

PORTAGE FIRE DEPARTMENT



2014 ANNUAL
REPORT



ABOUT THE COVER

CITY OF PORTAGE - DISASTER DRILL May 3, 2014

The City of Portage conducted a disaster drill to test our preparedness for an explosion in a factory, affecting a large area of destruction in a populated area. Mayor Bill Tierney, City Administrator Shawn Murphy and several other department heads for the City of Portage participated along with the Portage Fire Department, Portage Police Department, Columbia County Emergency Management, Columbia County Sheriff's Department, Divine Savior Hospital, Police Chaplain/Volunteer group, the Salvation Army, the Wisconsin 54th CST (Civil Support Team), and the National Guard participated in this joint training exercise. Other area fire departments that participated included: Lodi, Poynette, and Pardeeville.

The drill started at 8:00 am and lasted until approximately 3:00 pm. The exercise was set up so we were able to do different scenarios throughout the process. A rope rescue was performed off of the Columbia County Fairgrounds grandstand while the National Guard along with fire personnel searched different buildings for survivors. This enabled us to demonstrate how to conduct large area searches and mark areas that were done. We did patient extraction with the National Guard and fire personnel took the patients to different triage areas according to the extent of injury and if they needed decontamination. There was a hazardous materials scenario in which fire personnel donned hazmat suits to mitigate the issue. The Wisconsin 54th CST conducted air monitoring during the scenario. There were two command trailers set up to test our communication patching abilities. Recruits from the National Guard were victims for the scenarios.

At the same time this exercise was going on, Divine Savior Hospital, a few miles away, was testing their intake procedures of receiving and caring for large numbers of patients. This involved several agencies with ambulances along with a Black Hawk Helicopter being utilized by the National Guard for patient transport.

Over 200 personnel were involved in this drill. The exercise showed areas where improvement was needed in our capabilities and it also gave us the knowledge of who we can call for the resources needed for this type of disaster.

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CITY OF PORTAGE AND TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

CITY COUNCIL

Mayor: W.F. "Bill" Tierney
Alderpersons by District:

1	Mary Hamburg	6	William Kutzke
2	Richard Lynn	7	Mike Charles
3	Rick Dodd (Council President)	8	Martin Havlovic
4	Doug Klapper	9	Rita Maass
5	Jeffrey Monfort		

Interim City Administrator: Shawn Murphy
City Attorney: Jesse Spankowski
Clerk: Marie Moe
Treasurer: Jean Mohr

MUNICIPAL COURT

Municipal Judge: Daniel Pulsfus
Clerk: Dawn Wilcox

POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION

President: Thomas Drury
Commissioner: Jeynell Boeck
Commissioner: Patrick Hartley
Commissioner: Charles Miller
Commissioner: Kathryn Miller

TOWN OF CALEDONIA

Chairman: Steve Pate
Supervisor: John Exo
Supervisor: Robert Loeffler
Clerk: Melissa Miller-Hayes
Treasurer: Mardell Krejchik

TOWN OF FORT WINNEBAGO

Chairman: William Schroeder, Sr.
Supervisor: Bruce Walker
Supervisor: Clark Cupery
Clerk: Kristine Conway
Treasurer: Delmont Molden

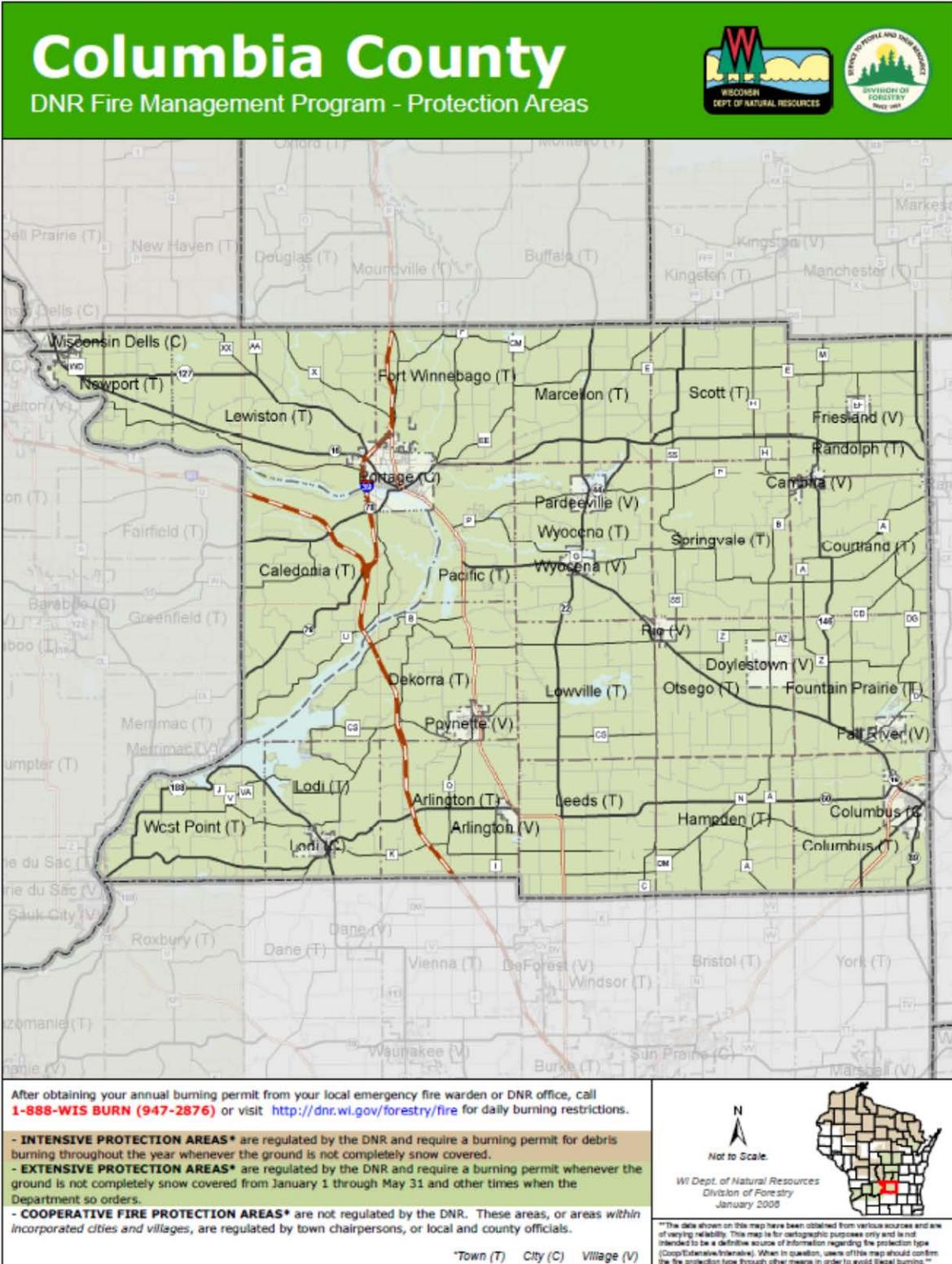
TOWN OF LEWISTON

Chairman: Jon Steinhaus
Supervisor: Dean Walker
Supervisor: Jack Jensen
Clerk: Thomas Klappstein
Treasurer: Dorothy Neitzel

TOWN OF PACIFIC

Chairman: William Devine
Supervisor: George Beasley
Supervisor: Craig Cawley
Supervisor: Mahlon (Charlie) Kirk
Supervisor: Irma Brockley
Clerk: Ethel Smith
Treasurer: Mark Zimmerman

BURNING PERMITS



Burning permits can be obtained here at the fire station at the following times:

Monday through Friday – 8:00 – noon and 1:00-4:00 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday – 8:00-noon

Q&A BURNING REGULATIONS & PERMITS

Burning permits are required by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources in many parts of the state to conduct safe and legal outdoor burning. Regardless of burn location, anyone wishing to burn in the outdoors should contact local fire officials before burning to find out if permits or restrictions are in place.

WHY DOES THE DNR ISSUE BURNING PERMITS?

Every year hundreds of wildfires in Wisconsin are started as a result of careless outdoor burning. Burning permits, if used appropriately, are an important tool in wildfire prevention. They encourage the public to burn safely in the outdoors and are proven to be effective in protecting lives, property, and natural resources from the damages of wildfires.

WHAT TYPE OF BURNING REQUIRES A BURNING PERMIT?

DNR burning permits are issued to individuals for burning on the ground and in barrels when the ground is not completely snow-covered (see the DNR Forest Fire Protection map). These no-cost permits are good for the calendar year and are non-transferable. Upon DNR inspection, special permits may be issued for all day burns, land clearing, or piles or broadcast burns exceeding the local maximum size limit. Contact your local DNR Ranger Station for more information.

DO I NEED A PERMIT FOR A CAMPFIRE?

Small fires for warming or cooking purposes do not require a burning permit and are allowed anytime except during Emergency Burning Restrictions. Burning in a fire ring with the intent to eliminate debris is not a campfire and therefore a permit is required.

DNR FOREST FIRE PROTECTION

*DNR burning permits are not required when the ground is completely snow-covered.

WHO MAKES THE RULES WHERE I PLAN TO BURN?

It is your responsibility to know where you are burning and what restrictions apply. Therefore, you must comply with state burning laws as well as any local burning ordinances which may be more restrictive than state law. DNR annual burning permits are only valid within DNR Protection Areas and outside incorporated cities and villages. Contact your local DNR office, fire department, town chairperson, or local municipal official if you have any questions on who regulates where you wish to burn.

WHAT ARE THE SIMPLE STEPS TO RESPONSIBLE BURNING?

- 1 Obtain an annual permit from a local Ranger Station, Emergency Fire Warden, or by dialing 1-888-WIS-BURN (947-2876) to have a permit mailed or instantly emailed
- 2 On the day of the burn, check after 11:00 a.m. on the internet or over the phone: dnr.wi.gov/wisburn Click on the county OR 1-888-WIS-BURN (947-2876) Enter the two-digit county code (See list of County Codes)
- 3 Follow the rules for the day, have tools and water, and make certain your fire is completely out before leaving!

WHAT TYPES OF RESTRICTIONS COULD BE IN EFFECT?

Based on the current fire danger, the internet and toll-free phone number will provide you with the most up-to-date fire restrictions. The restrictions will tell you if burning permits are required, if burning is allowed, the hours of burning are required, size limitations, or if burning has been suspended for the day due to critical forest fire danger.

WHAT IF I FAIL TO OBTAIN A PERMIT OR CHECK THE DAILY RESTRICTIONS?

It's your responsibility to have the annual permit available and ready to show to law enforcement personnel or firefighters if requested at any time while burning.

If you fail to obtain a permit, call the toll-free number or check the internet, you may be cited for not following the restrictions. Furthermore, if your fire escapes and starts a wildfire, you will likely be held liable for all suppression costs.

WHAT IF THE PHONE OR INTERNET IS NOT ACCESSIBLE?

If phone or internet access is not available, be sure to contact your local DNR Ranger Station or Emergency Fire Warden to check the burn restrictions for the day. Do not burn unless you can determine what the burning restrictions are for the day you wish to burn.

1.888.WIS.BURN (947.2876)
dnr.wi.gov/wisburn

WHAT CAN I BURN WITH MY PERMIT?

Allowed	Prohibited
Brush	Garbage
Leaves	Plastics
Needles	Shingles
Grass	Foam
Clean wood	Structures
Unrecyclable paper*	Furniture
Unrecyclable cardboard*	Wire
	Metal
	Electronics
	Vinyl products
	Rubber products
	Oil-based products
	Painted, stained or treated wood

* Recycling of clean paper and cardboard is required!

IS BURNING REALLY NECESSARY?

- Reduce**
Buy in bulk and use washable containers for storage.
- Reuse**
Find someone else who can use it, have a yard sale, or donate. Bring reusable shopping bags when shopping.
- Recycle**
Separate newspaper, magazines, cardboard, paper, glass, plastic, and aluminum, steel or tin cans.
- Dispose**
Discard non-recyclable waste materials at a licensed landfill.
- Compost**
Mulch or collect leaves and plant clippings for composting or move brush piles in the woods for wildlife habitat.
- Chip**
Collect brush and clean wood to make mulch or decorative chips, or use as heating fuel in fireplaces.
- Wait**
Avoid burning in the spring. The safest time to burn is when the ground is completely snow-covered. Throw a tarp over legal materials and wait until it snows.

This brochure contains a summary of forest fire laws and associated rules; it is not a complete set of laws. For additional information, please consult sections 26.11 and 26.12 Wisconsin Statutes, and Chapter NR 30, Wisconsin Administrative Code.

1-888-WIS-BURN County Codes

County	Code	County	Code
Adams	01	Marathon	37
Ashland	02	Marquette	39
Barron	03	Menominee	40
Bayfield	04	Milwaukee*	41
Brown*	05	Monroe	42
Buffalo*	06	Oconto	43
Burnett	07	Oneida	44
Calumet*	08	Outagamie*	45
Chippewa	09	Ozaukee*	46
Clark	10	Pequin*	47
Columbia	11	Pierce*	48
Crawford	12	Polk	49
Dane	13	Portage	50
Dodge*	14	Price	51
Door*	15	Racine*	52
Douglas	16	Richland	53
Dunn*	17	Rock*	54
Eau Claire	18	Rusk	55
Florence	19	St. Croix*	56
Fond du Lac*	20	Sauk	57
Forest	21	Sawyer	58
Grant	22	Shawano	59
Green*	23	Sheboygan*	60
Green Lake	24	Taylor	61
Iowa	25	Trempealeau*	62
Iron	26	Vernon*	63
Jackson	27	Vilas	64
Jefferson*	28	Walworth*	65
Juneau	29	Washburn	66
Kenosha*	30	Washington*	67
Kewaunee*	31	Waaukesha*	68
LaCrosse*	32	Waupaca	69
Lafayette*	33	Waushara	70
Lancaster	34	Winnebago*	71
Lincoln	35	Wood	72
Manitowoc*	36		

*Indicates a county where the DNR does not set burning permit requirements.

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BURNING PERMITS

It's Your Responsibility!

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dnr.wi.gov/wisburn

PORTAGE FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMBERSHIP

PORTAGE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

President:	Clayton Simonson, Jr.
Secretary:	Ryan Armson (a.m.) Mike Nachreiner (p.m.)
Treasurer:	Brian Bonovetz
Executive Committee:	
Chairman:	Brad Powell
Members:	Brian Bonovetz Ed Diekhuis Aeriond Liu Ryan Armson

I.A.F.F. LOCAL NO. 2775

President:	Mark Bublitz
Secretary/Treasurer:	Steve Dehn
Members:	Mike Hudgens Andy Anderson Craig Ratz

NEW MEMBERS:

Paid-on-call	Ryan Griepentrog Justin Pounders Michael Koehler Erik Bjork Daniel Bennett Jason Dvorak Nicholas Bredemann
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RESIGNED MEMBERS:

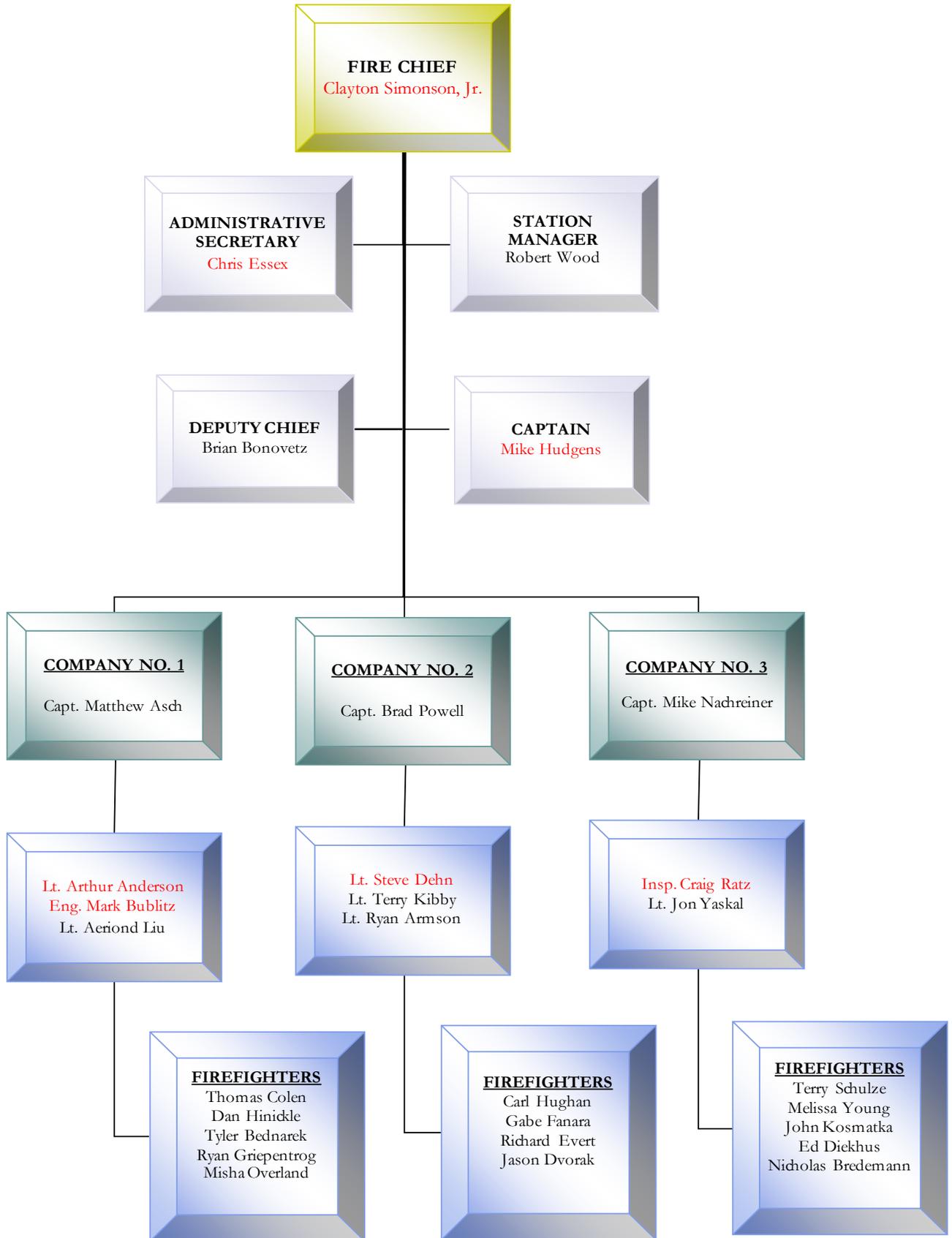
Paid-on-call	Dave Clark A.J Brauner Cory Thompson Jesse Messer Michael Koehler
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DISMISSED MEMBERS:

Paid-on-call	Justin Pounders
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PFD MEMBERSHIP AT THE END OF 2014 = 30 ACTIVE MEMBERS

2014 ORGANIZATION CHART



RED PRINT: FULL-TIME PERSONNEL
BLACK PRINT: PAID-ON-CALL PERSONNEL

FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR

2014



This year the Portage Firefighters Association members' nomination for Firefighter of the Year was:

Deputy Chief Brian Bonovetz

Deputy Chief Brian Bonovetz was nominated firefighter of the year by the members of the Association. Brian joined the fire department on April 20, 1993 as a paid-on-call firefighter. He later was promoted to Lieutenant on July 17, 2001 and then to Captain on May 10, 2005. On January 1, 2010 Brian was promoted to his present rank of Deputy Chief. He also serves as the liaison for the department's Executive Committee, which oversees the Association's By-Laws and is also responsible for interviewing all paid-on-call firefighter applications, establishes pre-acceptance requirements, and the administration of those requirements. This committee is also responsible for advising disciplinary action for any paid-on-call member who violates the Association's By-laws or Code of Conduct with recommendations made to the Fire Chief. Brian and his wife Jodi have two children. Along with his firefighting duties he is also employed with Columbia County Correctional Institute.

On behalf of the entire department, thank you for your years of dedicated service. Congratulations Brian on this great achievement.

Years of Service Awards are given to personnel to recognize the years of service they have given to the City of Portage and the four surrounding townships. This year we have nine members to recognize; collectively they have **145** years of service that they have dedicated to our department.



35 YEARS

Pictured left is Fire Chief Clayton Simonson, Jr. Clayton joined the fire department on March 28, 1979 as a paid-on-call firefighter. He was promoted to Lieutenant in 1989; Captain in 1992; and Deputy Chief in 1994. Then on November 15, 2004 he was hired as the full-time Fire Chief. During his tenure as a paid-on-call member he was a member of the Safety Committee, the Executive Committee, and he was instrumental in getting the Portage Firefighter's Association food stand at the fairgrounds going. Clayton and his wife Deb have two children and two grandchildren.

30 YEARS

Mark Bublitz (right) joined the department on October 9, 1984 as a paid-on-call firefighter. He was promoted through the ranks of Lieutenant (February 6, 1989); Captain (November 7, 1989); Assistant Chief (January 10, 1995). Then on October 16, 1996 he was hired full time as an Engineer. Mark has served on the Safety Committee, the Executive Committee, and was Treasurer of the Association for a number of years. Mark and his wife Cindy have two children and four grandchildren.



25 YEARS

On August 7, 1989, Mike Hudgens (right) joined the department as a full time Engineer and was promoted to his present rank of Captain on April 20, 1998. Mike served on the department's Safety Committee for years and is currently the Hazmat Team Leader for the department. Mike was also instrumental in getting the Association's food stand at the fairgrounds going. Mike and his wife Chris have two children and five grandchildren.



Craig Ratz (left) joined the department on August 28, 1989 as a paid-on-call member and was then hired on February 4, 1993 to his full time position of Fire Inspector/Engineer. Craig serves on the Safety Committee at the present time. He also runs the department's Fire Prevention Education Program, Fire Inspections and Investigations, and the Juvenile Firesetter Program. Craig has a daughter named Cameron.

It should be noted that Mike Hudgens, Craig Ratz, and Brad Powell are also fire service instructors for MATC. Many of these classes (Entry Level Firefighting, Firefighter 1, Firefighter 2, and Hazmat Awareness/Operations), which are open to all area fire department members, are held here in our station. All three instructors have taught a lot of our new members, which enables our members to take these courses here instead of going to other departments and it also enables them to receive training on our in-house equipment.

YEARS OF SERVICE AWARDS

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10 YEARS



Brad Powell joined the Portage Fire Department on December 9, 2004 as a paid-on-call firefighter. He was promoted through the ranks of Lieutenant (October 1, 2012) and Captain (January 2, 2015). Brad has served on both the Executive and Safety Committees for the Association. He also has overseen the food stand during the fair for a number of years. His full time employment is with ESTES. Brad along with his wife Traci has four children and three grandchildren.

5 YEARS



Mike Nachreiner (above top center) joined the Portage Fire Department on August 20, 2009 as a paid-on-call firefighter. He was promoted to Lieutenant October 26, 2012 and Captain on January 2, 2015. Mike serves on the department's Safety Committee and has been the coordinator for physical fitness sessions for our members. He also is one of the secretaries for the Association's monthly meetings. Mike and his wife Rachel have three boys. He is also employed at Zimmerman Plumbing.

August 20, 2009 Ryan Armson (above left) joined the department as a paid-on-call firefighter. He was recently promoted to Lieutenant on December 16, 2014. Ryan is currently a member of the Association's Executive Committee and is also one of the secretaries for the Association's monthly meetings. He is also employed at Columbia Correctional Institute.

Aeriond Liu (above right) joined as a paid-on-call firefighter on December 29, 2009. He was promoted to Lieutenant on December 16, 2014. Aeriond is currently serving as the Chairman of the department's Executive Committee. He is also employed at Pepsi Bottling Company.

Dan Hinickle (above bottom center) joined the Portage Fire Department on August 20, 2009 as a paid-on-call firefighter. Currently he is a member of the department's Safety Committee and has also served on the department's Executive Committee. Dan and his wife Jody have two children and he is employed at Columbia Correctional Institute.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU ON THIS MOMENTOUS ACHIEVEMENT!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Throughout 2014 we had 17 candidates apply to be paid-on call members, 15 were interviewed, and 9 went through pre-acceptance testing and were placed on the roll call.

Ryan Griepentrog joined the department as a paid-on-call firefighter on June 17, 2014. Ryan works for Monona Plumbing.



Erik Bjork joined the department as a paid-on-call firefighter on December 3, 2014. Erik is employed by Schoep's Ice Cream. Erik along with his wife Tara has five children.

Daniel Bennett joined the department as a paid-on-call firefighter on December 10, 2014. Daniel is employed at Mobil Travel Plaza.



Jason Dvorak joined the department as a paid-on-call firefighter on December 23, 2014. Jason is employed at Cardinal Glass full time.

Nicholas Bredemann joined the department as a paid-on-call firefighter on December 23, 2014. Nicholas is employed at Columbia Correctional Institute full time. He and his wife Kerri have two children.



Welcome aboard!

RETIRED MEMBERS

Lt. Anthony “AJ” Brauner

AJ joined the department on July 14, 1994 as a paid-on-call firefighter. He worked his way up the ranks and was promoted to Lieutenant on September 18, 2007. AJ and his wife Dawn have two children. During his time AJ served on the Executive Committee and was the Secretary for the Portage Firefighters Association for many years. In his last couple of years he managed the Firefighters Association's Fair Food Stand that we have at the fairgrounds. He was a big part in making sure that the food stand was cleaned and ready each year before it was opened during the Columbia County Fair. He was also very instrumental in getting new siding installed on the building along with closing in the back of the building and getting a new fence put up. While doing all these projects his wife and children assisted him. A big thank you to AJ, Dawn, Alexis and Dalton for taking on these projects. His wife Dawn was also the department's photographer and took the pictures of every department member in their Class A uniforms every 5 years to be put on the wall of the station. AJ is also employed with the City of Portage as a Police Officer. On July 31, 2014 he decided that it was time for him to retire with 20 years of dedicated service to the City of Portage and the four towns. We would like to thank AJ, Dawn and their family for the valuable time that they were able to commit to the department.



Capt. Cory Thompson



Cory joined the department on June 10, 1999 as a paid-on-call firefighter. He too worked his way up the ranks and was promoted to Lieutenant on October 16, 2002 and Captain October 1, 2012. Cory and his wife Spring have two children. During his time here Cory served on the Safety Committee and was very instrumental in developing our silo fire procedures and also getting the right equipment to aid in extinguishing such a fire. Cory is also employed by Hooper as a plumber. After 15 years of dedicated service to the department Cory decided to retire. We would like to thank Cory and his family for the valuable time he was able to commit to the department.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Portage Fire Department's Executive Committee consists of five paid-on call members who meet monthly for the purpose of serving as an advisory board to the Portage Firefighters Association. We are responsible for interviewing all paid-on-call firefighter applications, establishing pre-acceptance requirements, and the administration of those requirements. The committee is also responsible for advising disciplinary action for any paid-on-call member who violates the Association's By-laws or Code of Conduct with recommendations made to the Fire Chief

2014 Accomplishments:

- The committee conducts constant review of probationary firefighters throughout the year. Training percentages were also reviewed for all paid-on-call firefighters and officers.
- Several By-law changes were presented to the Association. One being the change for how far away a member can reside while being a paid-on-call firefighter (must reside within the fire district). Other changes were maintenance changes.
- 17 candidates applied to be paid-on call members, 15 were interviewed, and 9 went through pre-acceptance testing and were placed on the roll call. 7 of those remain on our department today.

On behalf of the Executive Committee for the Portage Fire Department, I would like to thank the Portage Firefighters Association, elected officials, and the general public for the many years of support we have received. We hope to experience many more to come. We are very grateful to serve such an exceptional department. Thank you for your continued support.

Capt. Brad Powell
Executive Committee Chairman

2013 Executive Committee Members:

Capt. Brad Powell
Lt. Aeriond Liu
FF Ed Diekhuis

Lt. Ryan Armson
FF Melissa Young

VEHICLE ASSIGNMENT / REPLACEMENT SCHEDULE

Car 1:	2008 Chevy Silverado ½ ton 4 wheel drive Replacement Cost: \$34,941.00 Assignment: Command Post (mobile) Tow vehicle (Boat, Hovercraft, or 6 X 6 Brush unit) Hazardous Materials response transport personnel (4 Firefighters) Transport Firefighters to and from other incidents	Replacement Year: 2018
Car 2:	2005 Chevy ¾ ton truck Replacement Cost: \$35,000.00 Assignment: Fire inspection and investigations Tow vehicle (Boat, Hovercraft, or 6 X 6 Brush unit) Hazardous Materials response transport personnel (4 Firefighters) Transport Firefighters to and from incidents Transport Firefighters to and from training or special events	Replacement Year: 2015
Engine 3:	1989 Ford Township Engine 1,000 GPM Replacement Cost: \$503,000.00 Assignment: Structure Fire Response (All types) Vehicle Fire Vehicle Accidents Hazardous Materials Level 1, 2, and 3 Rescue: Confined space, ice/cold water, and rope Other calls for service not listed above	Replacement Year: 2014
Engine 6:	1990 Seagrave City Engine 1,500 GPM Replacement Cost: \$907,251.00 Assignment: Structure Fire Response (All Types) Vehicle Fire Response Hazardous Materials incidents Level 1, 2, and 3. Rescues: Confined space, ice/cold water, rope, and vehicle Other calls for service not listed above	Replacement Year: 2034
Engine 8:	1986 Seagrave City/Township Engine 1,250 GPM Note: Refurbished in 1999 Replacement Cost: \$675,476.00 Assignment: Second out unit to Engine 3 or Engine 6 on calls where a second engine is needed. Primary engine out for wildland fires. Back-up to Engine 3 or Engine 6 if they are out of service for maintenance. Extrication back-up if Rescue 9 is on another call Mutual Aid	Replacement Year: 2024
Brush 1:	2009 Chevy 1 ton 4 X 4 City/Township Pick-up Truck 200 gallon, 250 GPM pump Replacement Cost: \$97,227.00 Assignment: Wildfire suppression Off Road Farm Equipment Fires Tow vehicle for Boat, Hovercraft, or 6 X 6 Brush unit Other off road fire incidents	Replacement Year: 2034

Hover 1:	1999 Hovercraft – City Replacement Cost: \$49,500.00 Assignment: Ice/cold water rescue Winter weather related rescues Farm accidents or medical related rescues Other off road incidents	Replacement Year: 2014
Squad 2:	2001 Pierce/Lance Heavy Rescue Replacement Cost: \$781,300.00 Assignment: Command Post Hazardous Materials Air Supply/Rehab Area Lighting Confined Space and Rope Rescue Structure Fire Response	Replacement Date: 2031
Tender 4:	1996 Chevy 2,000 gallon, 300 GPM Tanker Replacement Cost: \$220,000.00 Assignment: Shuttle water for water supply in rural and city non-hydrant areas for all types of fires where large amounts of water are needed.	Replacement Year: 2021
Tender 5:	2002 GMC 2,000 gallon, 500 GPM Tanker Replacement Cost: \$308,000.00 Assignment: First out tanker for water supply in rural and city non-hydrant areas for all types of fires where large amounts of water are needed. This unit can also be used for wildland fires.	Replacement Year: 2027
Tower 1:	1992 Pierce City Platform 1,750 GPM, 100' ladder Replacement Cost: \$1,118,000.00 Assignment: Structure Fire Response (All Types) Master Water Streams Rescues: Confined Space, high angel/level rope, and rescue platform Observation Platform	Replacement Year: 2022
Boat 1:	SeaArk 21' flat bottom boat w/115 HP Mercury Jet Drive motor Replacement Cost: \$42,444.00 Assignment: Back-up to and assist Hover –1 Available to the other City Departments	Replacement Year: 2028
Brush 2:	2004 Polaris 6x6 with a mini pump Holds 75 gallons of water Replacement cost: \$22,000.00 Assignment: Wildland Fires Medical Rescue	Replacement Year: 2030

GRANTS / EQUIPMENT UPGRADE

HAZMAT GRANT

This year we received a \$9,850 Hazmat Grant to purchase items specifically for responding to hazardous materials incidents. The money was primarily used to purchase new air monitors in order to replace aging equipment.

The department's Hazmat Team upgraded one of their air monitoring systems and replaced another in 2014. The upgraded system was the Drager CMS Analyzer. It was upgraded to a newer version of the old one. This system allows Hazmat Team members to analyze the atmosphere with precise, chemical specific chips. The system currently has 19 different chemical chips that can be used.



The Drager Simultest Kit is a test tube kit that replaced the MSA Test Tube Kit. The replacement took place because of the discontinuation of the MSA kit. The Drager kit uses a manual pump with 18 different chemical test tubes to analyze an unknown atmosphere. Although the test tubes are not as accurate as the CMS chips, it give the team the ability to find out if any hazardous materials are present in the atmosphere being tested. The atmosphere can then be further analyzed using the CMS chips.

In addition, grant money was also used to purchase the necessary calibration equipment for the above air monitors. CMS analyzing chip, detector tubes, manifold, and oil dry were also purchased with the grant money.

WATER SUPPLY

CITY OF PORTAGE

Water for the City of Portage is supplied to the distribution system by two 500,000 and one 750,000 gallon elevated tanks and four well pumps. One pump operates at 2,150 gallons per minute, one pump that operates at 1,750 gallons per minute and two pumps that operate at 1,200 gallons per minute. There is a stand by engine at each pump in case of a power failure. The water distribution system consists of 315,533 linear feet of water main that is 4" and larger and 500 hydrants.

The City has maintained a Class 3 ISO rating since 2003 and we are always working on improving it. At present the City's water supply system pumps 4,750 gallons per minute in a 24-hour period, which exceeds the ISO requirement of 3,500 gallons per minute.

The Portage Water Utility Department is responsible for maintaining the water distribution system and the fire hydrants. In 2014, \$330,870 was budgeted for the water system hydrant rental and maintenance. The water utility department continues to improve the serviceability and capacity of the water supply system. This will ensure that the large volumes of water are available for the fire department when there may be a need for several master streams to be put into operation at a fire.

TOWNSHIPS

There are a few pressurized water supply systems with fire hydrants in the rural townships that are adequate to supply the fire department pumpers. These systems are located in the Town of Caledonia at the Petro Truck Stop, the Town of Lewiston at Trienda, and the Town of Pacific at the Columbia Generating Station and Saddle Ridge Estates (which is also accessible for the Town of Fort Winnebago). The fire department relies on water transported to the fire scene by two 2,000 gallon tanker trucks that the Towns jointly own. With the water that the two engines carry, the department can initially bring 5,250 gallons of water to the scene, which can suppress most of the fires the department responds to. The engines get their water for firefighting by drafting out of portable tanks supplied by the tankers. There are also two dry-hydrants located in the Town of Caledonia. One off of CTH U and the second off of Hwy 78, but due to water levels being down in the dry season these are not reliable to use. If additional water is needed then tankers from other departments are called in under the Columbia County Mutual Aid Agreement.

PORTAGE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT - DEMOGRAPHICS

CITY OF PORTAGE: Population: 10,238
 Square miles: 10
 Equalized valuation: \$543,572,100

TOWN OF CALEDONIA: Population: 1,396
 Square miles 50
 *Equalized valuation: \$162,361,321

*A portion of Caledonia is covered by Merrimac Fire Department which is not included in this figure.

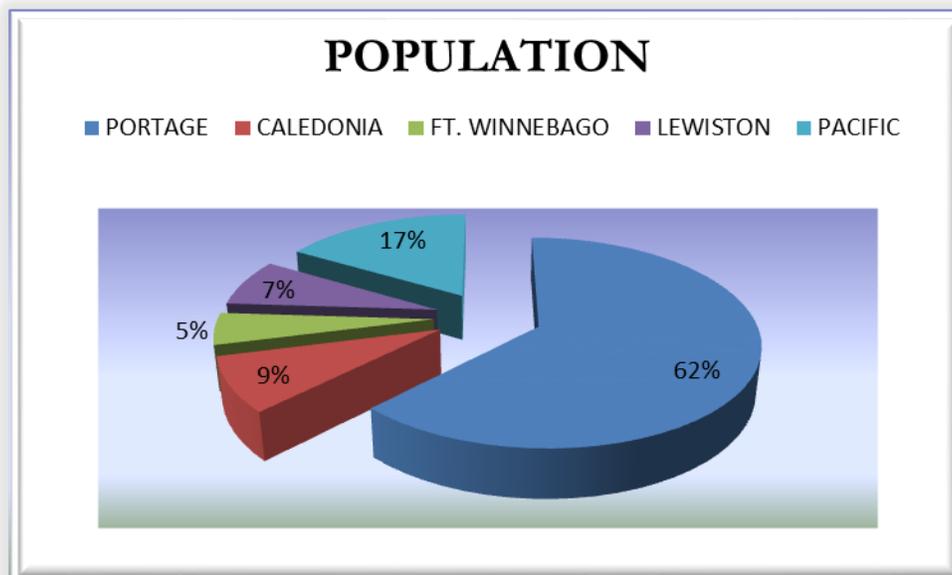
TOWN OF FT. WINNEBAGO: Population: 819
 Square miles: 35
 Equalized valuation: \$ 71,763,500

TOWN OF LEWISTON: Population: 1,223
 Square miles: 53
 **Equalized valuation: \$105,099,120

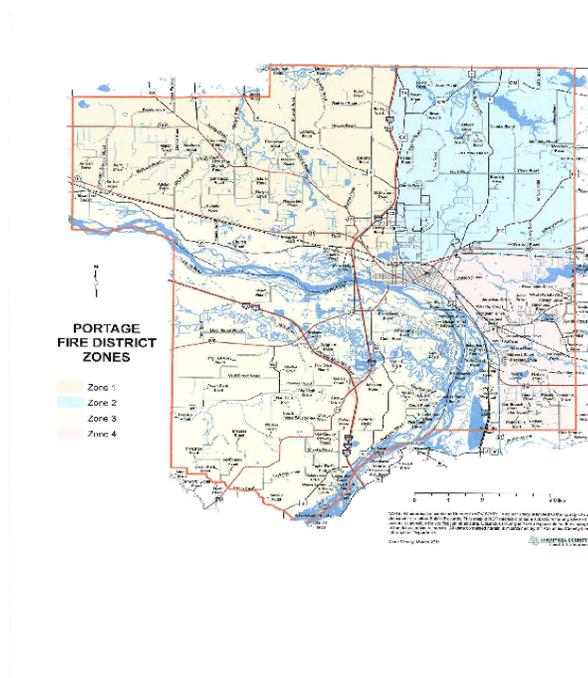
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TOWN OF PACIFIC: Population: 2,706
 Square miles: 23
 Equalized valuation: \$225,581,700

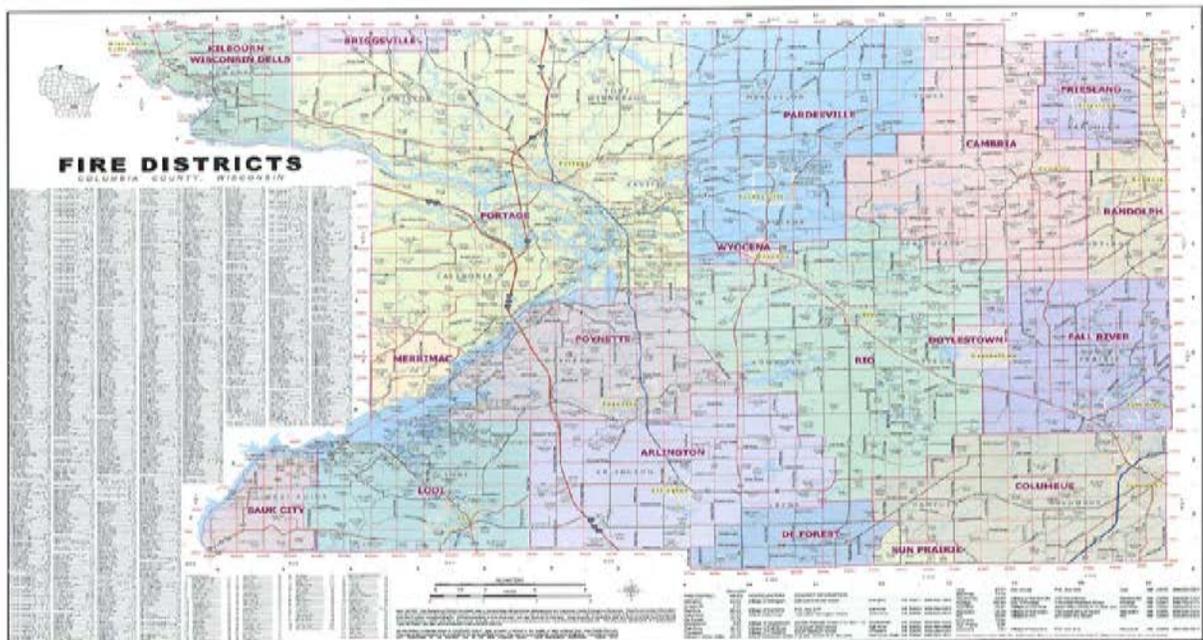
TOTAL DISTRICT: Population: 16,382
 Square miles: 171
 Equalized valuation: \$1,108,377,741



MAP OF PORTAGE FIRE PROTECTION AREA

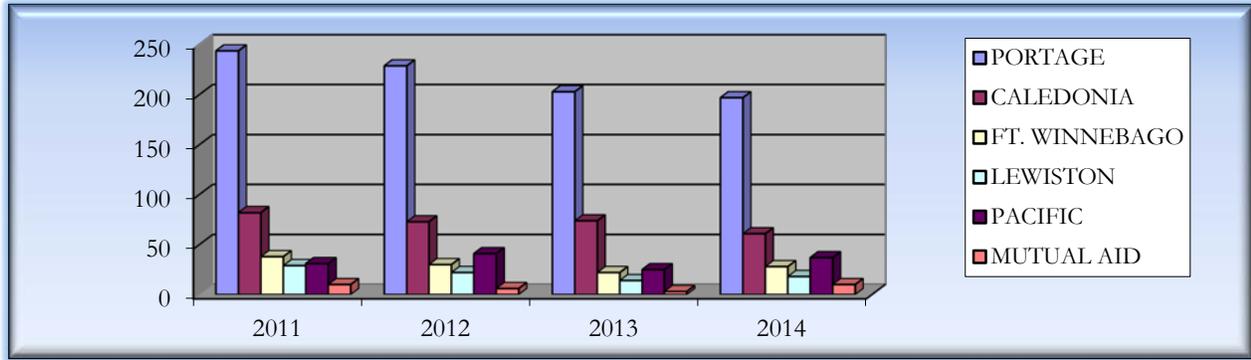


Portage Fire Department covers 21.8% of Columbia County, which includes the Towns of: Caledonia, Fort Winnebago, Lewiston and Pacific



EMERGENCY RESPONSES BY AREA AND CLASSIFICATION

TOTAL NUMBER OF ALARMS	2011	2012	2013	2014
	434	401	341	351



	PORTAGE	CALEDONIA	FT. WINN.	LEWISTON	PACIFIC	TOTAL
Structure Fire	8	0	0	1	1	10
Vehicle Fire	2	2	3	2	2	11
Grass/Brush Fire	3	0	5	4	2	14
Trash Fire	1	0	0	0	1	2
Other Fire	5	1	0	0	0	6
Hazmat	10	1	0	0	1	12
CO w/hazard	4	0	0	0	3	7
CO w/o hazard	4	0	0	0	1	5
False Alarm	11	0	0	0	0	11
Cancelled	44	14	2	2	9	71
Extrication	2	1	0	1	0	4
Other Rescue	2	2	0	0	0	4
Assist EMS	7	1	0	1	3	12
Bomb Threat	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Call	56	8	3	1	3	71
Vehicle Accident/Rollover	38	31	15	6	11	101
Mutual Aid						10
TOTALS	197	61	28	18	37	351

FIRES	2011	2012	2013	2014
Total Alarms	434	401	341	351
Actual Fires	61	91	39	43
% involved actual fires	14.06%	22.69%	11.44%	12.25%

FIRE LOSS:

Portage	\$ 25,365,395.00	99.9%		Loss per Alarm @ 351	\$ 72,365.34
Caledonia	\$ 4,382.00	0.0%		Loss per Actual Fire @ 43	\$590,703.09
Ft. Winnebago	\$ 10,000.00	0.0%		Loss per Capita @ 16,382	\$ 1,550.50
Lewiston	\$ 19,456.00	0.1%		Loss per \$1,000 valuation @ 1,108,377,741	\$ 22.92
Pacific	\$ 1,000.00	0.0%			
TOTALS	\$ 25,400,233.00	100%			

CITY OF PORTAGE EMERGENCY RESPONSES

NUMBER OF CITY ALARMS	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
	244	229	203	197

FIRE TYPES	DOLLAR LOSS				DOLLAR VALUE SAVED			
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2011	2012	2013	2014
Structures	\$ 154,900	\$ 820,855	\$ 118,000	\$ 25,363,695	\$ 345,630	\$ 699,375	\$ 284,000	\$ 1,260,766
Vehicles	\$ 19,929	\$ 2,279	\$ 2,650	\$ 1,700	\$ 1,300	\$ 400	\$ 3,100	\$ -
Other	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,500</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,500,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
TOTALS	\$ 174,829	\$ 823,134	\$ 123,150	\$ 25,365,395	\$ 346,930	\$ 699,775	\$ 2,787,100	\$ 1,260,766
 TOTAL \$ LOSS	 \$ 1,300,374	 \$ 1,091,703	 \$ 144,550	 \$ 25,400,233				
% OF TOTAL	13.44%	75.40%	85.20%	99.86%				
 TOTAL \$ SAVED					 \$ 1,227,830	 \$ 1,209,484	 \$ 3,271,550	 \$ 1,346,266
% OF TOTAL					28.26%	57.86%	85.19%	93.65%

OTHER CALLS:	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
Rescue calls	2	4	6	4
False alarms	78	55	37	11
Hazardous condition	37	26	26	18
Bomb threats	1	0	1	0
Vehicle accident/rollover	51	44	34	38
Other	<u>46</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>83</u>	<u>107</u>
Total other calls	215	185	187	178

SUMMARY:	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
City actual fires	29	44	16	19
City other calls	<u>215</u>	<u>185</u>	<u>187</u>	<u>178</u>
Total City alarms	244	229	203	197
 Total District alarms	 434	 401	 341	 351
City % of Total alarms	56.22%	57.11%	59.53%	56.13%

FOUR TOWNSHIPS EMERGENCY RESPONSES

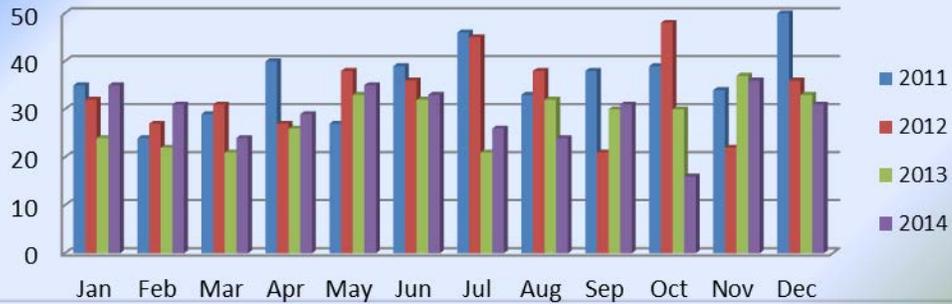
NUMBER OF TOWNSHIP ALARMS	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
	180	172	138	154

FIRE TYPES	DOLLAR LOSS				DOLLAR VALUE SAVED			
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2011	2012	2013	2014
Structures	\$ 997,700	\$ 239,601	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ 880,900	\$ 494,409	\$ -	\$ 8,000
Vehicles	\$ 127,845	\$ 28,968	\$ 21,400	\$ 32,838	\$ -	\$ 15,300	\$ 607,600	\$ 77,500
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTALS	\$ 1,125,545	\$ 268,569	\$ 21,400	\$ 34,838	\$ 880,900	\$ 509,709	\$ 607,600	\$ 85,500
 TOTAL \$ LOSS	 \$ 1,300,374	 \$ 1,091,703	 \$ 144,550	 \$ 25,400,233				
% OF TOTAL	86.56%	24.60%	14.80%	0.14%				
 TOTAL \$ SAVED					 \$ 1,227,830	 \$ 1,209,484	 \$ 3,271,550	 \$ 1,346,266
% OF TOTAL					71.74%	42.14%	18.57%	6.35%

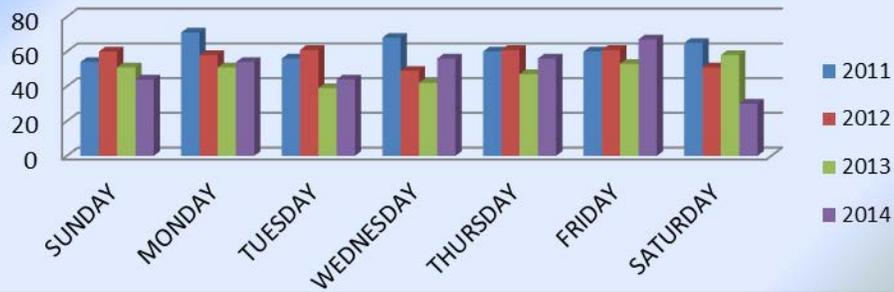
OTHER CALLS:	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
Rescue calls	8	2	3	4
False alarms	32	28	6	0
Hazardous condition	7	12	8	6
Bomb threats	0	0	0	0
Vehicle accident/rollover	71	56	53	63
Other	<u>30</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>47</u>
Total other calls	148	119	113	120

SUMMARY:				
Township actual fires	32	47	22	24
Township other calls	<u>148</u>	<u>119</u>	<u>113</u>	<u>120</u>
Total Township Alarms	180	166	135	144
 Total District alarms	 434	 401	 341	 351
Township % of Total alarms	41.47%	41.40%	39.59%	41.03%
 Mutual Aid Calls	 10	 6	 3	 10
% of Total Alarms	2.30%	1.50%	0.88%	2.85%

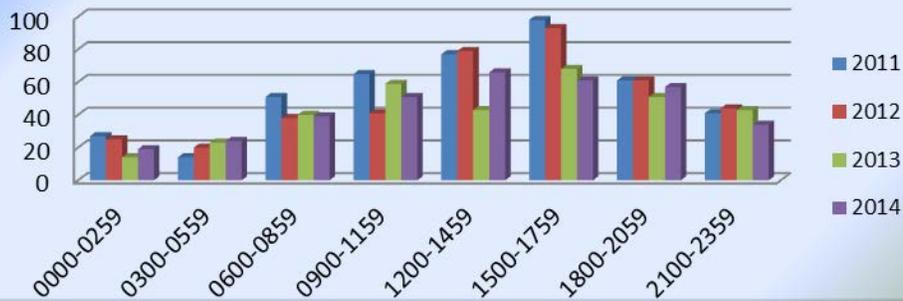
RESPONSE BY MONTH



RESPONSE BY DAY OF WEEK

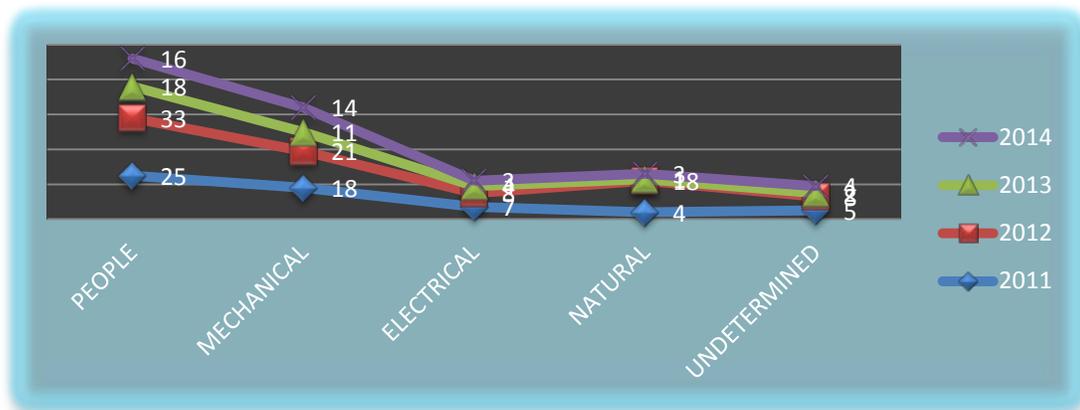


RESPONSE BY TIME OF DAY



FIRE CAUSE DETERMINATION

	<i>2011</i>	<i>2012</i>	<i>2013</i>	<i>2014</i>
Mechanical failure	18	13	7	11
Arson/incendiary/suspicious	3	4	2	3
Operational deficiency	3	8	4	3
Unattended fire	2	0	3	1
Electrical failure	7	8	4	3
Children playing with matches/lighters	0	4	2	1
Improper disposal of ashes	0	5	1	0
Careless use of smoking materials	3	4	2	1
Spontaneous ignition	0	1	0	0
Lightning	0	1	1	2
Controlled burn	1	7	2	2
Combustible too close	7	4	2	6
Undetermined	5	8	2	4
Natural condition	0	2	0	0
Cooking	6	5	4	2
Exposure from another fire	3	8	0	3
Rekindled	1	6	0	1
Mutual Aid	5	4	3	10
TOTAL	64	92	39	53



ARSON, INCENDIARY, SUSPICIOUS FIRES

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
	3	4	2	3
Structures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Vehicles	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other Fires	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL FIRE DISTRICT LOSS	\$1,300,374.00	\$1,091,703.00	\$ 144,550.00	\$25,400,233.00
% of total loss attributed to arson and suspicious fir	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

FIRE INJURIES / DEATHS

CIVILIANS

	<i>2011</i>	<i>2012</i>	<i>2013</i>	<i>2014</i>
INJURIES BY TYPES				
Burns	0	0	1	0
Smoke	2	0	0	1
Burns and Smoke	0	1	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	2	1	1	1

	<i>2011</i>	<i>2012</i>	<i>2013</i>	<i>2014</i>
TREATMENT				
Transported to hospital	1	1	1	1
Treated at the scene	1	0	0	0

	<i>2011</i>	<i>2012</i>	<i>2013</i>	<i>2014</i>
DEATHS	0	1	0	0

FIREFIGHTERS

	<i>2011</i>	<i>2012</i>	<i>2013</i>	<i>2014</i>
INJURIES BY TYPES				
Burns	0	1	0	0
Smoke	0	0	0	0
Burns and Smoke	0	0	0	0
Other	4	2	0	3
TOTALS	4	3	0	3

	<i>2011</i>	<i>2012</i>	<i>2013</i>	<i>2014</i>
TREATMENT				
Transported to hospital	0	0	0	2
Treated at the scene	4	3	0	1

	<i>2011</i>	<i>2012</i>	<i>2013</i>	<i>2014</i>
DEATHS	0	0	0	0

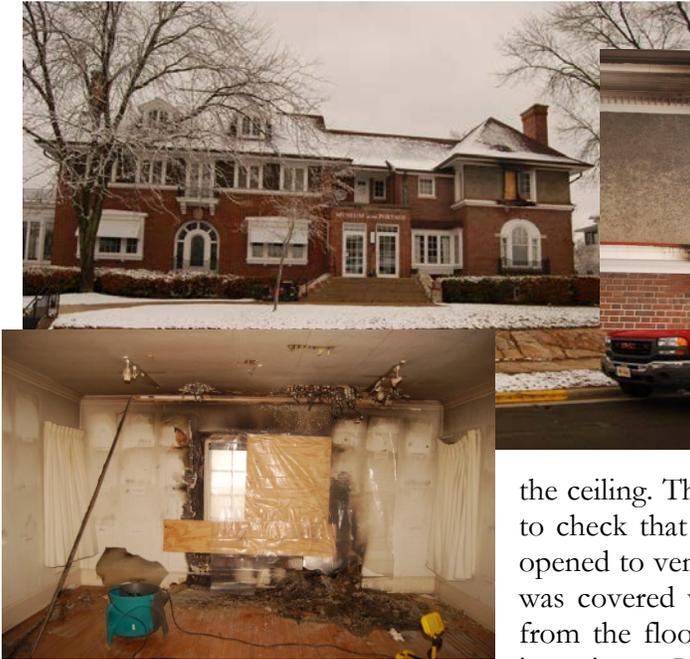
MAJOR FIRES

The Columbia County Communications Center dispatched the fire department for a fire at 804 MacFarlane Road, Museum at the Portage. It was reported by first Police Officer on the scene that they had flames at the window. Engine 6, Tower 1, and Squad 2 responded. Upon arrival the crew from

Engine 6 pulled an 1 3/4" attack line and first knocked down the fire from the outside of the building. Firefighters pulled the ceiling down to check for extension and found some smoldering in the space above the ceiling. That was extinguished and then a crew proceeded to the attic to check that area for extension, with none being found windows were opened to ventilate the building. All furniture in the room below the fire was covered with tarps to protect from water that was starting to leak from the floor above. Based on the information collected by our fire investigator Insp. Craig Ratz it is believed that the fire originated in the

second floor Community Room just South and low right of the window and is being ruled as electrical as to the cause of this fire. Approximate damage **\$199,215.00.**

July 2, 214 we were dispatched for a semi on fire on I39 milepost 94.5 in the median. Prior to responding, dispatch advised that an 18 wheeler hauling auto parts was fully involved in flames. Endeavor Fire Department was requested for mutual for a tender. Upon arrival, observed the semi completely involved in flames. Two firefighters deployed 1 3/4" attack lines and started suppressing the flames. A second team consisting of both passengers from Tender 4 and Tender 5 deployed a second 1 3/4" hand line for fire suppression. The semi and its contents were a total loss. 4,500 gallons of water was used to extinguish the fire. The fire was a result from a traffic accident when the driver stated he swerved to miss several deer. Before the semi came to a stop substantial guard rail was destroyed which partially ruptured both diesel fuel tanks which was driver stated that they were full.





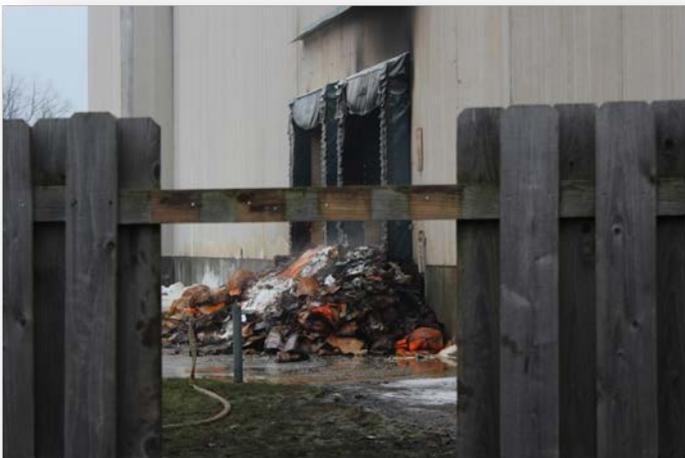
On December 12, 2014 the Portage Fire department was paged for a skid of boxed cardboard on fire at 301 Brooks Street. The caller stated it would be easiest to come to dock # 11. This was at AMPI, Associated Milk Producers, Inc., which is a cheese processing plant. The area where the cardboard was burning was a 100' X 120' warehouse area for dry goods. Upon arrival of our first engine, the crew found smoke coming from the building and found access to the area very difficult as they could not see well in the dense smoke. This call escalated into a MABAS to the fourth alarm call which brought in 115 members from 23 different



departments. We had to bring in two skid steers to remove debris so we could get at extinguishing all fire from the stacks of cardboard. Crews were rotated in and out every 20 minutes to give them a break. We used 55,000 gallons of water on this fire. The fire call lasted for 24 hours. Fire cause is still undetermined at this time.



Total approximate damage was \$25,000,000 between building and contents.



TRAINING DIVISION REPORT

REGULAR TRAINING SESSIONS

The regular training drills we conduct throughout the year are held mornings and evenings on the second, third, and fourth Tuesdays six months of the year and on the second and fourth Tuesdays the other six months of the year. The department has regular training drills that are designed to keep every firefighter safer and better equipped in knowledge for handling any emergency they may encounter. Regular training drills are still the most valuable forms of training for the department. Any training that members can receive will be beneficial to them and the department. This department prides itself on serving the public in any emergency. This department must and will be prepared for any emergency that could arise in our protection district. These drills include the following:

Art of Reading Smoke	EVOG	Minimum Standards
Auto Extrication	Fire Flow Paths	Power Tools
Boat Driving	Hazardous Materials	Rail Car Incident Response
Confined Space Rescue	Hoses, Nozzles & Appliances	Rapid Intervention Team
DNR Wildland Firefighting	Ice/Cold Water Rescue	Rope Rescue
Driving/Pumping	IDC/Bloodborne Pathogens	Rural Water Movement
Electrical/Gas Emergencies	Ladders and Tower 1	Search and Rescue
Equipment Inspection	Live House Burn	Swift Water Rescue

SCHOOLS AND CONFERENCES

Every firefighter is encouraged to attend schools to help them achieve their goals on the department. These schools will either teach them new skills or refresh the skills they have. We try to schedule as many classes in our department as we can to try to eliminate the travel to other cities or towns. Specialized training that some personnel take is required to be out of town and the department takes care of their schooling, boarding, and meal expenses. Hazardous Materials Technician Class is a one-week class and the only cost to the department is meal reimbursement. Other training that members have attended include: MABAS Command and Dispatch Conference, Leading with Attitude, Risk Assessment, CP Rail Crude Oil, and Fire Chief's Education Conference.

LIVE HOUSE BURN TRAINING

Our department trains very hard each month to keep us sharp in our skills for all emergencies we may encounter. It's hard to find some training aids that will prepare us for the structure fires we encounter during the year and when we do get the opportunity to do live burns in a structure we are very thankful. We did not get the opportunity to do this type of training this year, but we are hoping that we will next year.

FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

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The Fire Prevention Bureau is a critical component of the Portage Fire Department's efforts to protect the citizens of Portage and the Towns of Caledonia, Fort Winnebago, Lewiston, and Pacific against the loss of life and property through its enforcement of fire codes, public education, juvenile firesetters program, and fire investigation

FIRE PREVENTION EDUCATION

Every day Americans experience the horror of fire. Most people don't understand fire. Only when we know the true nature of fire can we prepare ourselves and our families. Education of the general public has enabled our department to contribute to making the Portage area a safer community. The Fire Prevention Bureau focuses on those most at risk, to assure their safety and at the same time, advocate life-saving message to the general public. Education of children is accomplished in many ways. The most important and successful programs are the school visits and station tours where vital life-saving information is shared and presented. Senior citizens are also a high priority to the Bureau and every opportunity to meet and present information is taken advantage of.

Fire Prevention is the true "First Responder"

JUVENILE FIRESETTERS PROGRAM (JFS)

Juvenile firesetting is a serious, dangerous, and costly behavior. Children are responsible for 46% of all fires deliberately set and one in four fire deaths are attributed to children playing with fire. Juveniles are responsible for nearly 80,000 structure fires, 300 deaths, and more than \$1.2 billion dollars in property damage in the U.S.

In 1993, the Portage Fire Department established a formal JFS program that is capable of educating children from 3 years old up to 18 years of age. The program has grown from children from Portage and the surrounding Townships to referrals from the Columbia County Judicial System, Teen Court, and surrounding law enforcement agencies.

FIRE INSPECTIONS

The focus of a fire inspection is to identify and correct problems that may lead to a fire, delay notification of a fire and remove any obstacles that may impede or block egress from a building. Inspections also ensure that all fire protection equipment and systems are maintained and operate in accordance with fire codes.

FIRE INVESTIGATION

Fire origin and cause determination is necessary for all fire incidents. It is through efficient fire origin and cause determination that future events may be avoided. Proper fire cause determination also assists in reporting accurate fire statistics.

REMEMBER: FIRE PREVENTION SAVES LIVES!

Craig S. Ratz
Fire Inspector

FIRE INSPECTIONS

Fire inspections are performed in accordance with State Statute 101.14(2), requiring that all commercial buildings within the department's fire protection district be inspected twice per calendar year. The following is a breakdown of the fire inspections performed:

	2011	2012	2013	2014
City of Portage				
<i>Inspections</i>	1549	1541	1542	1541
Violations Found	1270	1305	1519	1019
Violations Corrected	2236	1251	2634	2502
Town of Caledonia				
<i>Inspections</i>	89	86	86	88
Violations Found	77	90	71	84
Violations Corrected	166	86	226	179
Town of Ft. Winnebago				
<i>Inspections</i>	24	24	24	28
Violations Found	9	5	18	10
Violations Corrected	31	18	2	31
Town of Lewiston				
<i>Inspections</i>	54	52	57	60
Violations Found	29	44	27	35
Violations Corrected	78	64	65	63
Town of Pacific				
<i>Inspections</i>	251	258	261	273
Violations Found	147	189	158	170
Violations Corrected	288	157	332	236
TOTAL INSPECTIONS				
TOTAL VIOLATIONS FOUND	1532	1633	1793	1318
TOTAL VIOLATIONS CORRECTED	2799	1576	3259	3011

PUBLIC FIRE EDUCATION

OPEN HOUSE

We had a great time celebrating our 26th Annual Open House on Saturday, October 11, 2014. Fire equipment and apparatus were on display with fire personnel available to answer questions and explain their usage. The firefighters sold brats, hotdogs, and soda during the event with proceeds going towards the purchase of equipment for the department. Several door prizes were given away including: fire extinguishers, smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors, fire escape ladder, and of course the kid's favorite – a remote control fire truck. Thank you to all who visited and were a part of our 26th Annual Open House.



COLORING BOOK

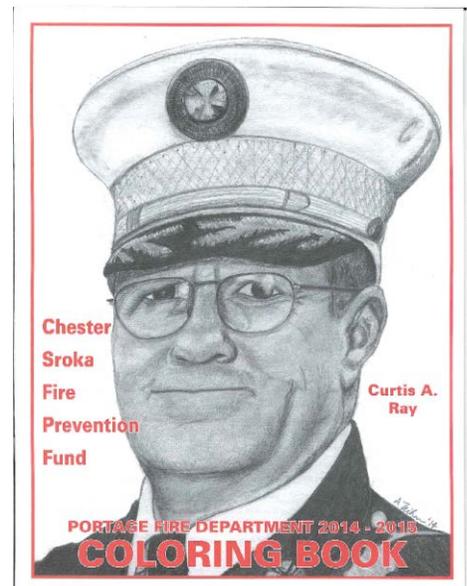
The cover of the 23rd annual custom coloring book featured “Curtis A. Ray” who served 28 years of dedicated service to the City of Portage Fire Department and the surrounding townships of Caledonia, Fort Winnebago, Lewiston, and Pacific.

Curt joined the department as a paid-on-call firefighter in May of 1973; left in 1976, but then returned in 1979.

Promotions: April 1987 – Lieutenant
 December 1987 – Captain
 March 1989 – Assistant Chief
 December 1993 – Deputy Chief

He then went on to become the Fire Chief in November of 1995 and retired on July 31, 2004.

During his many years of service Curt was very instrumental in the department's training division; as a training officer he helped coordinate and instruct numerous monthly training drills. He was also an MATC instructor for many years while serving with the department. Curt also assisted in the fire prevention program by going to schools and conducting station tours to talk with students about fire prevention and fire safety.



All of the pictures included in the coloring book were drawn by Wayne Bartels Middle School and St John's Lutheran School students. Amy Zeihen captured the likeness of Curt. We appreciate her 23 years of dedication in taking on this project. Thank you to Amy and Curt for all that you have done for this department.

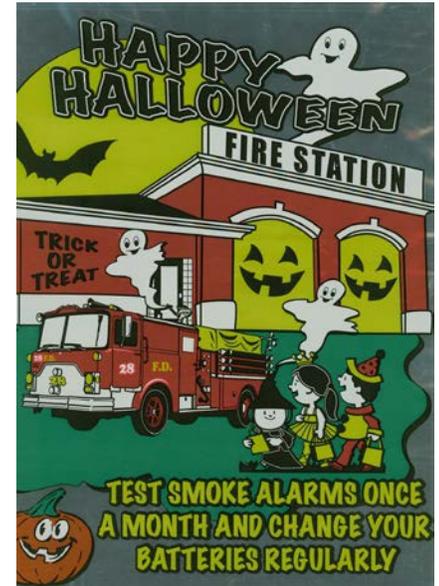
Pictured here are Fire Chief Clayton Simonson, Jr. (left), Curtis Ray (middle) and his wife Jeannie (right).

CHESTER SROKA FIRE PREVENTION FUND

The Chester Sroka Fire Prevention Fund was utilized to finance the coloring book and also numerous other fire prevention items and materials. Once a year, area businesses are contacted to solicit donations for this important fund where all of the fire prevention materials are purchased. The following is a list of those businesses that the fire department would like to send a special thank you to for submitting a donation or for supporting the fire department throughout the year:

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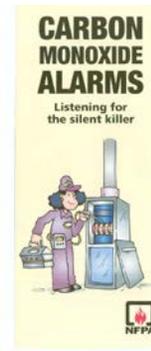
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| FSI | TRECEK CHEVROLET-OLDS |
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Contributions as of September 15, 2014

"THANK YOU"

Thanks again for all of your continued support. Without you it would not be possible to purchase and distribute all of the materials to the school children in our community.



RECOGNITION FOR FIRE PREVENTION

Our fire prevention program would not be as successful as it is without the help and support of all the members of the Portage Fire Department. Public Education is just one more way the members of the department demonstrate the meaning of “Team Work”. As to be expected some people were able to give more time to the cause than others. Those members are as follows:

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| * | Firefighter Tyler Bednarek | * | Lt. Aeriond Liu |
| * | Firefighter Ed Diekhus | * | Capt. Mike Nachreiner |
| * | Firefighter Gabe Fanara | * | Firefighter Justin Pounders |
| * | Firefighter John Kosmatka | * | Lt. Jon Yaskal |

However, as with other organizations, a few members stand up and go above and beyond the call of duty and that is the case with our fire prevention team.

2014 FIRE PREVENTION AWARDS



Firefighter John Kosmatka’s (left) name was written everywhere on all of the fire prevention sign-up sheets this year, which I was very grateful for. John has quickly become my “go to” person when trying to juggle all of the station tours, fire visits and fire extinguisher classes. John shows the skills, dedication, and devotion needed for a successful fire prevention program.

Lieutenant Jon Yaskal (left) once again received a fire prevention award for all of his hard work and time given to promote fire safety in our community. Jon is committed to the cause and demonstrates a natural dedication to educating the young and the elderly



Lieutenant Aeriond Liu (right) was a very welcomed addition to the fire prevention team. Aeriond gave his time to the fire prevention cause with professionalism and a smile. It was obvious to me that he enjoyed it very much and his enthusiasm was second to none.

Thank you to the 3 Fire Prevention Award recipients and all of the Fire Department members that assist in getting the life-saving fire safety messages out to our school kids, businesses and citizens. A program is only as good as its people. Thanks to the men and women of the Portage Fire Department, we have a top notch Fire Prevention Bureau that is second to none.

FIRE EXTINGUISHER/SAFETY TRAINING

<i>Alliant Utilities</i>	30
<i>Encapsys (Appleton Papers)</i>	30
<i>Columbia County Sheriff's Department</i>	45
<i>Pendaform</i>	225
<i>Rayovac</i>	40
<i>Saint Gobain</i>	300
<i>Trienda</i>	225
<i>Unimin</i>	40
<i>TOTAL</i>	935

SCHOOL VISITS

<i>Head Start</i>	15
<i>John Muir School</i>	108
<i>Lewiston School</i>	108
<i>Little School</i>	50
<i>Open Arms Day Care</i>	60
<i>Woodridge School</i>	168
<i>TOTAL</i>	509

STATION TOURS

<i>Alphabet Express</i>	30
<i>Head Start</i>	15
<i>Royal Rangers - Boy Scouts</i>	15
<i>Rusch Elementary School</i>	50
<i>St. John's School</i>	89
<i>St. Mary's School</i>	46
<i>TOTAL</i>	245

MISCELLANEOUS EVENTS

<i>ADRC Health Day</i>	75
<i>EAA Breakfast Fly-in</i>	100
<i>Elk's Club Fisheree</i>	150
<i>Health & Wellness Expo</i>	75
<i>Holiday Train</i>	150
<i>Kids Day America</i>	150
<i>Portage High School Homecoming Parade</i>	200
<i>Sant Claus Fly-in</i>	100
<i>Silver Lake Triathlon</i>	300
<i>Taste of Portage</i>	200
<i>United Methodist Church</i>	25
<i>TOTAL</i>	1525

YEARLY TOTAL**3214**

SAFETY COMMITTEE

The Portage Fire Department's Safety Committee consists of five members, one of which is an advisor to the committee. The committee usually meets once a month to update the group on project status and to provide a work session for what the committee needs to accomplish to meet the goals they have set for themselves. The Safety Committee focuses on minimizing injury, educating our staff, and prevention of harmful situations to assure the well-being of all the firefighters on the department.

Committee Updates and Accomplishments:

- The committee registered the department with the "Fire Service Line of Duty Death and Injury Vulnerability" website. This site will take information about our department and give us a rating on items we can improve on and what we succeed at. This website is another tool we can use to assess the safety of our department and how we rate compared to other departments.
- A hose testing list of recommendations to follow when we conduct our hose testing procedures was generated by the committee.
- The department's accountability boards were updated as new members arrived and as some members have left. We also added other tags/labels to our accountability board to accommodate the other departments that are frequently used on our MABAS cards.
- The committee reviewed the AMPI fire and discussed the accountability portion of the call. Recommendations were discussed on how we can better ourselves with accountability on larger incidents. Some changes have been made to the accountability boards to assist in larger calls and also we noted there is a second accountability board available when we have the need for 2 accountability officer's on a call.
- The committee developed and purchased a "Loss Days Due to Injury" sign. This sign was hung on the apparatus floor to be a visual reminder of how many days we have gone without a reportable accident or loss time accident within our department.
- Ice grippers/cleats were reviewed and purchased for everyone on the department to prevent slips, trips and falls during our cold winter months
- The fitness program operated in 2014 to try and help members focus on the importance of staying physically fit and maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

As a department we did have one reportable incident that resulted in a member being transported for medical attention. Thankfully, this ended up only being a minor heat and fatigue related issue that was easily resolved with rest and fluids.

It is our goal as a committee to learn from our past experiences so all accidents and injuries can be prevented in the future. The Safety Committee will continue to research and develop new ideas to better our department with our safety practices to ensure the ultimate goal is met;

“EVERYONE GOES HOME”

Capt. Mike Nachreiner
Safety Committee Chairman

2014 Committee Members:

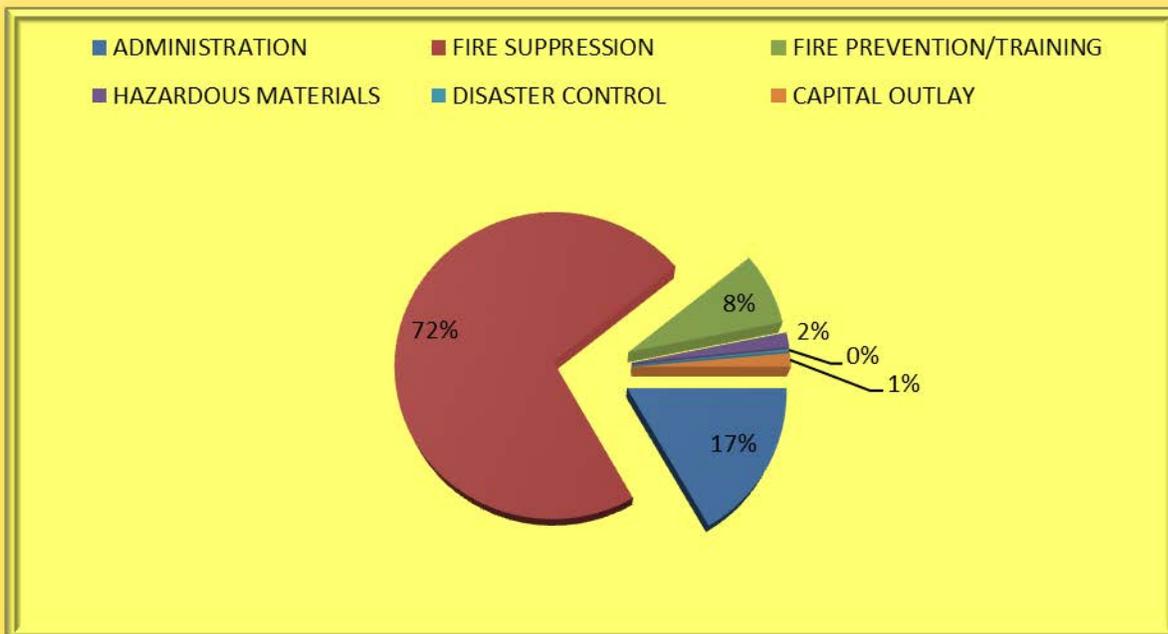
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Capt. Mike Nachreiner
Lt. Terry Kibby

FF Carl Hughan
FF Dan Hinickle

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

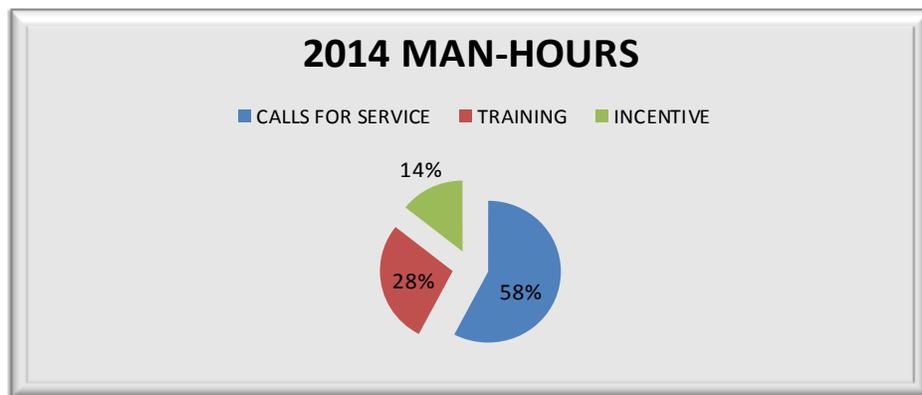
ADMINISTRATION	\$ 200,207.00
FIRE SUPPRESSION	\$ 866,128.00
FIRE PREVENTION/TRAINING	\$ 91,183.00
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS	\$ 18,350.00
DISASTER CONTROL	\$ 2,500.00
CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$ 17,260.00
TOTAL BUDGET	\$ 1,195,628.00

Cost/Capita @ 16,382 district population	\$ 72.98
Cost/Response @ 351 alarms	\$ 3,406.35
Cost/\$1,000 Valuation @ \$1,108,377,741	\$ 1.08



MAN-HOURS

	2011	2012	2013	2014
EMERGENCY CALLS				
# of Calls	434	401	341	351
Call man-hours	5293	5472	3854	4602
Man-hours/call	12.2	13.6	11.3	13.1
TRAINING				
Man-hours	1637	2503	1868	1906
OTHER ACTIVITIES ¹				
Man-hours	1278	1112	958	935
TOTALS ²				
	8208	9087	6680	7443
VOLUNTEER PAYROLL ³				
	\$92,000.00	\$92,000.00	\$94,000.00	\$94,000.00
COST PER MAN-HOUR ⁴				
	\$ 11.21	\$ 10.12	\$ 14.07	\$ 12.63



1. Other activities, community events, administrative assistance, public fire education, fund raising, meetings, in-house projects, etc.
2. This total does not include the man-hours firefighters spend at home on stand-by
3. Includes Incentive Program compensation.
4. Because the volunteers receive an annual lump sum compensation, the cost per man-hour fluctuates each year.

FUND RAISING COMMITTEE

Each year the Firefighters Association decides what projects and equipment they would like to complete or purchase. The main source of our fund raising is through the department's food stand, "Station 2", located at the Columbia County Fairgrounds during the Columbia County Free Fair and the department's Annual Fire Prevention Open House.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- **EAA Breakfast Fly-in
- **Holiday Train
- **Holiday Parade
- **Homecoming Parade
- **Hero's Program
- **Triathlon
- **Fire Prevention Open House

**Kids Fishery

**Santa Claus Fly-In

**4th of July Parade

**St. Mary's Best Fest
Bed Races



FUND RAISING EVENTS

Columbia County Fair
Food Stand – Fire Station #2



Annual Fire Prevention Open House

SPECIAL FUND RAISING EVENTS FOR OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

St. Baldrick's - \$1,971

MDA - \$2,176



The Portage Firefighters Association would like to thank the city of Portage officials, the four Townships of Caledonia, Ft. Winnebago, Lewiston, and Pacific, the Portage Support Team, and all of the citizens of Portage for all the support that they give to us when we do these fund raising projects. Without all of your support we would not be able to do these projects and purchase the equipment that is needed.

Fund Raising Committee members:

FF Brad Powell (Chairman)

FF Gabe Fanara

Station Manager Robert Wood (Treasurer)

Thank you!

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