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Fire Department report for 9/10/13- 10/7/13

No calls

9/10 meeting with Tom Ketchum, Pete Clark, Tim Eldred to try and finalize our discussions about the fire departments length of service award program. The meeting went well and Pete will bring the information and numbers we came up with to the town board. Hopefully this program starts the first of the year, it will be a great incentive for fire fighters to make at least the minimum amount of meetings, training and fire calls.

9/20 picked up the Toyota pick-up truck that was donated by Megan Poe (Brian Murphy's sister) to the Lapointe Fire Department. It's a 1996 Toyota t 100 witch we had some damage repaired, new tires and new paint (fire truck red). We will be outfitting it with a light bar, radios and sirens, fire extinguishers and various first responder apparatus. Its purpose will be the first truck to leave the hall to get to the scene for sizing up the calls and rapid intervention. It will also be used for fire department business on and off the island. THANK YOU Megan Poe.

9/25 Chief and Assistant chief traveled to the Brule fire hall for the Bayfield county fire association meeting. Once again Madline Island had the most calls per department at the meeting. The main topic that meeting was the fire that destroyed the Gordon fire hall. The main point of interest was that before the e mail went out to other departments looking for items to replace what was lost 80% of what was needed was already donated. And for the record Brule has the cleanest fire hall I've ever been to.

9/26 Alumni recognition dinner. Fire/ EMS held the first annual appreciation dinner at the Light Keepers lodge. We gave thanks to the prior Fire Chiefs and ambulance directors. Jerry Dunn received a wallet containing a retired fire chief's badge. Kenny Caddotte and Sharron Okonek received plaques thanking them for their years of service. A special thanks from everyone in the emergency services to Bob and Susan Hartzell for hosting the party. We also thank Tibbs, Red, Julie Shmitt and whomever I missed for getting this important event off the ground.

The town board unanimously voted to initiate the process of establishing dry hydrants strategically around the island. We are going to aim for one on the north end of the island. This will drastically cut down the time it takes to get water to our pumpers when there is a fire half-way up the island or further.