

## **Subject: Fire Chiefs Report for BOS meeting June 10, 2014**

### **Administration**

- The 2013 annual awards dinner was held Saturday June 7 at the Townhall. The dinner was funded by the Fire Flies which was catered by Kell's Kitchen. Certificates were handed out for Most Fire Calls (Dean Dowden), Most EMS calls (Dean Dowden), Most Training (Dean Dowden & Doug Siverhus), Most Meetings attended (Dean Dowden). Years of service pins were handed out to Monica Curtiss & Doug Siverhus for 1 year of service, Brian Moran for 5 years of service, and Dan Humay for 10 years. Doug Siverhus received his fire department jacket after completing his one year probation requirements. The Fire Flies also funded sweatshirts for all of the department members.
- The Urbans gave a donation of \$50 to the fire department in honor of retired firefighter Ralph Chiabotti who passed away May 18.
- We received the 50% match of \$4000 from the DNR for the 2014 Grant.

### **Personnel**

- Dean and I interviewed Mark Plantz for joining the fire department as a firefighter Saturday May 31. Mr. Plantz is currently on Morse Fall Lake Fire Dept. as a firefighter and also works for the DNR as a wildland firefighter. He is fully trained in Firefighter I, II, and wildland. He is planning on becoming an EMT in the near future.

#### **Motion to accept Mark Plantz as an Eagles Nest Firefighter.**

- It was asked about what I have done and planning on doing for recruiting; Banners were purchased, one was hung on the lower hall which recently brought two enquires, they were also used on the truck during the Tower Parade last year, they will be used again this year. I spoke at the Lake Association picnic and will do every year. Information is on the web site for recruiting. Flyers were created and made available at the picnic and will be posted on store bulletin boards in Tower, Soudan, and Ely. I have made phone calls to people and met in person, (total of 4) those that I heard were thinking about joining. Some of the Fire Flies have gone door to door. We ran an ad in the Timberjay and Echo. Dan Humay has spoken with the Vermillion College about starting a program. I will be exploring the possibility of radio ads. Since becoming Fire Chief in December 2012 I have added 4 personnel to the department. The most effective recruitment effort is for everyone to speak with their neighbors and inform them of the lack of firefighters in the Township to provide for their safety.

### **Policies**

- No update

### **Equipment**

- The pump clutch went out on E1 on the call for a vehicle fire/rollover on May 15. I have attached a picture of the clutch which cost \$4600. When the clutch blew up it also seized the engine cracking the drive shaft to the pump, this too had to be replaced. I picked up the truck on June 6 and drove it back to Eagles Nest.
- A big thank you to Mark Pratt for raising the height of the dry hydrant between Lakes 2 & 3. This will now make it easier to connect to for drafting and help during the winter months from being buried in the snow.

### **Training**

- June training was on pumping and drafting this will be the focus over the summer months. We had an exceptional turn out of personnel, with only 3 not attending.

### **Fire/EMS Calls:**

- May 15 – EMS/Fire – 4400 Hwy 169
- May 15 – EMS - 1459 Bear Head State Park Rd
- May 15 – EMS – 1507 Bear Head State Park Rd
- May 23 – Fire – 4580 Mudcreek Rd
- June 1 – EMS – 3687 Wildgate Rd

**Calls 2014 ytd**    Fire = (1)May 23  
                         EMS = (7) Jan. 5, Feb. 9, Feb. 17, Apr. 28, May 15, May 15, June 1  
                         Combination = (2)May 6, 15

**Total =10**

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