Stoughton Fire Department

October 25, 2021 Police and Fire Commission Report

Fire Chief – Josh Ripp

We started in person Business Meetings on July 12, 2021. We are meeting in the fire bays to allow air for the large group meeting, and will be providing a Hybrid option for those who desire to do so.

PERSONNEL INFO

Personnel Statistics

We are currently at 39 staff members. The Breakdown is:

37 are Active

1 is on a light duty status

1 is on longer term medical leave

COVID – We've had 3 members that have been off due to being positive for COVID 19. One was a "long hauler" and two are younger, and have bounced back quickly.

We have received 2 applications, and will be proceeding with interviews (as indicated in the agenda).

Personnel Notes

- **2022 Personnel Requests**

  The proposal to upgrade the fire tech position to 40 hours, has made it into the Mayors budget proposal, and is in front of the City Council. I'm not sure what other information I will have for this meeting.

- **Future changes to pay/stipend**

  Our present pattern of assessing a "good" member of the FD is looking to be in need of adjustment. Our current bylaws discuss 40% of the calls and 50% of the trainings. However, with our call volume increasing, this measurement is turning into a bit of problem for a busy family member to meet. There also isn't a quality component (such as ensuring personnel are proficient in a pre-determined set of skills). Attendance doesn't automatically relate to quality. Next year will be spent looking at alternative ways to deal with this. There are many possibilities in districts around Stoughton.

TRAINING:

Regular Trainings:

I have included the current training calendar put together by the training committee. The committee has been hard at work, and have also worked on getting our new members prepared for Entry level class. This will become the process for future new members as they are on-boarded.

New Members:

We've been separating the new members on the department during our regular trainings, to cover skills specifically necessary to the new members. The past few weeks have included setting up hydrants, non-emergency operation of the smaller vehicles (pickup trucks, brush trucks, etc).

This is in addition to the weekly classes for Entry level class. We expect them to complete enough class to be qualified for interior firefighting by state law.

Buildings in town:

In August, we were provided an opportunity to utilize the former Dean Clinic building at the Stoughton Hospital for training. This provided us invaluable areas to do extensive search and rescue, hose movement, roof ventilation and ladder practice. We also used the training scenarios to practice accountability and IC principles with the Officers.

We are also being allowed to utilize 109 Hillside in town (former Carl Sampson residence) for training. We will be using it for ladder work, likely some search and rescue as well as some

Other Departments:

We have done some water movement training with McFarland Fire and Rescue this year. We also recently went over to the Oregon Farm Center with Ladder 4 to look at access to the grain bins, and to practice grain rescue with Oregon FD's grain bin rescue equipment. It was a good class with the crew from Stoughton that went.

Outside Training:

Captain Rask and I attended rope rescue operations class this fall at Sun Prairie FD. This is in preparation for the swift water park that is being planned in town. Our closest certified Swift water rescue organization is split between Janesville, Beloit and Madison. The next tier is reaching to NW Dane (Black Earth, Mazomanie and Sauk City).

The first goal is to get staff trained on Rope Rescue, which is the foundation for other technical rescue operations (Swift Water, High Angle Rope, Confined Space, Etc). There are upcoming classes being held between Fitchburg and Sun Prairie FD's, (run through MATC and State of Wisconsin). We will slowly work staff into this. One good note, we have two new members with rope experience (tree climbing and rock climbing) that I hope to be able to leverage into this capability as well. They have to get through Firefighter 1 before we can send them to class though.

<u>Fire Prevention:</u>

DC Miller worked with WSTO staff to develop fire prevention week videos that were posted every day of Fire Prevention Week. This was done in lieu of an open house at the station, due to COVID. These really turned out well, and hit on a number of subjects that are pertinent to what we've seen recently.

Rural Inspections are being handled a little differently these days. A smaller group of members are handling all of them. The method previously being done always left a number of inspections hanging as members couldn't/wouldn't make time to do the inspections. This was performed last spring, and was pretty successful.

CALL STATISTICS

We are currently at 308 calls for the year (January 1 – September 30). This puts us approx. 40 calls ahead of last year. So far, our call volume is up in Stoughton, Dunkirk and Rutland, as well as Mutual aid. Interestingly, we are down for calls in Pleasant Springs though.

Municipality Breakdown

	YTD 2021	**YTD 2020**	**YTD 2019**
Stoughton	189	177	180
Dunkirk	32	20	21
Dunn	24	25	17
Pleasant Springs	17	26	25
Rutland	22	11	8
Mutual Aid	24	14	26
TOTAL	**308**	**273**	**277**

Call Type Breakdown 2021

Fires	41
Alarms (Fire/CO/Gas) -	106
Accidents –	43
EMS Assists –	43
Brush/Wildland –	28
Other - (Water rescue, other assists, etc)	45

Projects

Ladder 4 – Is going in to Weyauwega the week of November 10, for refurb. We are anticipating it being gone for up to 120 days (hopefully faster though). This will be

Capital Budget – Our Capital Budget (Included) has made its way through, awaiting final City Council approval.

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	Nozzle Handling	Boat / Knots
	31		Memorial Day	Memorial Day	Memorial Day
June	7		Meeting	Meeting	Meeting
	14	D	Boat / Knots	Nozzle Handling	Nozzle Handling
	21	D	Nozzle Handling	Boat / Knots	Nozzle Handling
	28	ALL	Stabilization	Stabilization	Stabilization
July	5		4th of July	4th of July	4th of July
	12		Meeting	Meeting	Meeting
	19	E	Extrication	Honor Guard	Aerial
	26		Canceled	Canceled	Canceled
August	2	ALL	Meeting / Clinic Walk thru	Meeting / Clinic Walk thru	Meeting / Clinic Walk thru
	9	ALL	Clinic Hose / Search	Clinic Hose / Search	Clinic Hose / Search
	16	ALL	Clinic Hose / Search	Clinic Hose / Search	Clinic Hose / Search
	23		Canceled	Canceled	Canceled
	30	ALL	Roof Ops / Overhaul / FE	Roof Ops / Overhaul / FE	Roof Ops / Overhaul / FE
September	6		Labor Day	Labor Day	Labor Day
	13		Meeting	Meeting	Meeting
	20	E	Aerial	Extrication	Honor Guard
	27	E	Honor Guard	Aerial	Extrication
October	4		Meeting	Meeting	Meeting
	11	F	Man vs Machine	Ladders 2.0	Driving / Mayday
	18	F	Ladders 2.0	Man vs Machine	Hydrant / Fill Site
	25	F	Vent/Tic	VES	Hose Pulling
November	1		Meeting	Meeting	Meeting
	8	F	VES	Vent / TIC	Search
	15	F	Rescue	Hazmat	Task Review
	22		Thanksgiving	Thanksgiving	Thanksgiving
	29	F	Hazmat	Rescue	FF Check Off
December	6		Meeting	Meeting	Meeting
	13	ALL	CIVMIC	CIVMIC	CIVMIC
	20	ALL	Alliant Training	Alliant Training	Alliant Training
	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
F	1,3,5	2,4,6	PROBATIONARY

Date:	Start Time:	End Time:	Total Hours:
Type/Location:			
Instructor(s)			
EQUIPMENT: C1 C2 E1 E2 E3 L4 S5 T6 B7 C10 B12 ATV1 REHAB1 WC1 WC2 SUP/TRL PORT/RR			

ATTENDANCE

F 1 Chief Josh Ripp		F4 AC/Safety Ofc. Donald Hanson	
F2 D/C Fire Marshal Mark Miller		F5 Assistant Chief Mark Hale	
F3 Assistant Chief Dick Kittleson			

COMPANY 1		COMPANY 2	
F-70 Captain Jerry King		F-20 Captain Brad Rask	
FF-33 Trent Nihles		FF-42 Travis Miller	
FF-25 Mason Barber		FF-12 Eric Hohol	
FF-31 Brian Alme		FF-21 Mike Walters	
		FF22 Shea Cotter-Brown	

COMPANY 3		COMPANY 4	
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		COMPANY 6	
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-52 Mike Stacey		FF-24 Chad Cartwright	
		FF-65 Kari Drifke	

COMPANY 7			
FF-22 Shea-Cotter Brown		Isaac Castronovo	
FF-54 Joe Hohol		Caleb Klebig	
Lydia Bruning		Brett Morovic	

Description of training:

EQUIPMENT						
	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Boat Replacement				$ 80,000		
PPE Purchase/Replacement	$ 46,850	$ 48,000	$ 48,000	$ 48,000	$ 48,000	$ 480,000
ATV 2 - Skid Unit	$ 4,000					
FireCom Installs		$ 70,000				
2012 Ram Truck Replacement					$ 90,000	
Portable Radios	$ 390,000					
Command Vehicle Replace (2005 Yukon)	$ 82,000					
AED Replacement (Zoll)		$ 7,500				
Ladder 4 Replacement						$ 1,750,000
SCBA Hydro Test	$ 4,500					
SCBA Bottle Replacement (End of Life), or Air Pack Replacement						$ 86,400
Engine 2 Replacement			$ 700,000			
Mobile Radios		$ 160,000				
Thermal Imaging Cameras			$ 30,000			
Tires - Engine 1		$ 4,000				
TOTALS	$ 527,350	$ 289,500	$ 778,000	$ 128,000	$ 138,000	$ 2,316,400

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Buillding Project						
	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
De-ionized Water System		$ 7,500				
Painting of FD Doors and Frames	$ 15,000					
Storage Mezzanine - Bay Area, Architect	$ 5,000					
Training Room AV Update		$ 20,000				
TOTALS	$ 22,022	$ 29,523	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -