

POWELL TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

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August Fire Department Report

- **Calls for Service:** We have had 4 calls for service since the last township meeting, 2 Lockouts at Perkins Park & Campground, a tree down blocking the roadway off CR550 and a residential fire alarm down on Saux Head.
- **Membership:** is at 25, of that 14 are FF's, 3 are Trainees, and 8 are Auxiliary. We are still in the process of recovering Weber's Radio and his deactivated Key Fob. We are cleaning up our roster and removing members that have not been active in 8+ months, unless they would like to recommit to keep up with the states new minimum training requirements which went into effect last October.
- **FireFighter Training:** July we ended up repairing 2102's Pump to Tank Lever as a team and 2101's Dump Valve that was frozen shut. August's training plan is still in the works.
- **Auxiliary Class:** August Training was Roadway Safety and Traffic Control
- **Fire Stations:** Mounted wall hangers to get 2 large extension ladders off the floor at Station 1, still need to find a good place to store the hard suction hose.
- **Apparatus:** We finally have the numbers from the City of Marquette for annual fleet service, that is on the agenda for tonight. The last time we had our trucks serviced was January of 2022, which was about 20 months ago, so they are overdue. AC Anderson is still looking into the light fixtures on Brush 2104 that will need to be replaced. We have still been unsuccessful so far in finding a used trailer with both the axle rating and size needed for under \$1500. Brush UTV 2112 mounted a new fire extinguisher & we reattached its rear view mirror. 2105 has a couple oil leaks that will need to be addressed when it goes in for fleet maintenance, thats on the agenda. City of Marq will not service the DNR Tanker 2109 until the brakes are repaired. Met with the DNR a couple of weeks ago during their spot inspection and they are going to help source the parts we need for 2109's repairs. The DNR complimented the FD on the condition and care of the trucks and said we have the nicest trucks in the UP's Federal Excess Property Program. Considering 2109 has no seat fabric and an issue with its brakes, thats a bit concerning.
- **Equipment:** Our large Positive Pressure Fan for firefighting has a bad cord and needs a few repairs to its motor. Thats on the agenda tonight, its \$215 to repair it or around \$3,000 to replace it. The bad extension cord we mentioned in last months FD Report is on the agenda tonight for replacement. St2's AC Brian Roell advised they do not have an extension cord on 2102 for their generator and would like one and 2104 could use one as well.
- **Grants:** The new UTV Skid Unit that was purchased as part of a 2022 DNR Grant should be arriving on the 18th. This new unit will bring us 70 gallons of water with foam and allow us to reach places down our trail systems up here that we would never have been able to get to with our large pumper tankers or brush trucks.
- **Events:** Bay Cliff Health Camp's Fire & Ambulance Day event went well. We had 4 FF's and 3 Auxiliary help out at the event this year, I think the volunteers had as much fun as the kids.