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Fire Chiefs report for 11/12/13-12/10/13

No calls

11/20 planning meeting minutes attached.

12/4 monthly training meeting. We geared up for winter, put tire chains on the tankers and shuffled the hall around to make room for the chief 1 Toyota witch is now fitted with a light bar, radio and sirens.

It was an unusually busy 2013 with 11 planning meetings, 25 training sessions and 36 calls. Almost double our normal call volume. The fire –department is hoping for a nice quiet 2014.

12/17 a few of us are to attend a pre ice rescue meeting at the Bayfield county Emergency operations center in Washburn to mainly discuss the changes this winter in the availability of Wind Sleds on the lake. Because of funding issues the Coast Guard will not be operating a Wind Sled this year. The same situation applies to the park services wind sled the North Wind witch was a valuable back-up for us. So that leaves Madaline Island, Ashland Fire and GLIFWIC for Wind Sleds.

12/21 + 12/22 we are having EVOC (emergency vehicle operating certification) training on the island.

Alan Hardy has managed to get all our NFIRS (national fire incident reports) recorded to the national database. With the way that web sight works and doesn't work that was a pretty big accomplishment for big Al.

One more big thanks to Lisa Potswald for securing funds and completing some important grant writing.

Be Safe and happy holidays from Lapointe Volunteer Fire and rescue.