14
Randy Immel	Captain	28	Eric Kitowski	Lieutenant/1 st Resp	4
			Josh Lambie	Lieutenant/1 st Resp	11

Firefighters

Dave Swichtenberg	Firefighter	11	Jake Swim	Firefighter	1
Jeremy Honick	Firefighter	0.5	Mike Hills	Firefighter	21
Jesse Nicholas	Firefighter	2	Ted Ebben	Firefighter	21
Jim Wilke	Firefighter	13	Dave Sigl	Firefighter	7
Tim Immel	Firefighter/1 st Resp	3	Chris Schlechta	Firefighter	3
Scott Paap	Firefighter	4	Pat Ebben	Firefighter	13
Paul Schroeder	Firefighter	23	Chris Thelen	Firefighter	21
Austin Weisnicht	Firefighter	2	Steve Pashcke	Firefighter	16
Gary Moser	Firefighter	4	Mike Benton	Firefighter	17
Chris Thelen Jr.	Firefighter	3	Rick Fischer	Firefighter	7
Kyle Hofacker	Firefighter	0.5	Spencer Jack	Firefighter	4
Jonathan Schlafer	Firefighter	3	Dave Schmidt	Firefighter	19
Josh Altenhofen	Firefighter	2	Tim Flunker	Firefighter	16
Travis Steinacker	Firefighter	13	Chad Miller	Firefighter	10
Shannon Loewenhagen	Firefighter	10	Tyler Ernst	Firefighter	7
Brian Bellile	Firefighter	2	Jason Doucette	Firefighter	2
Tom Kempen	Firefighter	2	Ben Rachubinski	Firefighter	2
Brian Salm	Firefighter	2	Jaime Martinez Jr.	Firefighter	2
Blaire Joas	Firefighter	2	Adam Freimuth	Firefighter	2
			Ben Zemple	Firefighter	2

First Responders (EMS)

Mark Evers	First Responder	22	Connie Wilke	First Responder	9
Ben Romenesko	First Responder	5	Kaitlyn Darnick	First Responder	0
Rick Rosenfeldt	First Responder	20	Jesse Mallmann	First Responder	11
Kathy Mallmann	First Responder	18	Vicki Prey	First Responder	11
			Scott Rozmarynowski	First Responder	7

Notable 2013 Membership Changes

In Memoriam



Donnie Buman—4th from right

Born: 7/23/1937

27 years of service

Return to Quarters: April 2013

It is with deep regret and sadness that we remember the passing of our brother, Donnie Buman. We salute you and your family. You will always be part of the Greenville Fire Department family. May you rest in peace.



Mike Peters



Tim Hanson



John Heenan



Adam Pringnitz



Chris Kelly



Gary Snow (EMS)

Six Greenville Fire & EMS members retired in 2013. Mike Peters retired in December after serving 25 years on the department. Tim Hanson retired in January after serving 15 years on the department. John Heenan also retired in January after serving 17 years on the fire department. Adam Pringnitz and Chris Kelly both retired in 2013 after serving 1 year on the fire department. Lastly, Gary "Snowman" Snow retired in May after serving 15 years as a Greenville First Responder.

We thank all of you and your families for your years of dedicated service to Greenville Fire & EMS and the Town of Greenville.



Adam Pringnitz



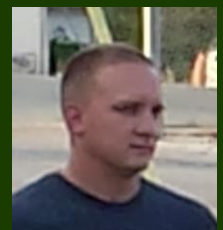
Jake Swim



Jeremy Honick



Kyle Hofacker



Adam Lenth

Greenville Fire welcomed 5 NEW firefighters in 2013, including Adam Pringnitz (who retired later in the year), Jake Swim, Jeremy Honick, Kyle Hofacker, and Adam Lenth. Adam is currently serving overseas with the United States Army.

We thank Adam for his service to our country and wish him a speedy and safe return.

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 16 first responders and 52 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.

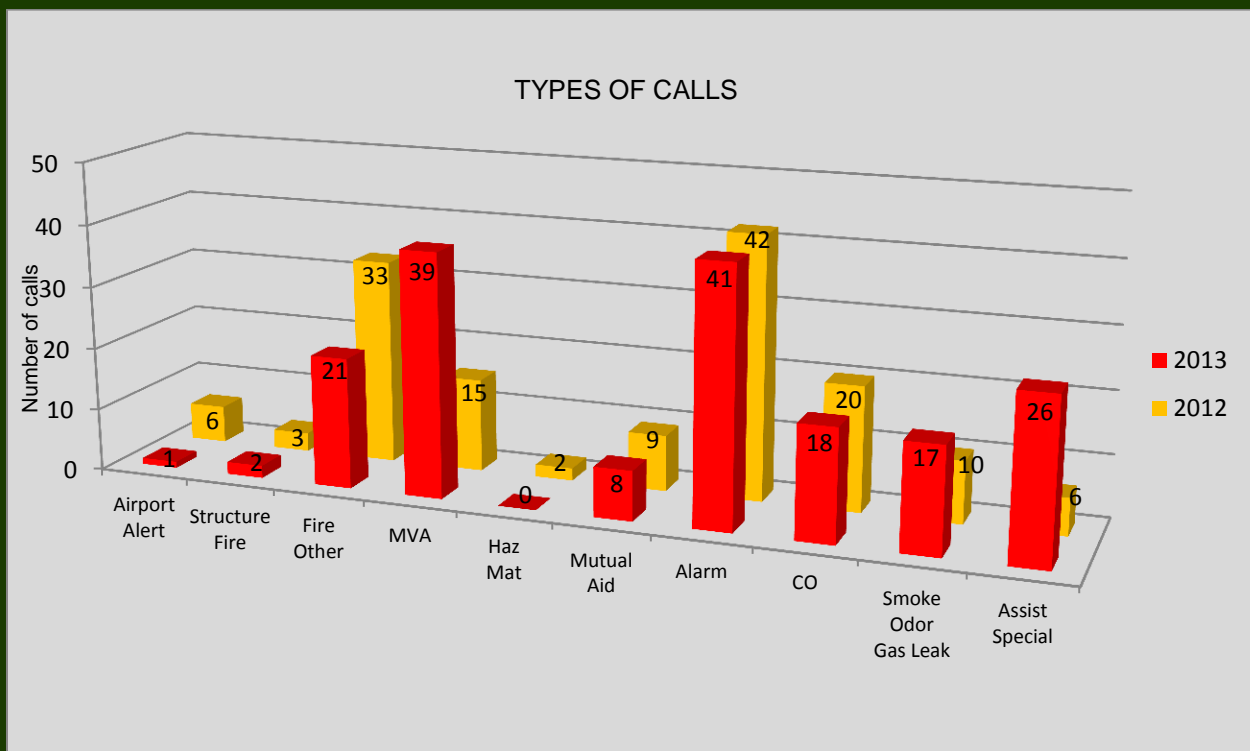
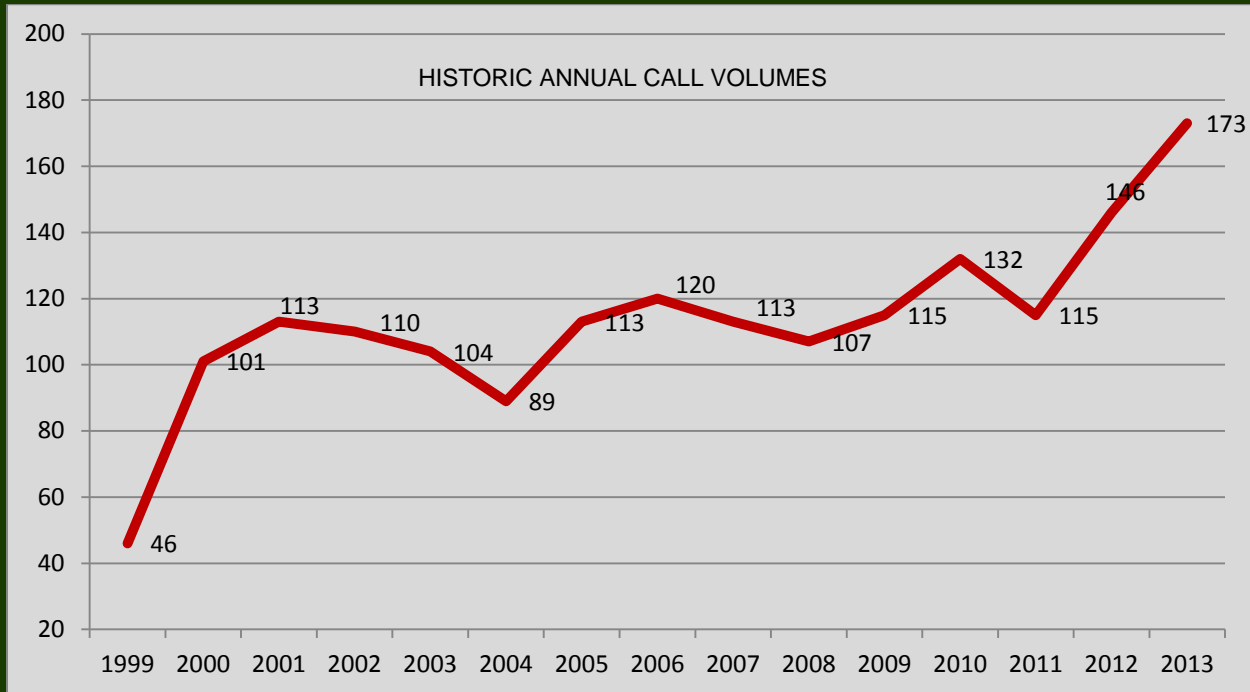
Outagamie County Disaster Trailer

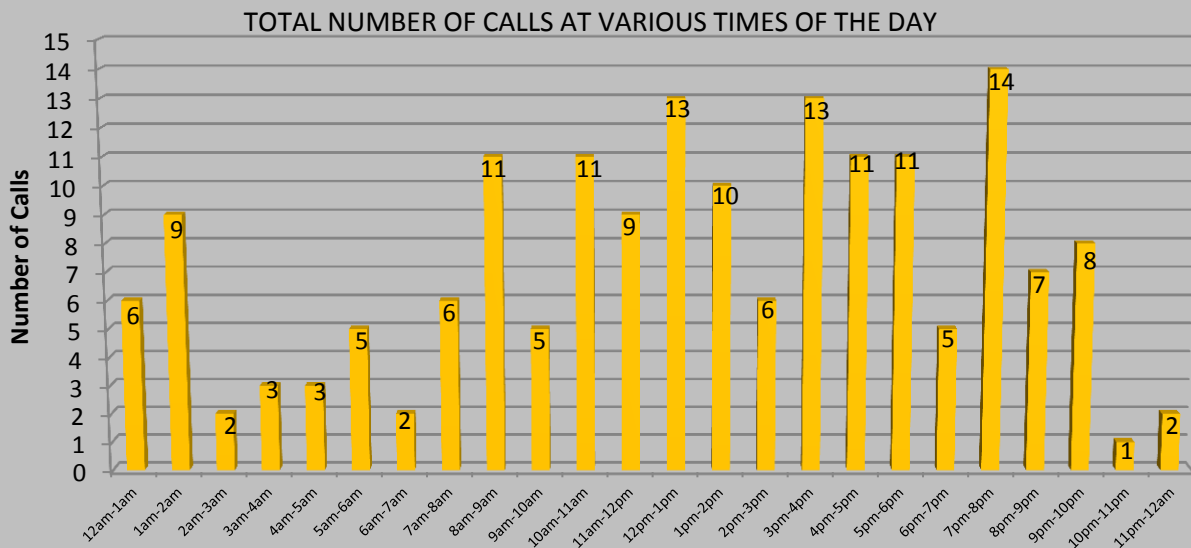
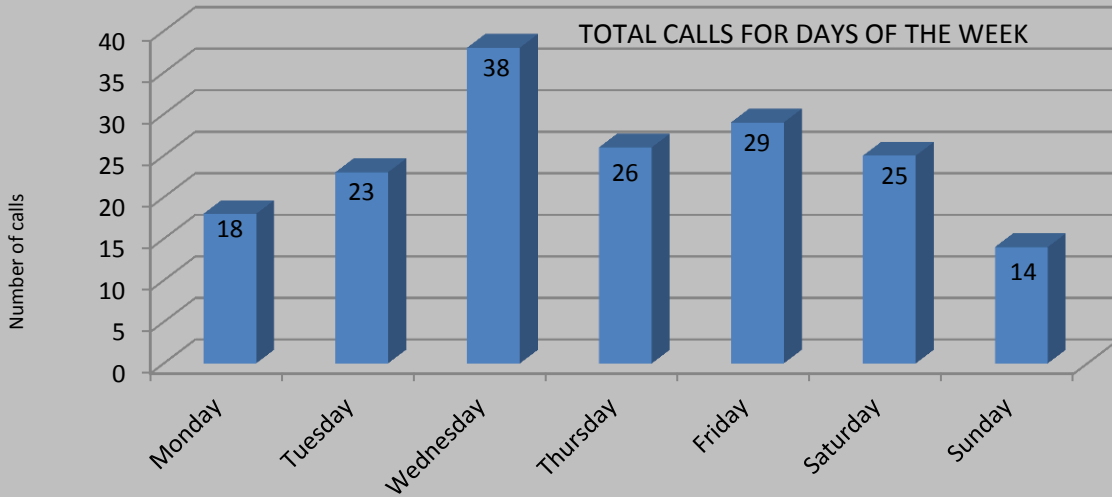
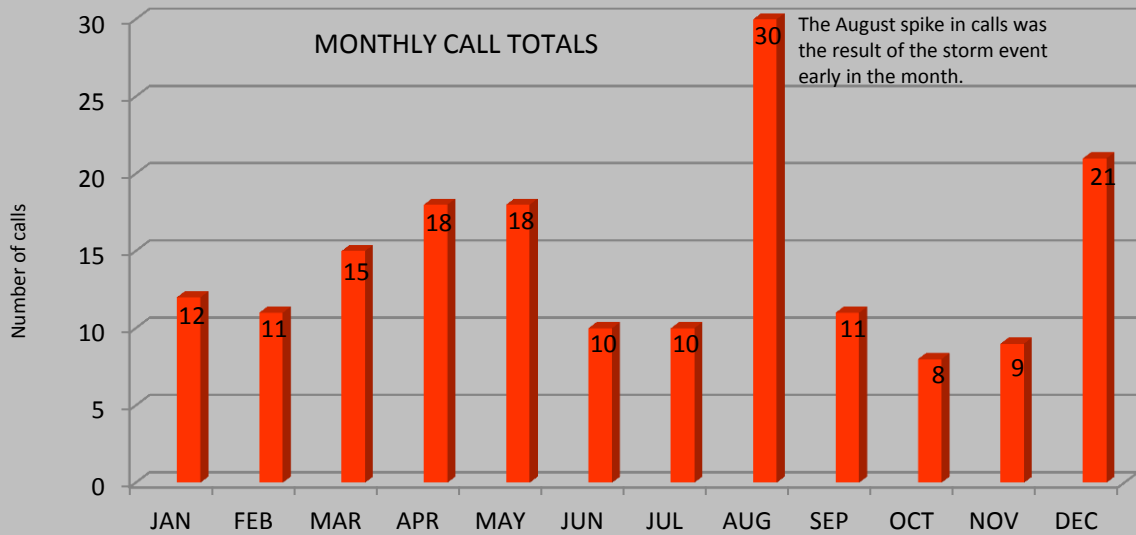


Features a generator, portable lighting, EMS/Triage supplies, and Incident Command supplies, long boards, chemical resistant boots, sand bags, coveralls, sump pumps and hose.

2013 Call Volumes and Response Summary

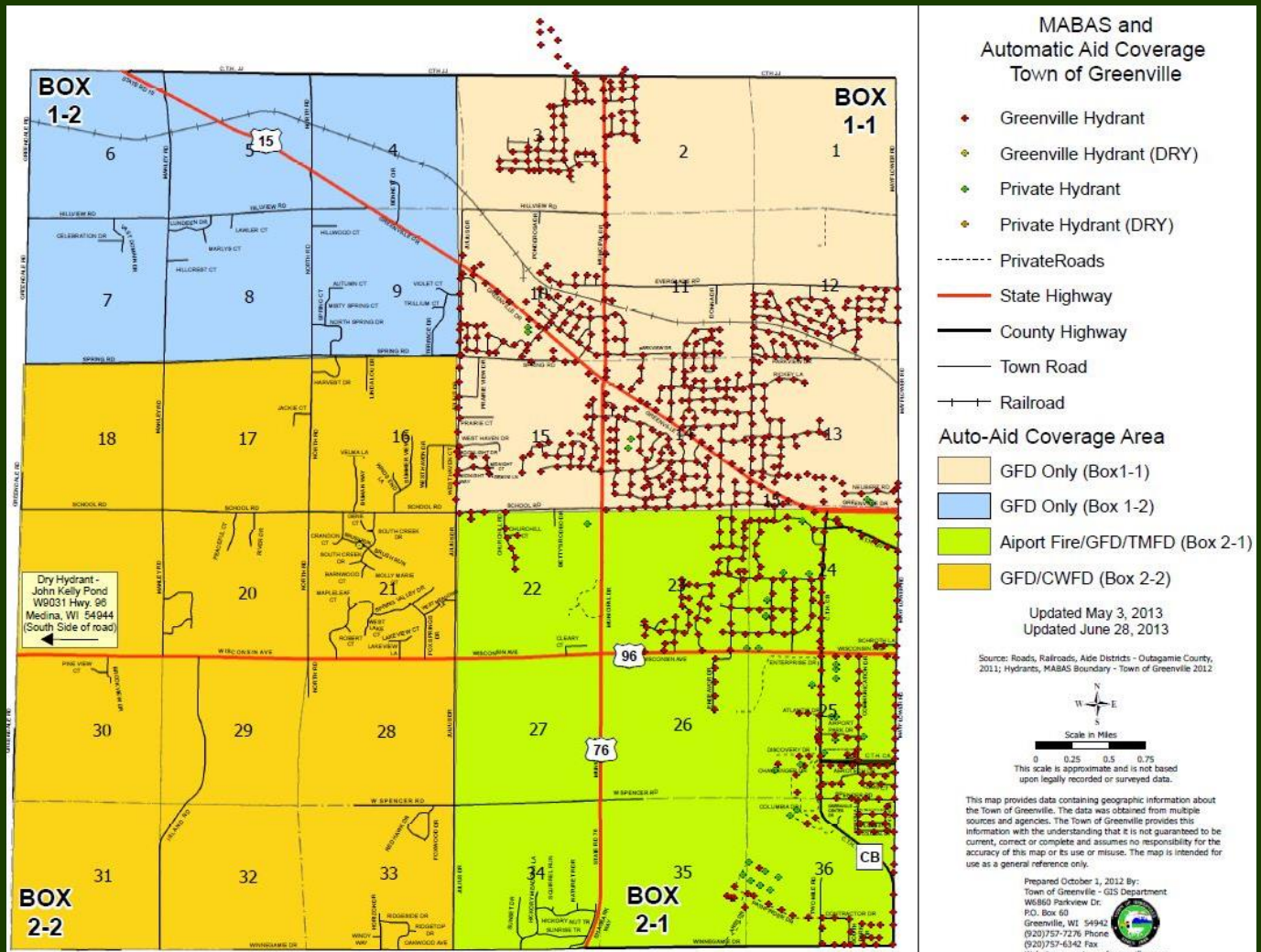
In 2013, the Greenville Fire Department responded to 173 calls. The total number of calls between 2012 and 2013 increased by 18.5%. The Greenville Fire Department responded to 23 fire calls (2 of which were structure fires), 39 MVAs (Motor Vehicle Accidents), 1 Outagamie County Airport Aircraft Alert, and 8 mutual aid calls. There was a 160% increase in motor vehicle accidents between 2012 and 2013. No conclusions could be determined for the significant increase in MVAs. Lastly, there was a 36% decrease in miscellaneous fires from 2012 to 2013. This can be attributed to a significant decrease in illegal burning and burning complaint calls. Public education initiatives relating to open burning could be a contributing factor to this statistical improvement.





Automatic Aid

The Greenville Fire expanded its Automatic Aid agreements in 2013. We now have agreements with the Outagamie County Airport Fire Department, Clayton/Winchester Fire Department, and Town of Menasha Fire Department. Automatic Aid is assistance that is dispatched automatically by a contractual agreement between two fire departments, communities or fire districts. In 2013, Greenville Fire responded to two automatic aid structure fire calls into the Clayton/Winchester fire district and one structure fire call in the Town of Menasha. Automatic aid was also given to the Airport Fire Department for one aircraft alert call.



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 one structure fire call to the Town of Grand Chute and one structure fire call into the Town of Dale.

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 three times in 2013. Two were into the Town of Grand Chute for structure fires and the third was to Allouez for an apartment fire.

TRAINING

The headlines should read "Another record year for the Greenville Fire Department". We thought last year was busy, but this past year proved to be one for the books in more ways than one. We have had more calls for service than ever, yet in contrast, we have also put in more training hours than ever before. Through individual commitment and dedication, plus a little fun, we managed to increase our total training hours by 36% this past year.

As always, we must respond to the ever-changing world of residential / commercial construction, automobile design, new materials and technologies that challenge the fire service and help usher in changes to maximize our effectiveness as a fire department.

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. 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.

Our firefighters are involved in regular department training, continuing education, and are able to provide numerous public education events throughout the year at schools, churches, daycare facilities and local businesses to help spread the fire safety message.

Here is some of the training we did in 2013:



We start each year with a little ice rescue training. This year, with all the early cold weather, we had over 20" of ice thickness. Pretty sure it was safe to walk on.



Here we are working with the props that we built to simulate crawling on roof rafters, attic scuttle holes, up ramps, through confined spaces and snag hazards while following a hose line.....all while blindfolded! This helps prepare us to work in the darkness of a smoke-filled house.



Vertical ventilation training at the old Skyview Motel.



Aircraft fire simulator training at O'Hare International Airport in Chicago.



Ladder bailout training. When things go bad, we have to know how to save ourselves. This is the only time we let you go down a ladder head-first.



Search & Recovery operations training with the Outagamie County Sheriff's dive team.



Lighting up the night! We received a grant from the Wisconsin Propane Education and Research Council (WPERC) to host this propane emergency training for multiple area fire departments behind town hall in Greenville.

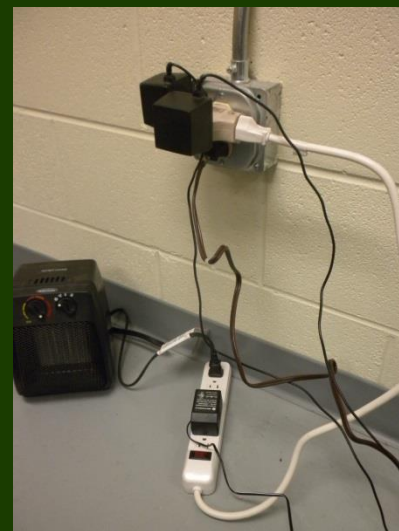
The goal of our training officers has been, and continues to be, to provide all department members with high quality training that provides them with the knowledge, skills and abilities to perform their duties safely while fulfilling the mission of the Greenville Fire Department.

FIRE PREVENTION AND PUBLIC EDUCATION

Public fire prevention and life safety education have 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. Twenty two follow-up inspections were required in 2013. We commend the business owners, managers and building owners of the properties we inspect for their commitment to the safety of both staff members and patrons.

Fire Prevention and Life Safety Education Program

- Fire station tours
- Community parades
- Home fire safety inspections
- Fire extinguisher training for businesses
- Greenville Fire & 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 info can be found at the Greenville Town Hall and Fire & EMS station, the Town's quarterly newsletters, the Fire & EMS Facebook page, and the Fire & EMS websites at www.townofgreenville.com



School visit (10-15-13)

The Fire & EMS 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 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 and groups. We instruct people how to properly use fire extinguishers for specific types of fires.



Fire station tour (10-17-13)



Fire extinguisher demo at GFD/EMS Open House (10-12-13)



Mary Moser

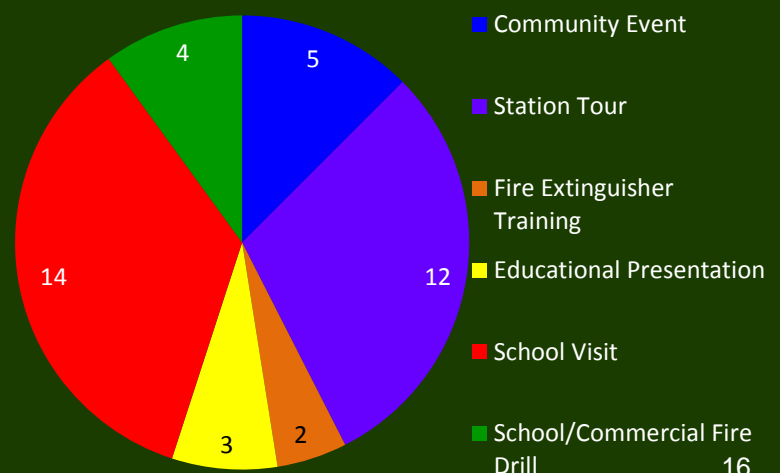
Recognition of fire poster contest winners (10-12-13)

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, free hand-outs, safety related informational booths, 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.

Fire & EMS participated in 40 public education events in 2013. The time committed to these events totaled 53 hours. 553 adults and 1525 children took part in the public education (Approx. 103 more children than in 2012!!)



School visit during Fire Prevention Week (October 2013)



2013 HIGHLIGHTS

The Greenville Fire Department maintains a membership of approximately 55 firefighters. Five firefighters were added to the roster over the course of 2013. Most of them are current residents who want to give back to their community. Some have recently moved to Greenville and have firefighting experience with other departments. We welcomed Adam Pringnitz, Jake Swim, Jeremy Honick, Kyle Hofacker, and Adam Lenth. Their dedication to the Town and the fire department is appreciated (photos on page 7). Greenville Fire & EMS enjoys continual interest from people wanting to join despite the national statistics that show a decline in volunteerism in Fire & EMS. We are lucky to live in such a service-minded community.

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 & EMS 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 Group, Inc. identified the area around the current Fire & EMS 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 2012 to approve the Town's purchase of that property for future Town use; including the possibility of its use for a new Fire & EMS station. The vote resulted in an approval to purchase the property and the land was purchased in January of 2013. The committee listed above, which was commissioned by the Town Board was officially named the Town of Greenville Facilities Committee and began the initial planning stages for a new Fire & EMS station. The new Fire & EMS station will address safety deficiencies and space issues that exist in the current, 42-year-old facility. Additionally, the new facility will address other Fire & EMS needs and its service to the community along with the town's projected growth for the next 50 years. The committee will provide regular updates on the project via the town newsletter, Facebook page, and town website.



Photos courtesy of Motorola

As part of a FCC mandate, Outagamie County upgraded its radio system infrastructure and emergency services radio equipment in 2013. The new system and associated portable and mobile radios have greatly improved communications in the county and interoperability between agencies. The new system went live in late 2013.



In 2013, we expanded our existing automatic aid agreements with our neighboring fire departments. Town of Menasha Fire now responds automatically into a portion of Greenville for structure fire calls. Clayton/Winchester's automatic response area was slightly modified. These agreements will improve fire suppression coverage to the southern portions of Greenville where we have our greatest call volume. These neighboring departments will be automatically dispatched for any structure fire calls in Greenville that are near their districts. Conversely, Greenville Fire will be responding automatically for structure fire calls into portions of these same communities. See page 11 for the coverage map.



A Fire & EMS Facebook page was established in August of 2013. It has been a great success and we've used it for timely public service announcements, letting the public know where Fire & EMS will be for community events, and has been a general source of information for Greenville residents. It has also been another means for us to more directly answer questions people may have. Check out our page!



Although the fire department had equipment for vehicle stabilization prior to 2013, we did not have equipment as versatile and rated for heavy capacities such as that pictured above. In 2013, the department purchased Paratech vehicle stabilization equipment using fundraising money. These stabilization “struts” help prevent objects from moving during an emergency. Examples would be cars on their sides or roofs that would be in danger of tipping while rescuers were tending to patients trapped inside. Another example would be for shoring up trench walls in the event of a collapse with patients trapped inside. This critical equipment will help make our emergency scenes safer for both victims and rescuers.



In June, the Greenville Fire Department Honor Guard attended an intense three-day-long honor guard clinic hosted by the Milwaukee Fire Department. The Milwaukee Honor Guard Clinic is comprised of instructors from the Milwaukee and North Shore Fire Departments along with others from around the country. We received instruction in marching and saluting, posting and retrieving of the colors, casket guarding at funerals, and planning for honor guard operations. We were honored to be requested to participate in several funerals and community events in 2013.



A severe storm, which produced six tornadoes and high, straight-lined winds hit our area on August 7, 2013. The storm tested emergency services' response in the area on both the 7th and the following day. The radio communications infrastructure was also disrupted during the event, further hampering our efforts. Greenville Fire & EMS relied on the Town's public works radio system as a back-up during that disruption. Thankfully, no one was hurt during the storm. Fire & EMS personnel assisted public works and several residents with clean-up efforts and to help open up roads blocked by debris and downed trees.



Greenville Fire & EMS members participated in many charity events in and around our community in 2013. Below are some photos of us "giving back"



Greenville Fire & EMS took 1st place for a consecutive year in the Hortonville/Hortonia Fire Department annual softball tournament. Our winnings were donated back to the Hortonville/Hortonia Fire Department. (July)

Greenville Fire & EMS took part in the Greenville Town Parade and Bill Tesch Memorial Summer Send-Off. This full day of community events grows in size every year. (August)



We hold a charity brat fry every year in the Village Court Plaza parking lot. All proceeds from the 2013 brat fry were donated to the Barb Nieland Benefit. (May)



Greenville Fire & EMS were on hand for the annual Catfish Races and concert. (July)



The annual Greenville Fire & EMS Open House had a record turn-out by the public. Attendance was estimated at 500 people (October)



We had a team participate in the 13 mile long TOUGH MUDDER obstacle course in Oshkosh. A portion of their proceeds went to the Wounded Warrior Project (September)

Community crime prevention was promoted during the National Night Out event at Community Park (August)



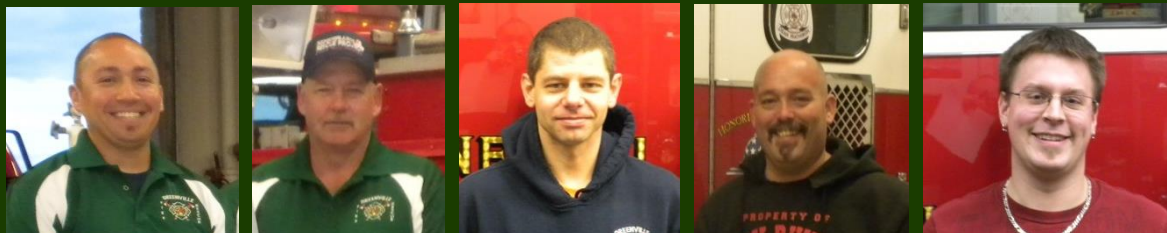
DEPARTMENT AWARDS & RECOGNITION

FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR



The Greenville Firefighter of The Year is voted for by all members on the department. Special recognition also goes to those who were nominated. The title of "Firefighter of The Year" for 2013 went to Deputy Chief Tim Lambie. DC Lambie was recognized for his role as a leader on the department, his passion for the fire service, commitment to the safety of the members of Greenville Fire & EMS and the residents of Greenville, and his positive representation of our department outside the Town of Greenville. DC Lambie is also the Commander of the Greenville Fire Department Honor Guard. Honor Guard membership represents his character in the fire service and dedication to honoring fallen brothers and sisters in the fire service and to help those families in their greatest time of need.

LEADERS IN TRAINING HOURS



Lt. Eric Kitowski, Deputy Chief Tim Lambie, Firefighter Jason Doucette, Firefighter Gary Moser, and Firefighter Josh Altenhofen led the department in accumulated training hours in 2013. They attended classes, training seminars, etc. above and beyond the annual, base-set of 24 department trainings.



Firefighter Tom Kempen, Firefighter Brian Bellile, Firefighter Chris Thelen Jr., Captain Randy Immel, and Firefighter Blaire Joas were recognized for their accumulated "in-house" training hours in 2013.

Firefighting tactics, equipment, training, etc. are constantly evolving and we as firefighters need to change with those aspects of the job. We commend all of the individuals above for their dedication, continuing their education and sharing that knowledge with the rest of the department.

2014 GOALS

As stated in the "2013 Highlights" section, Greenville Fire & EMS and the Greenville Facilities Committee will continue the planning process for a new Fire & EMS station. The department and committee members will visit recently built fire stations in the area to gather design ideas for our future station. The general public will get regular project updates via the Town newsletter, website, and/or Fire & EMS Facebook page. Another goal in 2014 will be to provide the public with an overall timeline for the new station project.



The site for the future Fire & EMS station will be the north-west corner of Municipal and Parkview Drives. Photo courtesy of Google Maps

Several capital projects were approved by the Town Board in 2013 for the 2014 budget year. These are listed below:



Photo courtesy of Wiedmann Bros. Distributing Co.

A tracked utility terrain vehicle (UTV) similar to the one pictured will be replacing the existing single seat 6-wheeler as an off-road rescue and firefighting vehicle. It will fill a much needed role where we currently have a deficiency in mobility and personnel-carrying capability. It would provide a much quicker off-road response to our many town events and other off-road emergencies. Our current off-road vehicle can only carry one operator safely and **NO** passengers or patients without the use of a trailer. It is lacking in steering maneuverability due to its six-wheel, non-traditional ATV layout. The lack of maneuverability is worsened when carrying a payload such as a water tank/pump or trailer. The proposed UTV would carry three seat-belted emergency personnel, could carry more equipment/lighting, a tank/pump for firefighting and have the capability to transport a patient on a backboard. The

proposed UTV will also have a roll cage which will make it much safer to operate over the existing unit. The current six-wheeler does not have a roll cage. Fire & EMS have committed \$15,000.00 in fundraising money to offset the purchase impact to the Town. \$500 was also donated by the John E. Kuenzl Foundation.

Utility 5381 is also scheduled to be replaced in 2014. This heavily used vehicle responds to more incidents than any of the other fire apparatus and is used daily for fire inspections and other administrative duties. It is utilized more frequently than ever for blocking traffic at accidents, per GFD policies. A more visible 360 degree warning light package is proposed for the truck's replacement.



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To ensure Fire & EMS personnel safety, to reduce the likelihood of cancer and other respiratory diseases due to diesel exhaust, and to provide a cleaner work environment, we will be installing a vehicle exhaust collection system. OSHA and NFPA (among others), cite diesel exhaust as a carcinogen. Their recommendation is for 100% removal of the emissions from the facility. Our ever-increasing call volumes and concern for the long term health of our emergency services personnel have brought this project to a high priority.



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Greenville fire will be installing mobile data computers (MDCs) in two fire apparatus in 2014. MDCs assist Fire & EMS crews by providing incident information or info that is housed in the apparatus in binders that take up valuable storage space. MDCs also decrease emergency response times by using onboard routing and GPS to determine the shortest possible route to a call. They provide responders with critical patient information and can store building pre-incident surveys. These surveys provide critical tactical info like floor plans, hazardous materials locations, and locations of other firefighter hazards. They cut down on valuable radio traffic with the dispatch center. Information can be conveyed silently from dispatcher to the responding unit. Emergency services respond to more complex incidents requiring more info to be shared and processed. Two more will be purchased in 2015.



Chief Rick "Romy" Romenesko announced his retirement from Fire and EMS as of this writing. Chief Romenesko retired on April 1, 2014 after 32 years of volunteering in emergency services in both Black Creek and Greenville, Wisconsin. We thank Chief Romenesko and his family for his years of dedicated service to the community. Your leadership will be missed and congratulations on your retirement. Chief Tim Lambie will be acting-interim Chief.

2013 OPERATING BUDGET

FIRE DEPARTMENT/FIRST RESPONDERS

	Actual 12/31/2011	Budget 1/1/2012	Budget 1/1/2013	Year-to-Date 9/30/2013	Estimated 10/1/2013 12/31/2013	Total Estimate	Variance	Proposed Budget 1/1/2014	+ or -	Percent Change
FIRE DEPARTMENT										
100-5220-110 FIRE PAID TIME OFF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	-	-	-	\$ -	\$ -	100.00%
100-5220-112 FIRE CHIEF SALARY	5,988.32	5,000.00	5,000.00	3,336.44	-	5,000.00	\$ -	6,000.00	1,000.00	20.00%
100-5220-113 FIRE PART TIME HELP	4,869.96	3,000.00	3,000.00	-	-	-	\$ (3,000.00)	-	(3,000.00)	-100.00%
100-5220-114 FIRE OFFICER PAY	40,174.16	63,000.00	66,000.00	38,381.50	-	71,000.00	\$ (15,000.00)	92,853.00	6,853.00	7.97%
100-5220-115 FIRE INSPECTIONS	10,976.79	-	-	4,269.49	-	5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	-	-	-
100-5220-116 FIRE PUBLIC EDUCATION	-	-	-	7,183.53	-	10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	-	-	-
100-5220-117 FIRE PENSION	-	41,400.00	51,930.84	-	-	52,664.00	-	59,516.00	7,585.16	14.61%
100-5220-118 LOSAP	15,329.60	16,000.00	20,896.00	22,650.00	-	22,650.00	\$ 1,754.00	20,526.50	(369.50)	-1.77%
100-5220-120	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
100-5220-130 HEALTH INSURANCE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
100-5220-131	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
100-5220-133	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
100-5220-134 PAYROLL TAXES	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
100-5220-140 FIRE INVOC/PHYSICALS/YMCA	2,664.00	14,000.00	19,000.00	5,650.00	-	10,000.00	\$ (9,000.00)	12,000.00	(7,000.00)	-36.84%
100-5220-221 TELEPHONE	1,740.36	2,000.00	3,500.00	2,317.54	-	3,500.00	\$ -	4,700.00	1,200.00	34.29%
100-5220-242 EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	-	-	-	8,344.03	-	13,000.00	\$ -	9,000.00	9,000.00	-
100-5220-245 FIRE VEHICLES	17,284.80	11,000.00	13,000.00	12,080.34	-	-	-	11,000.00	(2,000.00)	-15.38%
100-5220-250 FIRE AUDITS AND REPORTS	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$ -	-	-	-
100-5220-291 FIRE RUN WAGES	19,338.18	38,300.00	44,275.00	21,589.51	-	44,275.00	\$ -	43,312.00	(963.00)	-2.18%
100-5220-314 RADIOS	5,158.64	6,000.00	6,000.00	-	-	6,000.00	\$ -	6,000.00	-	0.00%
100-5220-320 FIRE TRAINING/MEETINGS	9,337.09	17,000.00	19,000.00	13,452.13	-	19,000.00	\$ -	28,200.00	9,200.00	48.42%
100-5220-340 FIRE SUPPLIES & EQUIP/CLOTHING	37,973.09	35,000.00	40,000.00	25,876.45	-	40,000.00	\$ -	38,000.00	(2,000.00)	-5.00%
TOTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$ 170,834.99	\$ 251,700.00	\$ 311,601.84	\$ 165,130.96	\$ -	\$ 302,089.00	\$ (9,512.84)	\$ 331,107.50	19,505.66	6.26%
FIRST RESPONDERS										
100-5230-110 1ST RESPOND WAGES & TRAINING	\$ 24,710.00	\$ 25,410.00	\$ 30,300.00	\$ 27,578.88	-	\$ 34,000.00	\$ 3,700.00	\$ 39,270.00	\$ 8,970.00	29.60%
100-5230-114 FIRST RESPONDERS OFFICER PAY	5,500.00	8,310.00	6,280.00	1,500.00	-	6,280.00	\$ -	3,000.00	(3,280.00)	-52.23%
100-5230-130 HEALTH INSURANCE	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$ -	-	-	100.00%
100-5230-131	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$ -	-	-	100.00%
100-5230-134 1ST RESPONDER PAYROLL TAXES	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$ -	-	-	100.00%
100-5230-340 1ST RESPONDER SUPPLIES	3,982.87	6,540.00	6,600.00	2,445.29	-	5,000.00	\$ (1,600.00)	6,500.00	(100.00)	-1.52%
TOTAL FIRST RESPONDERS	\$ 34,192.87	\$ 40,260.00	\$ 43,180.00	\$ 31,524.17	\$ -	\$ 45,280.00	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 48,770.00	\$ 5,590.00	12.95%
TOTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT/ FIRST RESPONDERS	\$ 205,027.86	\$ 291,960.00	\$ 354,781.84	\$ 196,655.13	\$ -	\$ 347,369.00	\$ (7,412.84)	\$ 379,877.50	\$ 25,095.66	7.07%

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