

POWELL TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT
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To the Powell Township Board

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June Fire Department Report

- **Calls for Service:** We have had 6 calls for service since the last township meeting, 2 lockouts, an EMS Assist, Fatal MVA, Suspicious Debris/MV Fire, and Rollover accident on an ORV Trail with injuries and entrapment.
- **Membership:** is at 26, of that 14 are FF's, 4 are FF Trainees, and 8 are Auxiliary.
- **May Training:** CPR & AED Certification
- **June Training:** Water Rescue and Boat Operations
- **FF Academy Report:** We would like to congratulate Firefighter Jon Stocker for passing his Firefighter II & HazMat Operations State Exams and is our newest fully certified FFII
- **Auxiliary Class:** June Mtg was cancelled due to hose and ladder testing the same day. Awaiting a new date from EMS Vargo for Auxiliary CPR & AED Training
- **Fire Stations:** Dressler's has replaced the bad water main fitting at St1, final bill should be ready to submit by the next twp mtg. While firing the boilers back up after the repair the right boiler that was a foot from the water main break failed to fire up, the main board appears fried from the water damage. Still waiting on an estimate to replace the board.
- **Apparatus:** Still waiting on numbers from the City of Marquette for annual fleet service. There are a few emergency and marker lights out on the new brush truck that AC Anderson is looking into. It appears a couple are just rusted out inside and will need to be replaced. Our DNR Pickup 2106 blew the tread off a steer tire while transporting hose between the fire stations on the 8th. I want to thank Treasurer Santilli for assisting in taking the 2 front tires down to Mqt. that same afternoon to have them replaced, and AC Anderson and Pete TenEyck for helping me get the tires off of 2106. There was a little difficulty as we needed to jack stand the entire front end and its bottle jack was too short.
- **Equipment:** We have 2 grants on the agenda for tonight. Our annual Fire Extinguisher Maintenance is coming up, we are looking at purchasing life safety throw ropes for a few vehicles that need them and new map books for the fleet to replace outdated, missing or damaged ones. Our hose and ladder testing was completed by FireCatt on the 14th after being rained out on the 13th. Thankfully schedules were able to be worked out and they were able to stay that extra day. So thanks to Lac De Flambeau FD for adjusting their testing date for us. As expected we had a pretty high failure rate on the fire hose as a lot of that hose dates back to Miss Ag and even earlier. FireCatt failed 20 and condemned an additional 44 lengths of hose. So we have 64 of our 174 rolls, about 1/3 of our hose taken out of service. Out of 20 of our hard suction hoses 10 passed, 2 were missed during testing, and 8 failed visual inspections. All ladders passed, and out of 36 nozzles that were tested 4 failed. Now there are some discrepancies and errors in their report that I am following up on, so that number may change in the next week or so but thats where our numbers stand right now. I would like to thank AC Anderson, AC Roell and Auxiliary Ann Beauchaine for their help with our Hose & Ladder testing.