

POWELL TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT
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To the Powell Township Board

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March Fire Department Report

- **Calls for Service:** We have had 2 calls for service since the last township meeting. A Chimney Fire and a Smoke/Fire Investigation.
- **Membership:** is at 25, of that 13 are FF's, 5 are FF Trainees, and 7 are Auxiliary
- **February Training:** Annual Training on the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and the IMS Alliance Passport Accountability System.
- **March Training:** FF Rehab & Safety / New 2104 Familiarization and Pump Operation
- **FF Academy Report:** FF Trainee Stocker advised the classes are going good.
- **Auxiliary Class:** The Class is now past the halfway mark on their initial 20hrs of training, last week we went over FF Rehab & Safety and talked about potential Fire Prevention Programs they maybe able to assist us with in 2023.
- **Fire Stations:** Stations are doing ok.
- **Apparatus:** We will be requesting quotes from the City of Marquette to perform annual service on the fleet soon. Last full fleet service was completed in January of 2022. We have had some hiccups with the lettering on the new 2104 as it was discovered its actually gold leaf paint thats under the clear coat on the front doors and not your standard vinyl lettering, so they have to wrap the entire door to cover over L'Anse Fire Dept. We should still be within budget, but SignsUnlimited is having a hard time matching the red, so we are trying to sort that out with the truck manufacturer to find the correct paint code.
- **Equipment:** We have a total of 17 dead radio batteries and 10 dead pager batteries on the fire desk that need replacement. These are critical to replace as without them our Fire & EMS responses and safety will be severely hampered. We also need to repair 2 of the 4 damaged fire pagers we have been sitting on until the end of the budget year. We are down to only 1 spare pager right now and last week I was handed a potential 5th pager that may also need repairs.
- **Miscellaneous:** I will apologize in advance for the long list of FD items this month as we wrap up our 2022/2023 budget year. We wait until the end of the year for some of these items to make sure we are within budget. Three of the items are carry overs from last months township meeting, and 2 are annual renewals.