Stoughton Fire Department

1st Quarter 2024 Police and Fire Commission Report, Fire Chief – Josh Ripp

PERSONNEL INFO

Personnel Statistics

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

Qualification Wise:

6 are in probationary training

33 Qualified for interior FF operations

17 Engine Operators

9 Officers (current rank or qualified to be)

Personnel Notes

- **Classes –** We currently have 3 people in Entry Level FF, 2 in Firefighter 1 class, and one person taking Emergency Services Instructor classes.

- **Duty Crew** – Work progresses with this, and we've run into some delays at the dispatch center side of things. My goal is to be having Duty Crew tones being activated for calls June 2024.

TRAINING:

Yahara School – We have been utilizing the Yahara School for training since January. We don't get the ability to have buildings often, so the calendar has generally been cleared to make way for use of the building. The district is anticipating tear down to begin April 1.

OTHER ITEMS:

2% Dues audit: We just completed our 2% dues audit on 2/14/2024. All is in order and we passed. This is performed by the Department of Safety and Professional Services, to validate the performance of the Fire Department, in relation to applicable State of WI Laws and Administrative Rules. A fail would have triggered a second audit next year, at which point, our 2% dues could be suspended. We are in great shape though.

ISO Audit Upcoming: We have received notification for an Audit by the Insurance Services Organization, which handles ratings of the Fire Department. This information is used by Insurance Companies when determining Fire Insurance Rates. This is a much more complicated measure of us than the DSPS audit.

We are working through our information that we need to cover. Initial info I've seen will provide us some opportunities to improve things.

INCIDENT INFO

Call Stats/info: I've attached a few documents for your review. They will look a bit different, as ESO has added some enhanced reports that are making it easier to put some comparisons together.

Call Volume:

We ended the year with 401 Calls to service. I've attached the general call type breakdown for the year report.

One thing to note is that we went on 69 EMS assists this year, which ends being approximately 5.75 calls per month. This is generally been in line with what we've done in years past, increasing by a call per month. However, our turnout for these calls is getting less. One major point is the reimbursement/pay difference between EMS and Fire. Fire is an annual stipend, while EMS gets pay per call.