

# La Pointe Volunteer Fire Department

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## **FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT MARCH1-APRIL 8, 2013**

3/8/13 Ice Rescue Tactical Debriefing: the department went over the winter calls and training to this point. Thirteen of fifteen people attended. The Husky rescue sled with a full crew went on the ice while the remainder of the department took rescue vehicle "Dale" to Joni's Beach. The group practiced radio transmissions and night rescue techniques.

3/27/13 Meeting with Chief, Assistant Chief & Training Officer at Washburn Sheriff's office with Ice Rescue agencies from Northern Wisconsin regarding the 2012-2013 rescue season.

3/12/13 Going through fire department mail at Town Hall, discovered a letter concerning compact self-inflating flotation devices to be given to rescue services in Northern Wisconsin. Nick Nelson went to the demonstration of the "nebulus flotation device" and returned to the Island with said device.

3/15/13-3/16/13 The Chief & Assistant Chief attended a Fire Chief's roundtable in Rice Lake. The next day was a gas monitor training class to become more familiar with the new gas monitor. Two radio headsets were brought home to try with the windsled.

4/8/13 resumed Firefighter I training: Ladder Training. Also the class took its pre-test and did very well. Two more sessions remain: Forcible Entry on 4/15/13 and the eight-hour burn trailer on 4/20/13. Also at that meeting gifts were presented to retired Chief Gary Flores.

4/12/13 will be a thank-you potluck hosted by Nick Nelson & Marty Curry to thank all of EMS, Fire and Ice Rescue.

William Tibbles is currently working on getting the department a raffle license for the purpose of fund-raising this summer.

6/27/13 will be an Alumni Dinner at the Lightkeeper's Lodge for all retired fire department personnel. William Tibbles is also in charge of this.

Submitted by Rick Reichkitzer, Fire Chief

