

**POWELL TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
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**February 2024 Fire Department Report**

- **Calls for Service:** We have had 3 calls for service since the last board meeting. 1 Snowmobile Accident with injuries off 510, UTV Rollover Accident with injuries at the Mouth of the Huron, and an Ice Rescue Call on Lake Independence.
- **Membership:** is at 20, of that 11 are FF's, 1 is a Trainee, and 8 are Auxiliary. We are hoping to start cycling firefighters through for their MIOSHA Firefighter Physicals soon.
- **FireFighter Training:** January's Fire Training was Ice Rescue Training with the Marquette Coast Guard, February's Training will be SCBA Fit Testing with Marquette Twp FD.
- **Auxiliary:** The Auxiliary meetings are being merged with the normal fire meetings as their training program is wrapping up.
- **Fire Stations:** Stations are good, still working on getting the bay door gaskets replaced.
- **Apparatus:** 2112 is back from its service.
- **Grants:**
  - AFG Vehicle Grant: AC Roell and FF Stocker are working on updating our narrative for 2109's replacement, that grant is due in by March 8<sup>th</sup>. Updated estimate from BME Fire Trucks is \$454,027.00. 5% would apply, our portion would be \$22,701.35. This cost is up roughly \$49,000 from last years quote. Chassis delivery estimates are 1 year out, then once received there is a 16-20 month build time. So if it was ordered today, we would not see it for 3 years. We are competing with agencies in all 50 states for just a handful of vehicle grant awards that will be issued in a highly competitive national arena. We should start to look into a requesting a millage, as we have been submitted this vehicle grant for years unsuccessfully with both a professional grant writer and writing it in house.