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Fire Chiefs Report 9/9-10/8/14

9/22 Lapointe Fire/Rescue assisted the E.M.T.s with a moped accident at the intersection of Big Bay road and north shore road.

9/28 dispatch toned out the fire department for a large fire on Mondamin drive. It was a brush pile being burned, the owners had a permit and the chief was informed. Stand down orders were given.

10/4 13:06 Dispatch toned out Fire/Rescue to inform us that the 911 system was down. We were instructed to man the fire hall until the system was restored. System restored at 15:37

S.c.b.a. purchasing committee has been evaluating four different companies Scott, Msa, Avon/delta and Draager. We have five fire fighters examine the different gear, go through an obstacle course and rate the different gear. This information that is gathered is not shared with each other until all the evaluations are complete. When they are complete we will then decide on witch brand we are to purchase using the information gathered.

We want to thank everyone who donated and participated in all the fund-raising as we have come close to our goal with the help of so many people. I have to remain biased on the product we are purchasing but one really sticks out of crowd for me. All the gear we have studied and tried is way easier to deal with than our old S.c.b.a. but of course we will do it by the book and not pick one over the others because I think it's the cats meow.

Another thanks goes out Bob and Susan Harzell for hosting the second annual emergency services party for honoring past members. This year we got hold of Mike Anderson for past service as fire chief and of course more recently retiring as police chief. Next we kidnapped Marsi Dahlin from the ferry boat she was working on to honor her for numerous reasons...fire..Emt...emergency ferry rides..just being great...ect. Next we got Nick Nelson who just retired as head of the ice rescue emergency squad.

Last but not least we gave a thank you to jimmy Fahien for the help he gives the fire department by picking up supplies and what not. Before the dinner Jimmy was so scared we going to torture him or something I had to show him exactly why we had him there. Thank you everyone past and present for what you have done or will do for the emergency services.

This summer I was hanging out with Tyler and Eloise Andreas talking fire department chit chat when Tyler brought up the subject of what I think our weakest link was for successful fire suppression. I immediately said my big concern was our aging trailer pump. This is the pump that we tow to the dry hydrant at the marina to fill our tankers during a fire scene. Without this pump we do have an assortment of portable pumps that could perform the task but not quite as fast and efficient. Well Tyler informed me that his mother in law Avery Woods will take care of our weakest link. It took me a while to soak that in but I did. Well with the help of Gary Krupsack, the fire department apparatus committee, and most of all Avery we will be sporting a new John-Deere trailer pump with all the bell and whistles by the end of October. Were not sure how to thank you but were naming the pump after you for starters.

Thank you everybody Rick Reichkitzer/Fire Chief