



Fire Department Report

Report of Activities for

December 2024

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January Anniversaries

- Administrative Special Renee Edmonds- 1 year
- Firefighter/Paramedic Emily Bouland- 17 years
- Deputy Chief Dan Derrick- 53 years

Personnel Introductions

- Please join us in welcoming Firefighter/EMT Max.

Max serves in the US Army Reserves as a military firefighter and now continuing his service in the civilian world by joining our department.



- Please join us in welcoming Firefighter/Paramedic Jason to the department.

Jason comes to us with many years of EMS and fire experience. He also completed his paramedic internship with us this year.

Additionally, Jason is a veteran of the US Army.



Both have begun their in-house training program and should be operational soon.

WELCOME TO THE DEPARTMENT GENTLEMEN!!

Notable Calls for Service- Lake Geneva

- In the early morning hours of December 11th, Engine 281 responded to an odor investigation. Upon their arrival the homeowner reported smoke in the basement.

Investigation confirmed smoke in the basement of a split-level home and a tripped circuit breaker.

Following an extensive survey of the house a burned outlet was found. Within this outlet was a fully loaded power strip supplying many appliances, including a space heater.

Additionally, this outlet was powering another appliance for a total of 6 appliances powered by a single wall outlet box. Engine 281 ventilated the structure and ensured there was no active fire within the walls because of this fire.



Finally, during their survey of the house it was noted there were no smoke detectors upstairs and outside the sleeping area. After returning to quarters, Engine 281 returned and installed new smoke detectors upstairs.

This incident was a culmination of many failures of basic fire prevention and almost resulted in a greater tragedy.

Residents are reminded to have working smoke detectors on each level and outside of each sleeping area, do not overload outlets or power strips, and do not leave space heaters unattended.

Especially during the Holiday season, it is easy to overwhelm electrical outlets with, decorations, and appliances.

- At 10:38am on December 13, 2024, the Lake Geneva Fire Department was dispatched to a report of a structure fire with a person trapped inside the dwelling. Enroute the City of Lake Geneva Police Department Communications Center upgraded the alarm to a structure fire response. The alarm upgrade brought additional units from the Town of Linn, Town of Delavan, Town of Lyons, and Elkhorn Fire Departments.

Engine 281 arrived on scene in less than two minutes and reported a working fire in a 2-unit dwelling. Engine 281 reported the only exterior staircase serving the second floor was being consumed by fire. Engine 281 and Med 281 began suppression and rescue efforts



while simultaneously seeking alternative ways to access the victim in the upper unit. Upon reaching the rear of the structure, the victim was located being assisted down a ladder by Lake Geneva Police Department Detective Sgt. Nettenshein, Officers Nelson, Walser and Bouland. Officers had located a ladder nearby and extended it to the upper window.

Two additional occupants were located and had self rescued from the lower unit. The fire was quickly extinguished, and the building required extensive overhaul due to its age and configuration.

The cause is under investigation. No criminal activity is suspected.

One occupant was assessed on scene with minor injuries however was not transported. Chief John Peters commented: "We are thankful for the prompt actions of Detective Sgt. Nettenshein, Officers Nelson, Walser and Bouland. Their resourcefulness and willingness to act resulted in minimizing injuries to the trapped victim. Residents are reminded to ensure they have working smoke detectors, have two ways out of their home, and practice their escape plan frequently. A special thank you to our mutual aid partners for their prompt response and assistance".

Response- Eng281, Med281, Twr281, Sqd281, Eng331 and 2801

- At 604pm on December 19th, the department was dispatched to the report of a barn fire on Springfield Rd. A structure fire response was initiated bringing automatic aid from the City of Elkhorn, Town of Delavan, Town of Linn, and Lyons fire departments. Upon arrival Engine 281 reported a well involved barn and requested a second alarm be transmitted due to unknown contents and the inclement weather.

Upon confirming with property owner, the building was vacant and livestock within were believed to be deceased, an aggressive operation was initiated.



With the assistance of numerous area departments, the fire was quickly brought under control with the use of less than 10,000 gallons of water.

The cause was determined to be accidental in nature and no criminal activity is suspected.

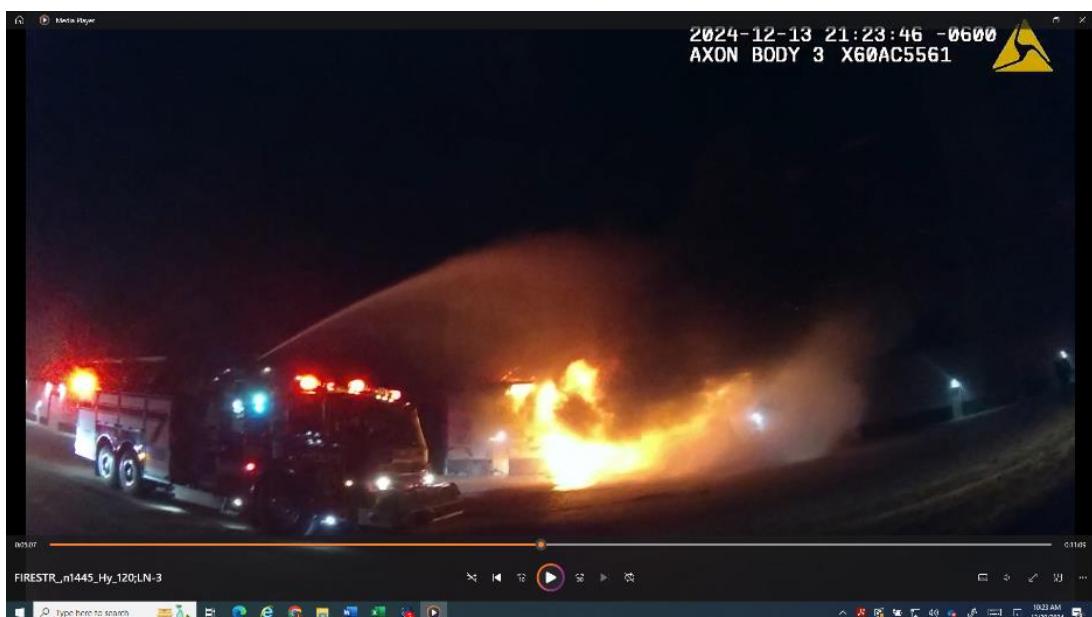
Response- Eng281, Med281, Sqd281, Car282, 2801, Eng331, and Tnd331

Notable Calls for Service- Linn

- At 9:18pm on December 13th, the department was dispatched to the report of a structure fire at N1445 Hwy 120. The Walworth County Communication Center simultaneously dispatched our automatic aid departments, bringing additional engines from Lyons, Lake Geneva and Hebron, Trucks from Fontana and Lake Geneva, and a Chief Officer from each of these departments.

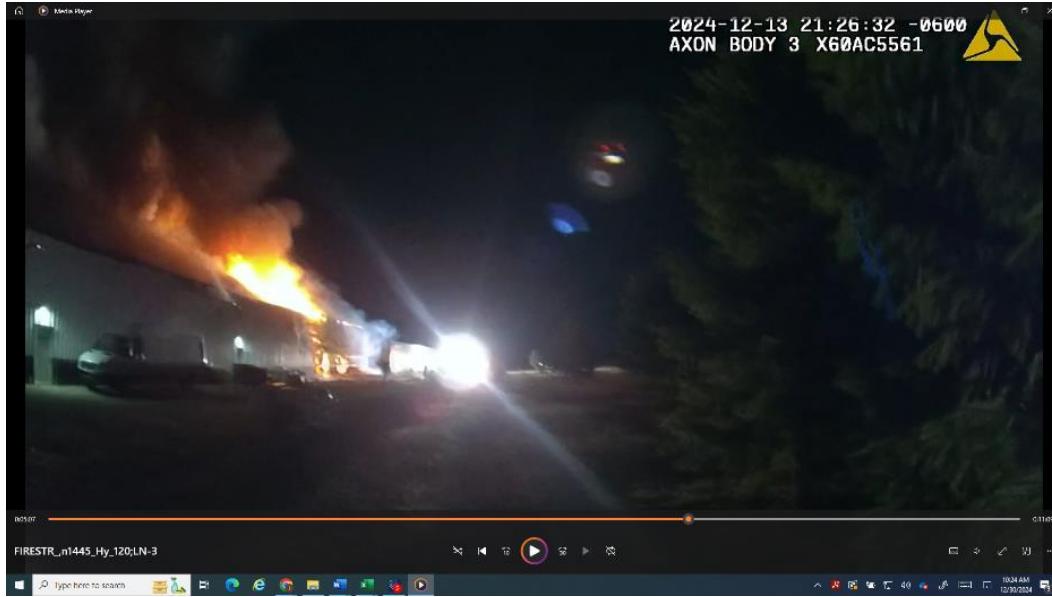


Engine 332 and Tender 331 arrived on scene in 2 minutes and reported a 10,000sqft storage building approximately 50% involvement and requested a second alarm be transmitted. This request brought an additional 2 engine, 2 trucks, 9 water tenders, 2 ambulances, and 4 chief officers.

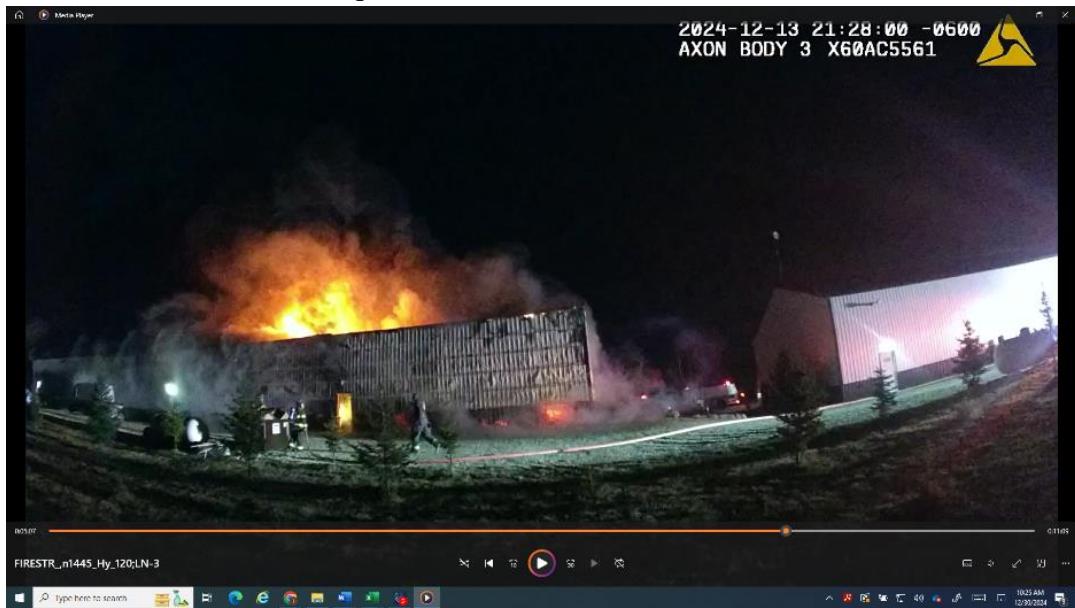


Engine 332 had water on the fire within 3 minutes of arrival. The Lake Geneva and Hebron

engines arrived shortly thereafter and began additional suppression and exposure protection.



The alarm was eventually upgraded to the 4th alarm and brought an additional 3 engines, 2 trucks, 8 water tenders, 2 squads, and 2 ambulances to the scene.



Due to the level of fire involvement, diminished structural integrity and imminent collapse, the building required demolition to facilitate extinguishment.

The Hillside Rd boat launch and a fire hydrant at Badger High School were utilized to shuttle approximately 160,000 gallons of water for extinguishant.

The cause is under investigation. No criminal activity is suspected.

Response- Eng332, Eng331, Tnd331, Tnd332, Med332, Eng281, Twr281, MCU281, 2801, & 3302

- The morning of the 15th, Eng 332 was dispatched to the area of the Geneva Inn for a gas odor. Investigation found no apparent cause, no gas within any dwelling, and the scene was turned over to the gas utility. Following the gas company's investigation, they discovered a ruptured underground service line, and it was now back feeding into 2 nearby houses and the Geneva Inn. Two homes and the Geneva Inn were evacuated as a precaution.

Following securing the gas leak, the properties were deemed safe, and the occupants were allowed to return.

Response- Eng332, Med331, Eng281, 2801, and 3301.

Days with multiple calls for service (6 or more):

- 1st (11)	- 9th (7)	- 15th (9)	- 26th (8)
- 2nd (7)	- 11th (6)	- 16th (11)	- 27th (9)
- 5th (12)	- 12th (6)	- 17th (7)	- 28th (8)
- 7th (8)	- 13th (12)	- 22nd (6)	- 31st (6)
- 8th (8)	- 14th (9)	- 24th (8)	

Membership Committee Update

- Current number of applicants – 8
- 1st Interview – 4
- Assessments- 1
- 2nd Interview – 0
- Conditional Offer Pending Background and Medical – 3
- Need Orientation Date – 0
- Orientation Completed – 2
- Current Roster
 - Full Time (18)
 - Firefighter/EMT- 3
 - Firefighter/AEMT- 3
 - Firefighter/Paramedic- 10
 - Lieutenant- 1
 - Captain- 1
 - Paid-On-Call (21)
 - Firefighter- 2
 - Engineer- 3
 - EMT- 2
 - Paramedic- 1
 - Firefighter/Engineer- 3
 - Firefighter/EMT-
 - Firefighter/AEMT- 3
 - Firefighter/Paramedic- 1
 - Paid-On-Premise (6)
 - Firefighter/AEMT- 2
 - Firefighter/AEMT- 2
 - Firefighter/Paramedic- 6

By the Numbers

	2023 Total	Jan 1- December 31, 2023	Jan 1- December 31, 2024	December 2023	December 2024
General Alarms	759	759	686	46	71
Shift Alarms	1640	1640	1750	142	129
Calls For Service	2023 Total	Jan 1- December 31, 2023	Jan 1- December 31, 2024	December 2023	December 2024
ACCI – Accident- Personal Injury	78	78	76	5	8
ALMF – Fire Alarm	234	234	219	17	21
AMB – EMS	1599	1599	1663	135	134
BURN – Burning complaint	4	4	5	0	1
CITATION – Citation issuance	0	0	0	0	0
CO – Carbon Monoxide Detector	29	29	36	4	1
DIVE – Water/Dive Rescue	1	1	3	0	1
ERROR – Error	5	5	7	0	0
FIRE – Report of Fire	62	62	49	2	5
GAS – Gas Odor or Leak	29	29	34	0	5
GRASS – Grass/Brush Fire	3	3	5	0	0
HAZMAT- Hazmat Call	6	6	5	0	0
INT – ALS Intercept	19	19	19	3	1
INV – Fire Investigation	4	4	9	0	2
MABAS – Mabas Call	29	29	35	0	3
MAE – Mutual Aid EMS	166	166	124	12	7
MAF – Mutual Aid Fire	39	39	53	4	9
MAFE – Mutual Aid Fire & EMS	6	6	5	0	0
OTHER – Other	32	32	31	5	1
STAN – Standby	45	45	27	1	2
Tech – Technical Rescue Team	0	0	1	0	0
TEMS – Tactical EMS Request/Swat	11	11	8	0	0
TRAI – Training	0	0	0	0	0
Total	2401	2401	2414	188	201

Average Response Time Shift Call (time of call to scene, emergent responses within primary response area and excluding mutual aid & MABAS)	5 minutes 35 second
Average Shift Call Turn Out Time (time of call to first unit enroute, emergent responses within primary response area and excluding mutual aid & MABAS)	55 seconds
Average Response Time General Alarm (time of call to scene, emergent responses within primary response area and excluding mutual aid & MABAS)	6 minutes 1 seconds
Average General Alarm Turn Out Time (time of call to first unit enroute, emergent responses within primary response area and excluding mutual aid & MABAS)	1 minute 25 seconds

Fire Prevention Bureau

	2023 Total	Jan 1-December 31, 2023	Jan 1-December 31, 2024	December 2023	December 2024
Inspections	1857	1857	1266	127	59

Active Developments/Plan Review

Fire Alarm

Geneva Towers
Geneva Meadows
1351 Elkhorn Rd

Sprinkler

Symphony Bay Clubhouse
Crist Theater
Geneva Towers
Plas-Tech Engineering
901 Maxwell St
1351 Elkhorn Rd
Bergeson Boats

Hood

Parting Shot

