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Fire Chiefs report 3/11/14-4/8/14

3/12 Apparatus Meeting. We took a look at our projected replacement schedule for the next fifteen years. The Assistant chief is heading up this committee and will put together a report on our long-range vehicle and apparatus purchasing and replacement.

3/13-3/15 four Fire Fighters and one Fire Fighter/EMT attended the WITC emergency services conference in Rice Lake Wisconsin. They took classes on vehicle extrication, advanced ventilation tactics, wilderness survival and rescue, advanced tracking techniques, and EMT motorcycle and vehicle accident trauma. Every year the conference is the second weekend of March and it was rare to be able to take the ice road there and back.

3/26 We formed a SCBA (self contained breathing apparatus) purchasing committee to explore the many options available to the Fire Department involving our upcoming purchase. We will select three or more models and test and train with them to come up with the system that best suite our need at the La Pointe Fire/Rescue. Once again I would like thanking everyone who participated in the fund raising. Special thanks to all the donations we received to make this project happen and bring us out of the dark ages of Fire Fighting and rescue operations in hostile environments. Thank you Joan Martin for the hand written thank you cards....so far well over a hundred of them. Our projected date to receive the new gear is in September.

3/26 Dispatch tone out the Fire Department for a CO warning alarm at 372 Miniwawa. It was being tested at the time so it must have worked. We were told to stand down shortly after two members of the Fire Department arrived on scene.

3/26 Chief and Assistant chief attended the Bayfield county fire association meeting in Cornucopia. Once again it was a treat to have an ice road both directions.

4/5 Ice Rescue took an eight-hour certification class on the island. Four hours of classroom and four hours of practical training on the ice and in the water. We traveled to "school house corner" on the north end of the island to find open water. The three course instructors were very impressed by our knowledge and how well we worked together as a team. It was a wonderful day for a swim in Lake Superior.