

## Fire Department Village Board Report Narrative

Month: December 2013

Activities for the Month: The 17 activities for the month included meetings, equipment and station maintenance, public relations, records management, work details and trainings.

Training:

- Conducted self and victim rescue operations

Projects and other events:

- Worked on updating the MSDS sheets for chemicals carried on the apparatus and stored at the station
- We had our Annual Christmas Party, which was well attended by our members and their families

Calls for Service: There were 13 calls for service comprised of: 2 Mutual Aid Calls to Menomonee Falls; 1 for a structure fire and the other for coverage during the accident on HWY 45, 3 false alarms; 1 malfunction, 1 faulty detector head, 1 for burnt food, 2 broken pipe calls due to cold weather, 1 arcing wire call, 1 fire in a bathroom, 1 vehicle versus deer accident, and 3 CO false alarms

Year to date the calls for service were, 9 behind with 18 false alarms also behind last year.

Respectfully Submitted,

William L. Selzer

Fire Chief, Elm Grove Volunteer Fire Department

Board Members,

The following is a brief narrative of fire department activities and incident review for 2013.

### **Administration**

During the year the membership level remained relatively constant fluctuating between 45 and 49. The average years of membership service to the Village is 17.5. The paid on call program developed in 1996 has been extremely successful in retaining members and recruiting new ones. The support of the Village Board, Staff, Department Heads, Committees and Police and Fire Commission has given the department the tools and support to prosper and grow in our mission of bring “a proficient team of fire service professionals, providing a quality service to the Village of Elm Grove, stressing safety for residents and department members”.

### **Operations**

Over this past year the department conducted a review and analysis of current operations in order to reduce response times and increase fire ground operation efficiencies. This was accomplished through:

- Joint Services incident size-up training with the Police Department
- Providing 20lb dry chemical extinguishers and the stat-x first responder extinguishers to the four Chief Officers to be deployed prior to the first arriving engine, in order to extinguish or hold the fire in check
- Revising our water supply operations to maximize the new hydrant system along Elm Grove Road. The department is very appreciative of the efforts of the Village Board, Staff and City of Brookfield for bringing municipal water into the Village.

### **Training**

The 2013 Training Program focused on the following:

- Water supply operations
- Fire ground safety
- Apparatus and equipment operations
- Hose loads and fire stream management
- Communications
- Water and Ice Rescue
- Special Teams operations
- Self-rescue and rapid intervention – the self rescue course was a 16 hour, two day course that the members attended at the station, conducted by Captain Dale Pekel over several weekends

### **Projects**

- Preplanning of our commercial , industrial and multi-family structures in the village
- Refurbishment of the Training Tower

### **Public Relations**

In 2013 the department remained active in supporting various activities within and outside of the Village, such as:

- The Village Memorial Day, City of Brookfield and Village of Butler 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parades
- 4<sup>th</sup> of July apparatus display in the park
- Christmas in the Grove apparatus display
- The joint venture with the City of Brookfield Survive Alive Program that educates Elm Grove school 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders in fire safety
- Supporting fundraisers for local village community service organizations
- Providing fire safety talks to organizations and associations within the Village

### **Calls for Service**

The calls for service for the year were down by 9 or 7.4%. The contributing factors were:

- 3 structure fires – fireplace, garage and bathroom
- 17 vehicle accidents/rescues
- 1 vehicle fire
- 9 power line or electrical related calls – many of these calls were storm related
- 6 natural gas or propane leaks
- 1 fuel spill
- 12 CO detector or smoke investigation calls
- 1 brush fire
- 4 other type of fires
- 22 false alarms – false alarms were down 45%. This may be in part due to our educated residents in keeping their systems well maintained and separating the false CO alarms from the false alarms for monitored systems. The false alarms reported are only for monitored systems.
- 27 mutual aid calls – mutual aid calls increased by 42%. This is due to the increased fire activity of our mutual partners as well as being requested by departments that we have not been part of their mutual aid response request.
- 12 service calls

### **Activities**

Every Tuesday evening of the month the Department conducts preplanned activities. They are as follows:

First Tuesday – Monthly and Officers meetings, station and apparatus/equipment maintenance and a short training/safety presentation

Second Tuesday – Training for new member and apparatus/equipment maintenance

Third Tuesday – The Regular Monthly Drill is for all members, followed by a Day Drill usually that week for the DPW and Day crew. These drills range from the basics of firefighting to rescuing of victims and downed firefighters.

Fourth Tuesday – Special Training which may include auto extrication, firefighter survival, hazmat, RIT, etc

Fifth Tuesday – On the fifth Tuesdays the MPO's (Motor Pump Operators/Drivers) train on pumping, drafting, water tower operations, driving, and on apparatus/equipment maintenance.

### **Annual Statistics**

Calls for service: 111

Average turnout for a call: 14.2 members

Average response time: 6.6 minutes

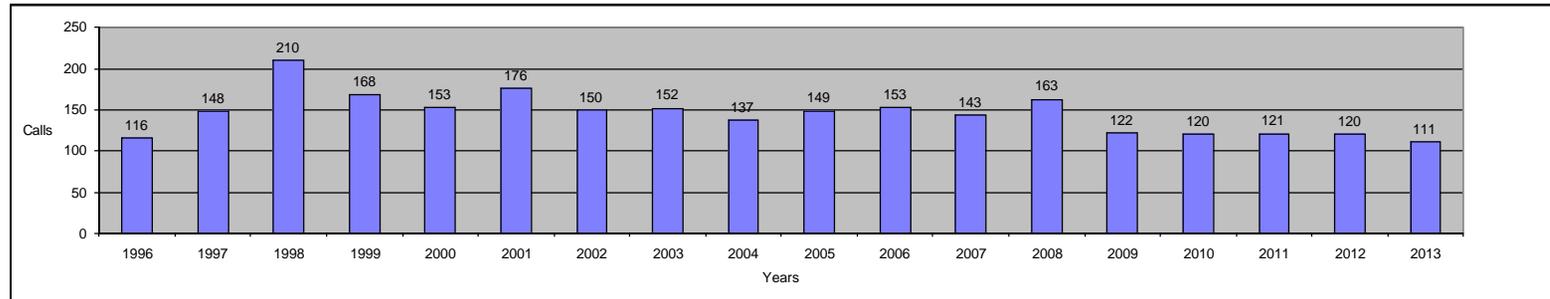
Fire Call firefighter hours: 1252 hours

Activity member hours: 4004 hours

Respectfully Submitted,

William L. Selzer, Fire Chief

Type of Incident	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	12/13 Change
Structure Fires	1	1	2	2	4	1	2	4	1	3	1	2	3	3	3	2	3	3	0
Vehicle Accidents/Rescues	28	39	48	26	20	36	22	28	28	17	19	9	17	10	12	13	17	17	0
Vehicle Fires	4	7	3	3	4	2	2	5	2	2	3	3	1	3	1	0	1	0	-1
Power Lines /Arcing Equip.	8	9	26	12	7	12	9	1	3	8	18	6	7	9	9	7	8	9	1
Propane/Gas Leak or Fire	0	0	0	0	1	3	4	4	5	4	2	4	7	5	5	5	6	3	-3
Oil/Fuel Spills	3	3	14	11	10	9	2	1	0		1	1	3	5	3	0	1	1	0
Smoke/Fumes/CO2 Detector	6	6	4	3	3	4	17	7	9	14	6	13	13	9	14	14	12	11	-1
Rubbish/Brush Fires	0	2	2	1	1	6	2	3	2	2	3	3	0	1	5	4	1	1	0
Flood Related Calls	0	13	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fires/Elect. Problems	2	0	0	2	0	0	4	6	0	4	7	8	5	8	10	9	4	5	1
False Alarms	29	39	35	62	70	78	58	49	55	49	39	38	51	40	30	36	40	22	-18
Mutual Aid Responses	20	19	33	28	17	19	13	24	28	43	41	37	38	25	22	28	19	27	8
Miscellaneous/Service Calls	15	10	20	18	16	6	15	20	4	3	13	19	15	4	6	3	8	12	4
<b>Total Calls =</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>-7.4%</b> <b>from 2012</b>



2013 Mutual Aid Responses

- 10 - City of Brookfield
- 3 - Town of Brookfield
- 4 - Village of Menomonee Falls
- 5 - City of New Berlin
- 1 - Wales
- 1 - Big Bend
- 1 - Vernon
- 2 - Pewaukee

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- 27 Total Mutual Aid Responses