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**Chiefs Report 7/8/14-8/11/14**

7/18 Call from dispatch of a boat in distress between Basswood and Madaline islands with two injured persons on board. We communicated with dispatch by phone to confirm vessel position and with radios to coordinate our efforts with Lapointe Fire/Rescue. A Coast Guard auxiliary vessel (black hawk 3) responded and rendered assistance. They reported they would transport injured person to Bayfield. Bayfield ambulance was dispatched, Madaline island ambulance and Lapointe Fire/rescue stood down.

7/22 Downed power line. Fire/Rescue officer Joe Noha contacted Chief Reichkitzer to ask if he should call 911 for a downed power line on middle road just out of town, chief instructed him to do so. We waited for the radio and pager system to tone us out for the call and no call came. As it turned out the power was out to our repeater, the radio antenna that transmits our calls. Also the backup generator and batteries failed. That situation has been resolved. We directed traffic around downed power line until the power utilities company showed up to relieve us. As a result of not being able to be contacted by dispatch in an emergency situation we have sighed on with the Ashland county sheriff department (dispatch) for a trial of a new service that sends emergency warnings to our cell phones as well as pagers and radios. I will inform the populace on how well this works for us.

7/27 boat in distress with injuries. Fire/rescue and ambulance toned out. Fire/Rescue stood down as the Coast Guard was responding. Coast Guard transported injured person to the island.

7/29 Fire/Rescue responded to call of vehicle accident near Town Park. We searched for driver who was finally located at his residence. We removed all debris from roadway and returned to the hall.

**Update on S.C.B.A**

The Fire/Rescue equipment purchasing committee has met with salesmen from MSA and Scott safety thus far. We will be meeting with Dragger and Avon Delta in the near future. After that we will evaluate the equipment, chose a brand then go ahead and purchase.

With a generous donation from local resident we will be the proud owners of a new John/Deere trailer pump. This is what will replace our aging pump we now rely on to fill our tankers during a fire. In my opinion this is one of our most important tools next to

personnel in the fighting of fires. There will be more to come in the future to properly thank this person for the very valuable contribution.

**Rick Reichkitzer Fire Chief**