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FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT FOR JULY 2 – AUGUST 4/2013

I've given Pete Clark the information Red gathered up our length of service award program, Pete Red and I will schedule a meeting with Tom Ketchum at everyone's earliest convenience.

The Kodiak rescue boat donated to the fire department has been registered and insured. Alan will be putting together a budget for equipping the boat, a list of authorized operators and personnel, training for operators and rescue specialist. Reds pricing radios and installation.

7/12 Over-turned canoe between Madaline and Basswood, call stated four people in the water, FIRE/EMS commandeered nelson construction boat and assisted the coast guard.

7/13 Rolled over mini-van on middle road. Rick took black shanty to the scene, the rest of FIRE/EMS coming from the hall came across a car being pulled from the ditch just out of town. It was thought to be the car in question so we got a stand down call. Rick assisted law enforcement in checking the rolled-over van, it appeared stable with no fuel leaks, fire danger, or danger to other traffic. I did not issue another tone-out. What are the chances of two cars in the ditch on the same road two miles apart on a Madaline Island July Friday night?

7/22 False alarm #2 at 351 old fort road. Smoke detector issues again.

7/26 smoke detector call at 351 old fort road. Law enforcement radioed flames and smoke visible in basement apartment of main 3-story building. When I arrived I could smell burning wax and see flames coming from a decorative gas fireplace in the basement apartment. We used a fire extinguisher to put the fire down, opened windows to air the apartment out, checked for unseen ignition with the thermal imager, talked with home owner about disposing of the appliance as it was no longer safe and cleared the scene.

7/28 false alarm #3 at 351 old fort road. Smoke detector issues again. Will try and contact the caretaker and discuss issues with the system.

7/29 fire reported on sunny slope road. Turned out to be a legal fire pit with people present. And a charged garden hose.

Alan and I went to the Red Cliff fire department for the monthly Bayfield County fire association meeting. Guest speaker was the Rice Lake fire chief. Also got the monthly update from the D.N.R.

Rick Reichkitzer F/C