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Fire Chief Report 3/7-4/11/26

Call 3/12 caller reported the smell of smoke at 702 main street. Engine 2 responded with 4 fire fighters. Upon searching for the source of the smoke smell they found a burnt wire in the electrical panel for the well. Fire department disconnected power to the well and the main power panel. They checked the surrounding area with the thermal imaging camera then returned to hall. Owners were informed of the situation and an electrician was contacted.

3/10thru 3/13 nine fire fighters attended training at W.I.T.C. in Rice Lake Wisconsin. The crew took a wide variety of continuing education courses. Two fire fighters took a fire tactics course that ended with a live burn simulator. The simulator was to show fire fighters what is called flash-over, flash-over occurs when super heated layers of gas and smoke reach their ignition point. When this happens it gets real hot real fast, then the instructors let you put the fire down. Another class attended by a small group was called "the unsung heroes of the fire ground" these heroes are the men and women that get the wet stuff to the red stuff as they say in the fire department. That would be the pumper operators. Other classes taken involved advanced fire tactics, I.S.O., ethical leadership, risk management. I probably even missed a couple. Everyone involved took away a lot of great training and information.

4/6 monthly training.....exercised all of our small engine tools. We discussed Joe Noha and his decision to take on the lead engineer position and voted the current fire chief in for another 4-year term.

Be safe chief Reichkitzer

