Stoughton Fire Department

April 26, 2021 Police and Fire Commission Report

Fire Chief – Josh Ripp

Personnel

Current Personnel: We currently have 36 active FF's on Stoughton, and 2 personnel that I'll be working with AJ on that will likely be removed from the Department. I've included a copy of our current roster.

The 2 new personnel we took on from December 2020 (Shea Cotter-Brown and Joe Hohol) have been participating in trainings, and some lower level calls. They likely won't be able to take Entry Level FF until fall, due to how class schedules fell.

I will be looking to do more interviews in late May/early June for another round of FF's. We have some applications that have come in via the website and requested that Gini contact them back, to advise that we are interested in them, and will contact them once we set the next process in the April/May timeframe. We also had gotten some attention to hiring in an article in the Hub. I'm not aware of any applications from that yet though.

With things easing up a bit on COVID restrictions, I'm planning to make some efforts to talk with businesses about recruiting daytime personnel.

Progression Planning: I'm am anticipating that I could have up to 5 of my officers retire in the next 5 years, in the Assistant Chief and Captain spots. None have indicated as such, but I have a number of officers in their mid 60's, as well as having over 22 years on the department. Just a note, for me to appoint someone as an officer on the department, they have to have completed the appropriate officer training, per below:

SPS 330.08 (3) *Effective October 1, 2019, a fire officer appointed after October 1, 2018 may not act as a fire officer during an emergency operation until that individual completes NIMS training in accordance with s. SPS 330.14 and obtains the minimum training and education requirements as specified by any of the following:*

(a) *A fire officer course approved by the technical college system board.*
(b) *An approved state apprenticeship program.*
(c) *An in-house training program approved by the technical college system board.*
(d) *NFPA 1021: Standard for Fire Officer Qualifications.*

I'm planning on having some job descriptions to review for the Captains and Assistant Chiefs at the June meeting. This will need to also go to personnel committee for their review. I will be looking to fill either a Captain or Assistant Chief Spot (I haven't decided yet) towards the end of 2021.

FD Auxiliary – I've been talking with AJ about the possibility of creating an auxiliary for the FD. The group would be tasked with some of the support activities that the FD staff currently perform or are responsible for. It would also allow members who can't be active FF's to still stay involved with the FD, and for us to still be able to utilize their experience and expertise. However, this would involve some changes in the ordinance for the FD, so this staffing wouldn't count against the 42 maximum level. This is a work in progress.

Training

I've attached the current schedule for 2021 trainings for the FD. In addition, we have participated in a practice burn with Edgerton fire a couple weeks ago. FF Lamberty, FF Ludlum and myself went down. We have been invited to be part of a 2nd burn on May 2nd, where we can bring up to 8 personnel, on a tender/engine and our brush truck/atv. There are some fields they want to protect when the house burns down. It is a very large, 3 story farm house surrounded by some other older buildings and fields.

Call Statistics

I don't have any stats at this time. I'm still working through some Growing pains on our Software, and current numbers would not be valid.

Grant Money – We are finalizing the DNR grant of wildland PPE for our Firefighters. We were able to outfit everyone that would be doing active walking/firefighting in the field with Wildland Helmet, goggles, gloves, mask, coat and pants. We will look into boots for next year if it doesn't fit into this year's budget.

Significant Calls:

Most recently, we had a Barn fire Easter Sunday night on Hwy N. The fire originated in a burn barrel, and transferred to another pile of combustibles, and then to a barn, and field, as well as multiple trailers and pieces of equipment stored there. We were on scene for about 6 hours. It was the first major call for our new command car. Of note, we also had some issues with drafting out of two of our apparatus. We've found that some of our older suction hose had leaks that weren't apparent. We used MABAS and went to a box alarm almost immediately upon us being paged. We could see the smoke column from town pretty clearly. I've included the box alarm card that was used for that incident.

We've averaged a significant crash per month on Hwy 51 in the area of Roby Road and Rutland-Dunn Town line road. The most recent crashes didn't result in serious injuries, but there was a person killed in a crash a few months back.

Projects

Equipment – Squad 5 has been in service since late January. We are working through some warranty items, but all in all, the truck is doing well.

New Car 1 and Brush 7 are in service, and in use. They have been used pretty extensively this spring.

Breathing Air Compressor – The new breathing air compressor was installed a couple weeks ago. This new compressor allows us to fully fill our scba tanks, and the tanks on the new squad, so we can operate longer on scenes w/o calling in additional resources. The old compressor topped off at 4500 psi (the same pressure as our SCBA air tanks). The new compressor fills to 6000 psi.

Month	Mondays	Rotation	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
January	4		Meeting	Meeting	Meeting
	11	A	Ice	Honor Guard	Basic Search
	18		MLK Day OFF	MLK Day OFF	MLK Day OFF
	25	A	Basic Search	Ice	Honor Guard
February	1		Meeting	Meeting	Meeting
	8	A	Honor Guard	Basic Search	SCBA 1
	15	A	SCBA 1	Z-Rig	CPR
	22	A	CPR	SCBA 1	Ropes
March	1		Meeting	Meeting	Meeting
	8	A	Z-Rig	CPR	ICE
	15	B	Brush Trucks Operation	Ladder Basic	Chainsaw
	22	B	Chainsaw	Brush Trucks Operation	Ladder Basic
	29		Spring Break	Spring Break	Spring Break
April	2		Meeting / Easter	Meeting / Easter	Meeting / Easter
	12	B	Ladder Basic	Chainsaw	Brush Trucks Operation
	19	C	Pumping	Hose Rear Pull	SCBA 2
	26	C	SCBA 2	Pumping	Hose Rear Pull
May	3		Meeting	Meeting	Meeting
	10		Syttene Mai	Syttene Mai	Syttene Mai
	17	C	Hose Rear Pull	SCBA 2	Pumping
	24	D	Nozzle Handling	Stabilization	Boat
	31		Memorial Day	Memorial Day	Memorial Day
June	7		Meeting	Meeting	Meeting
	14	D	Boat	Nozzle Handling	Stabilization
	21	D	Stabilization	Boat	Nozzle Handling
	28	E	Extrication	Honor Guard	Aerial
July	5		4th of July	4th of July	4th of July
	12		Meeting	Meeting	Meeting
	19	E	Aerial	Extrication	Honor Guard
	26	E	Honor Guard	Aerial	Extrication
August	2		Meeting	Meeting	Meeting
	9	A	Ladder Advance	2 1/2" Hose Pull	Roof Ladder
	16	A	Roof Ladder	Ladder Advance	2 1/2" Hose Pull
	23	A	2 1/2' Hose Pull	Roof Ladder	Ladder Advance
	30	B	Advanced Search	Forcible Entry	Master Stream
September	6		Labor Day	Labor Day	Labor Day
	13		Meeting	Meeting	Meeting
	20	B	Master Stream	Advanced Search	Forcible Entry
	27	B	Forcible Entry	Master Stream	Advanced Search
October	4		Meeting	Meeting	Meeting
	11	C	Man vs Machine	VES	Driving Skills
	18	C	Driving Skills	Man vs Machine	VES
	25	C	VES	Driving Skills	Man Machine
November	1		Meeting	Meeting	Meeting
	8	D	TIC	Ventilation	Firefighter Rescue
	15	D	Firefighter Rescue	TIC	Ventilation
	22		Thanksgiving	Thanksgiving	Thanksgiving
	29	D	Ventilation	Firefighter Rescue	TIC
December	6		Meeting	Meeting	Meeting
	13	ALL	CIVMIC	CIVMIC	CIVMIC
	20		Make Up Day	Make Up Day	Make Up Day
	27		Christmas	Christmas	Christmas

ROTATION / COMPANY GROUPING			
A	1-2	3-4	5-6
B	1-3	2-5	4-6
C	1-4	2-6	3-5
D	1-5	6-3	2-4
E	1-6	5-4	2-3

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DATE:	Day of Week S M T W Th F S	TIME:	Incident #
INCIDENT LOCATION:			Action taken:
CITY:	TOWNSHIP:	Gal/Water Used:	
EQUIPMENT: C1, C2, E1, E2, E3, L4, S5, T6, B7, C10, B12, ATV-1, WATER-1, ReHab-1, SUPPT TRL			
PAGED_____RESPOND_____ARRIVAL_____RETURN_____QUARTERS_____CANCELED_____			

	UNIT	ACTION		UNIT	ACTION
F1 Chief Josh Ripp			F4 AC/Safety Donald Hanson		
F2 DC/Fire Marshal Mark Miller			F5 Assistant Chief Mark Hale		
F3 Assistant Chief Dick Kittleson					

COMPANY 1	UNIT	ACTION	COMPANY 2	UNIT	ACTION
F-70 Captain Jerry King			F-20 Captain Brad Rask		
FF-33 Trent Nihles			FF-42 Travis Miller		
FF-25 Mason Barber			FF-29 Nick Podgorski		
FF-31 Brian Alme			FF-12 Eric Hohol		
FF-16 Ashley Ludlum			FF-21 Mike Walters		
			FF-22 Shea Cotter-Brown		

COMPANY 3	UNIT	ACTION	COMPANY 4	UNIT	ACTION
F-30 Captain Scott Broughton			F-40 Captain Paul Updike		
FF-15 Mike Lamberty			FF-28 Kent Brown		
FF-27 Scott Helm			FF-46 Andrew Ott		
FF-26 Matt Hamilton			FF-53 Emma Gunsolus		
FF-44 Jason Whitley			FF-45 Ben Zubke		

COMPANY 5	UNIT	ACTION	COMPANY 6	UNIT	ACTION
F-50 Captain Mike Olson			F-60 Captain Brett Topp		
FF-39 Peter Gander			FF-14 Tracie Bauer		
FF-43 Andrew Boersma			FF-23 Justin Richter		
FF-36 Don Dushack			FF-24 Chad Cartwright		
FF-52 Mike Stacey			FF-65 Kari Drifke		
FF-54 Joe Hohol					

SFD Was Paged For:

Upon Arrival Discovered:

Description of events and actions taken:

DEPARTMENT NAME:	BOX ALARM TYPE:	EFFECTIVE DATE:	MABAS DIVISION
Stoughton	Structure Fire	January 1 2021	115
BOX ALARM #	**LOCATION OR AREA:**	**AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE:**	
ST-3-2	Town of Dunkirk/Town of Albion	CHIEF JOSH RIPP	

LOCAL DISPATCH AREA:

ALARM LEVEL	ENGINES	TRUCKS	TENDERS	SQUADS	AMBULANCES	CHIEFS	SPECIAL EQUIPMENT	CHANGE OF QUARTERS (Station #)
STILL	Stoughton E1 Stoughton E3 Stoughton E2	Stoughton L4	Stoughton T6	Stoughton S5	Stoughton R88	Stoughton C1		
FULL STILL	Edgerton					Stoughton C2 Edgerton		

MABAS BOX ALARM:

ALARM LEVEL	ENGINES	TRUCKS	TENDERS	SQUADS	AMBULANCES	CHIEFS	SPECIAL EQUIPMENT	CHANGE OF QUARTERS (Station #)
BOX	McFarland Deerfield Brooklyn		Oregon Cottage Grove Milton	Monona	Stoughton R87 DeerGrove	Verona	Stoughton EMS Rehab (RH1)	Evansville Engine Edgerton Tender
2ND	Evansville Cambridge Belleville	Sun Prairie	Edgerton Truax Fire Lake Mills		Fitchrona	McFarland	Comms Support (See Notes)	Milton Engine Deerfield Tender
3RD	Milton Maple Bluff Oregon		Evansville Deforest Marshall	Sun Prairie	Monona	Maple Bluff	CV1 (Check with Command)	Deforest Engine Deerfield Tender
4TH	Deforest Cross Plains Fort Atkinson	Fitchburg	Waunakee Deerfield Verona		Edgerton	Cottage Grove	Rock County Air	Johnson Creek Fitchburg Tender
5TH	Johnson Creek Sun Prairie Lake Mills		Fitchburg Johnson Creek Milton	Belleville		Monona		Jefferson Engine Orfordville Tender
Backfill	Jefferson Beloit Footville	McFarland Edgerton Mt Horeb	Mt Horeb Orfordville Belleville	Deerfield Waunakee Oregon	Milton Madison Sun Prairie	Ft Atkinson Marshall Madison	Fitchburg Utility Fitchburg Car 20	
INTERDIVISIONAL REQUEST		**1st Choice** 118	**2nd Choice** 103	**3rd Choice** 8 (IL)				

INFORMATION

Working Structure Fires - Contact Stoughton Utiliites: (608) 873-3379 business hours, (608) 873-9322 After Hours

Comms Support - Contact Dane County EM Duty Officer - 608-219-9797 for potential Com L request.