

Memorandum

Date: 1-23-2012

To: Police and Fire Commission

From: Chief Martin W. Lamers

Re: Fire Department Report

Cc: Mayor Donna Olson



Department News:

The department responded to 293 alarms in 2011. In 2010 we responded to a total of 249 alarms. This number of alarms is a record year for alarms. A full annual report of the 2011 department activities will be published in the next month or so.

We are now operating under the 2012 BFO budget process. All department activity as well as expenditures are being tracked to the department BFO offers of services. The process will allow departments to better track the services provided to the taxpayers.

The 2012 budget for the fire department resulted in a restructuring of the maintenance staff position to LTE positions. Volunteer members are staffing the LTE positions, maintaining the apparatus and equipment.

Fire department staff person Robert Bradley retired from the city employment after 43 years of service to the city. Our sincere thanks go out to Bob for his years of service and wish him well in his retirement.

We have experienced two major fires thus far in 2012. The first a house fire in the town of Dunkirk. The fire was reported as a chimney fire, the fire had progressed into the upper level of the residence prior to our arrival. The weather conditions were such that fighting the fire was a challenge, with high winds and temperatures in the low twenties. We received mutual aid from Edgerton, Evansville and Brooklyn fire departments as well as Stoughton EMS for rehab. We were able to confine the fire to the upper level of the residence. The upper level received extensive fire damage, the remainder of the residence, received substantial smoke and water damage. We were on the scene for about 4.5 hours.

The second major fire was in the town of Rutland. Reported as a chicken coup fire, the fire had spread to two other structures before we arrived on scene. All three structures were a total loss. Multiple other departments assisted with water supply, activation of a

MABAS (Mutual Aid Box Alarm System) box alarm Tenders Only was used to summon the assistance. This system activates a predetermined amount of resources that respond to the incident. One Stoughton firefighter was transported to Stoughton hospital with an injury, the injury was minor in nature, the firefighter was released from the hospital.

The department has readied all cold weather rescue equipment in preparation for the ice over conditions. This equipment will remain in cold weather status until ice out conditions are experienced in spring.

The anticipated live house burn training that was being planned for this winter does not appear to be possible. The regulatory conditions that must be met prior to a burn are an issue.

2012 first quarter training will be on Air and Blood borne pathogens review of department SOG's , MABAS review, Radio review, County MAYDAY procedures, a tour of the UW Synchrotron Radiation Center and Low Angle Rescue training. Followed by our annual hose test

Our 128th Annual Dance planning is underway. This year the event will be on July 21 at the Mandt Community Center, Little Vito and the Torpedoes will be the headliner band.