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Chiefs Report 4/11-5/9/16

4/30 dispatched for a grass fire at 1986 big bay 12:17pm. D.N.R. had airplane in the area and estimated .05-acre fire was burning near a residence. Lapointe fire/rescue responded 15 personnel. They raked a fire line and extinguished the fire mainly with hand tools and potable backpack water cans. They searched area for fire extension then returned to hall.

4/4 monthly meeting. We trained spraying water with all our gear, engine 1, engine 2, and tankers. At the same time we sprayed water to clean up the ferry dock. Got it all pretty for the upcoming season.

4/6 12:57 dispatch toned out lapointe fire/rescue stating a boat over by long island spotted a fire on the south east side of the island, claiming is looked to be a cabin on fire. The next 911 call to dispatch was the neighbor of said cabin saying it was definitely partially engulfed in flames. We then got an accurate location of e647 Craig's way. We responded with everything we had. Arriving on scene with the help of the homeowner we located the major part of the fire, a deck and three-season porch were almost fully engulfed in flames. Flames were spreading to the main structure up a wall and moving up the over hangs toward the peak of the main structure. We began an exterior attack spraying water on deck and three-season porch. Next we sent in an interior attack crew with two personnel and a charged 1-3/4 hose line. Two more personnel were geared up ready to back up attack team 1. Attack team 1 found no working fire inside the main structure. Team 2 with the thermal imager also came to same conclusion. We then concentrated our attack on the deck and three-season porch. Under the porch was burning pretty good, that took a little time and a lot of water. Once we determined the fire was put down we took a very needed break and then made sure we had it completely extinguished. In the end we saved the house with minimal damage.

Special thanks goes out to Nelson construction that responded to see if they were needed in case of wildfire issues. A couple outstanding citizens also brought shovels to help for the same reason. Master plumber Dan Weirsgala landowner on the island jumped in to help the crew at the trailer pump.

Fire personal always hear the saying " well at least you didn't loose the foundation " I personally hate that saying.....we saved way more than the foundation 5/6/16

Rick Reichkitzer Fire Chief