

POWELL TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT
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December Fire Department Report

- **Calls for Service:** We have had 0 calls for service since the last board meeting.
- **Membership:** is at 21, of that 11 are FF's, 2 are Trainees, and 8 are Auxiliary.
- **FireFighter Training:** November's Training was on Carbon Monoxide Responses and using our Explosive Gas Detectors. Reminder our December Fire Training has been rescheduled for Thursday January 4th due to Christmas and New Years.
- **Auxiliary:** There was no December Auxiliary Meeting due to member availability this month
- **Fire Stations:** Dressler's wrapped up their final boiler/water maker repairs and all should be good to go now. The replacement washer and dryer arrived, awaiting time to install the propane conversion kit in the dryer before final hookups. Tonight we have on the agenda a request to repair and service the garage doors at both stations. Most of the weatherstripping on the station 2 bay doors are in serious need of replacement as the gaps allow rodents and weather to freely travel in and out under the doors. We are hoping this may also help reduce some our winter heating costs.
- **Apparatus:** Still no luck finding a used trailer. 2103R and 2104R have been sold by the twp. Pumper Tanker 2102 has returned from its annual service and dot, and Brush 2105 is ready to be picked up this week from its annual. City of Marq was able to replace the damaged hose to the front bumper nozzles and they have parts on order to repair the fuel leak on its portable pump. Next up to go in will be Pumper Tanker 2101.
- **Grants:**
 - HMC Grant Update: The Fire Department has received an \$8,500 Grant from the Huron Mountain Club, this year we had requested assistance with adding a booster hose reel and long tool storage to our new Brush 2104, with any leftover funds to go towards completing the loft and stairs wrap up. Thank you to the Huron Mountain Club for their continued support of our local Volunteer Fire & Ems Departments.
 - MI Fire Grant Update: Our 32 new SCBA air bottles have arrived and will be labeled and stored until next year when our current SCBA air bottles will age out. Thank you to the State of Michigan for their \$10,000 Grant Award, the Twp for the use of the ARPA Funding, and everyone else involved in helping to replace our air bottles.
 - FEMA FY 2022 AFG Grant: On December 7th we received their turn down notice for funding to replace DNR Brush 2109, however we did make it into round 2 of the review process. So it may not have been funded because they just ran out of money as they received over 7,000 applications from all over the US, with only 1,708 awards issued and only 3 of those were issued in the State of Michigan for Vehicle Grants.
 - FEMA FY 2023 AFG Grant: Should be going live in January, we are requesting permission to resubmit for replacement of DNR Brush 2109.
- **Events:** Christmas Tree Lighting on December 2nd went well, so Santas Reindeer would not be too stressed out Assistant Chief Anderson assisted Santa on his final leg of travel into the Township on Engine 2101. Thank you Matt for helping Santa out.