

Memorandum

Date: 4-25-2011

To: Police and Fire Commission

From: Chief Martin W. Lamers

Re: Fire Department Report

Cc: Mayor Donna Olson

Department News:



We have responded to 84 alarms thus far in 2011. The 2010 department Annual report is posted on the City Web site under departments.

The department responded to another fire at Uniroyal involving the Environmental Filtration Unit. This fire was controlled much more quickly than the last two due to system monitoring equipment that has been install as well as Uniroyal staff actions. We are working with Uniroyal staff to determine the cause of the fires as well as working to have a suppression system installed.

The city new budget process “Budgeting for Outcomes” is progressing. The BFO process is results based budgeting, to get the best value for our tax dollars. The key steps include Set a Revenue Target, Articulate results, Allocate revenues to results, Ask service providers to propose activities and programs for achieving results, Submit proposals to achieve results and Rank proposals and fund the best proposals.

Our fire department radio repeater which has been located on the roof of the Stoughton Hospital has been moved to the top of the Furseth St. water tower, a great improvement in performance has been experienced in the move of the repeater.

The DaneCom radio system is moving forward, currently user agencies are working with the Harris engineers on user agency desires for system connectivity. Stoughton’s emergency services are working on the details of our needs. The DaneCom system construction is anticipated to begin mid 2011, with full system operation meeting the federal narrow banding deadline.

Stoughton fire department participated in the Library Truck Display Program. Trucks from city departments were on display at Mandt Park for viewing by youth.

5 members of our department participated in A Climb to The Top, a fundraiser for the American Lung Association. The Stoughton members climbed the 42 stories of the US Bank Building in Milwaukee with average time of 16:41 minutes, they came in 15th out 23 teams. The team climbed in full firefighting gear, including SCBA. Picture attached.