

# TOWN OF PESHTIGO FIRE DEPARTMENT



# ANNUAL REPORT 2021

# Town of Peshtigo Fire Department 2021 Annual Report



## Mission Statement

The mission of the Town of Peshtigo Fire Department is to provide fire protection and related emergency services in order to ensure the safety and well-being of all town residents, occupants, visitors and their properties.

## Vision Statement

Our vision is to provide high quality and efficient emergency services by developing and maintaining community partnerships, by hiring and training exceptional volunteers, and by meeting or exceeding state and national standards as related to the fire service.

## Organizational Values

We value having pride in our organization, the service we provide, and the equipment we use.

We value the honor of being part of a profession that is trusted by the community.

We value the integrity and honesty of our members and what upholding these values means to our customers.

We value the dedication, commitment to excellence, and reliability in everything we do.

We value leadership, teamwork, innovation, respect and tolerance in our organization.

We value cooperation and partnerships with other emergency service providers.

We value the social good in what we do as an organization and as individuals.

## Strategic Goals

- 1 Provide for the safety, health and welfare of all firefighters and our residents at all times.
- 2 Conduct all emergency responses and non-emergency activities using generally accepted risk assessment models. We will take calculated risks in a controlled and measured manner to provide for life safety, incident stabilization and property conservation.
- 3 Meet NFPA 1720 staffing and response time standards for structural fires, which include a 14-minute response time with a minimum of six trained firefighters in rural areas of the town.
- 4 Continually evaluate and improve department operations and services in order to maintain, and potentially improve the Town's ISO rating of class 6/10.

## A Message from the Fire Chief



*Fire Chief Mike Folgert*

This year brought us yet another busy and challenging year as we continued to work through the ongoing pandemic, face new challenges and commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Peshtigo Fire. While still addressing health and safety concerns due to COVID, we were able to return to in-person training, resume some of our public education and fire prevention activities, and conduct some much-needed fund raising activities to recover from our losses from the previous year. We were also successful in placing a new water rescue craft into service at no cost to our taxpayers.

Although we participated in a number of public outreach and community events throughout the year, the most noteworthy and challenging was the Peshtigo Fire Sesquicentennial. This 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of America's most destructive forest fire brought an immense amount of interest throughout the year from statewide and national media, historical groups and other interested parties. We provided numerous tours, media interviews and worked hand-in-hand with the City of Peshtigo on a number of activities,

ultimately culminating in the Peshtigo Historical Days celebration in late September and WI Forest History Association Conference in early October. We truly hope that such a tragic catastrophe as that which occurred 150 years ago in our community is never repeated, and that all those who both perished and survived are never forgotten.

Again, we responded to a near record breaking number of calls this year with a total of 132 incidents, once again far surpassing our long-time annual average of 65-70 calls. We continue to see increases in vehicle crashes, alarm activations and calls to assist our EMS providers. Once again, we experienced an increase in the number of calls to assist other fire departments through the MABAS (Mutual Aid Box Alarm System), with twelve responses being outside our jurisdiction. This year, we assisted other fire departments in the Cities of Marinette and Peshtigo, Village of Pound, Towns of Grover, Porterfield and Carney, MI. All volunteer emergency response agencies are experiencing staffing issues and an increase in call volume, so we must all work together and help each other out whenever needed.

Finally, it is becoming increasingly alarming that many volunteer fire departments across the country, and even in our area, struggle to recruit and retain firefighters. In spite of this fact, our roster has remained relatively stable. I'm extremely proud of the dedication and professionalism of the men and women who serve on this fire department. They are a talented bunch; they are very active and they take their commitment to serve and protect you seriously! They are not only essential workers, but truly some unsung heroes!

Michael Folgert  
Fire Chief



*Town of Peshtigo's crew stands proudly in front of their fleet of vehicles*

# **Town of Peshtigo Officials 2021**

## **Town Board of Supervisors**

Cindy Boyle, Chairperson  
Cindy Bauer, Supervisor 1  
Jon Drees, Supervisor 2  
Kayla Furton, Supervisor 3  
Kristen Edgar, Supervisor 4

## **Fire Commission**

Dave Buechler  
Dale Edlbeck  
Grace Pennings  
Lou Ann Seils  
Karen Sylvester (Chair)

## **Town Clerk**

Clarence Coble

## **Deputy Clerk**

Kayla Okins

## **Town Treasurer**

Kelsey Lossett



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## Town of Peshtigo Fire Department Officers 2021

### Fire Chief

Michael Folgert  
Appointed Chief in January 2010  
Serving since 1986

### Safety Officer

Dave Dionne  
Serving since 2016

### Assistant Chief

Richard Seils Jr  
Serving since 1991  
Appointed in April 2010

### Training Officer

Derek Monnette  
Serving since 2012

### Two Captains

Derek Monnette  
Appointed in November 2016  
Serving since 2012

Ryan Kass  
Appointed in February 2018  
Serving since 2011

### Two Lieutenants

Darius Dohl  
Elected in July 2021  
Serving since 2018

Joe Paoli  
Elected in March 2018  
Serving since 2016

### Fire Inspectors

Mike Folgert  
Rich Seils

## Town of Peshtigo Firefighters December 2021 (including year hired)

Gabe Aschbacher - 2018  
Jed Buechler – 2008  
Chris Callies – 1997  
Clarence Coble – 1974  
Justin Couillard - 2018  
Dave Dionne – 2016  
Darius Dohl - 2018  
Mike Folgert - 1986  
Darren Jacobson - 2020  
Ryan Kass – 2011  
James Matthews – 2018

Jim Meyer - 2005  
Derek Monnette – 2012  
Joe Paoli – 2016  
Brittany Peterson – 2008  
Travis Plym - 2021  
Chad Ryczek - 2020  
Dano Sebero – 2018  
Rich Seils - 1991  
Adam Staszak – 2014  
Adam Walker - 2017

## Two New Firefighters in 2021



**Travis Plym** joined the department in August after initially applying last year but deciding to wait until he completed his trade schooling. Travis is a local Peshtigo resident and currently works at Great Lakes Custom Tool in Peshtigo. He has already completed his required entry-level firefighter training and is off to a fast start.

**Joe Giver**, a past fire chief from Marinette and recently retired chief from Verona, had just moved back to Marinette and completed the application process to join our department in August when he became ill. Tragically, Chief Giver passed away less than a month after joining us and never had the chance to go on his first run.

## Firefighter Departures

**Mariah Powell** resigned in March, after being with us a little over one year. Although Mariah completed all her required training, she was finding it difficult to commit to the demands of being a firefighter due to her full-time job and busy lifestyle.

## Length of Service Achievements

**5 Years of Service**    **Dave Dionne**  
                                  **Joe Paoli**

**10 Years of Service**    **Ryan Kass**

**30 Years of Service**    **Rich Seils**

**35 Years of Service**    **Mike Folgert**

## State Training and Certifications Achieved

**Darius Dohl** completed all training and testing requirements to achieve Fire Officer 1 certification in July.

**Darren Jacobson** completed training and state testing through NWTC to achieve status as state certified level 2 firefighter this year. This consisted of completing 42 hours of advanced training along with completion of a state written exam and practical skills testing. Darren then went on to complete additional 40 hours of training and state certification testing for Fire Officer 1 and another 40 hours of training and certification testing for Fire & Emergency Instructor 1. He also completed the 30-hour Entry Level Driver-Operator course.

**James Matthews** completed a three-day Marine Firefighter 1 Awareness and Operations training course at Sturgeon Bay in December.

**Joe Paoli** completed the 40-hour NWTC Fire Officer 1 course in March.

**Travis Plym** completed the 60-hour NWTC Entry Level Firefighter training course as required for all new firefighters.

All Town of Peshtigo firefighters meet or exceed the State of Wisconsin minimum training requirements for entry level firefighting. The vast majority continue on with additional training to obtain state certification as level 1 or level 2 firefighters.

Additional training is offered in-house each month and periodically through NWTC or other sources in order to maintain and further develop skills. Currently, 81% of our firefighters are state certified firefighters with three being certified as Firefighter 1 and fourteen being certified at Firefighter Level 2.

## 2021 Firefighter of the Year



**Darren Jacobson** was recognized at the annual banquet in November as 2021 firefighter of the year in recognition of his active participation, for his leadership with our new rescue boat project and for his training achievements.



## Fire Apparatus and Equipment



### Engine 205

This 1994 pumper was built by 3-D in Shawano and is now 28 years old. This had been our front-line engine until replaced by Engine 207 in 2010. This apparatus holds 1,000 gallons of water, is rated to pump 1,000 gallons per minute and is equipped with a compressed air foam system (CAFS). Although the body is beginning to show signs of rust in a number of places and some valves are sticking or leaking, the truck has still passed its annual pump tests and is in relatively good shape. No repairs were needed this year other than annual DOT inspection and preventative maintenance fluid changes at a cost of \$296.99. Annual required pump testing cost an additional \$335.

### Engine 207

This 2010 rescue pumper was built by Rosenbauer America on a commercial Freightliner chassis. This pumper was placed into service in April 2010, carries 1,000 gallons of water and is capable of pumping 1,250 gallons per minute. This truck is also used to carry our extrication equipment, commonly known as the "Jaws of Life". This is our primary first due engine and has a four-person cab which permits us to respond with a full crew of firefighters using only one apparatus to many calls. Repairs this year included the replacement of a replacement of a water tank level transducer, repairs to the back-up alarm and an engine oil leak, installation of a new auto-eject charging unit and replacement of several emergency lights and lenses for \$1,572.96. Annual DOT inspection, and fluid changes cost another \$337.50 and required pump testing cost \$335.

## **Brush 1**

This brush truck was placed into service in late 2013. The unit is built on an F-350 diesel powered 4x4 chassis with a flat rack equipped with compartments and a 225 gallon water tank with an 18 hp mounted pump. This apparatus is the primary response vehicle for grass and brush fires and provides support at vehicle crashes. Repairs needed this year included some warranty repairs to replace a reductant tank heater assembly, replacement of front hub caps, DOT inspection for \$81.67 and routine oil, filter and preventative maintenance for \$88.99.

## **Brush 2**

This is our newest truck, a 2017 F-350 four-wheel drive pick-up. This truck is outfitted with a skid unit that is removed in winter months when not needed for grass fires. It is used primarily for wildland fires, incident support and for firefighters to attend training. It also pulls the trailer with our fire/rescue UTV and ice rescue trailer. Repairs this year included replacing some emergency light modules for \$180, DOT inspection for \$54.45, a tire sensor monitor and routine oil, filter and preventative maintenance at a cost of \$170.78.

## **Tender 234**

This is a 3,500-gallon vacuum tanker, which was purchased new in 2002. Built on a commercial Freightliner chassis, this truck brings much needed water to the scene of a fire, dumps it within minutes into a portable folding water tank and goes to a water source to re-fill. Repairs conducted this year included replacement of all ten tires at a cost of \$5,919.82, new batteries for \$512.32, electrical charging system repairs totaling \$217.80 and DOT inspection with routine preventative maintenance totaling \$374.22.

## **Tender 235**

This is a 3,200-gallon vacuum tanker, which was purchased new in 2016. Built on a commercial Freightliner chassis, it meets all current NFPA standards for fire apparatus of this nature and is our primary water shuttling apparatus. The only maintenance costs incurred this year were for an annual DOT inspection and routine preventative maintenance totaling \$407.11.

## **Fire/Rescue UTV**

This fully tracked UTV unit was purchased in 2019 and is equipped with both a 70-gallon water tank and pump to extinguish grass fires as well as a rescue body that allows us to safely transport a patient over difficult terrain. The unit is also outfitted with a front-mounted winch, rear tow hook, mobile radio, chain saw and compartment space to carry extra hose and hand tools. No repairs needed this year.

## **Cold Water Rescue Trailer**

This fully enclosed cargo trailer was purchased in 2008 and outfitted with our cold-water rescue equipment. This includes an inflatable rapid deployment craft (RDC), seven cold

water rescue suits, rescue ropes, throw bags and various supplies needed to implement a safe water or ice rescue.

### **Avon Rescue Boat**

Our older 10 ft. rigid inflatable boat is equipped with a 9.9 hp four stroke outboard motor. This small boat is still in-service and comfortably carries two people being equipped for performing rescue work primarily in the Peshtigo River. It is small enough to be carried to the water’s edge and quickly placed into service by several firefighters or can be launched from a conventional boat launch.

### **NEW Mercury Rescue Boat**

In August, we placed a new and larger rescue boat into service. Mercury Marine donated a 15 ft. rigid inflatable Ocean Runner boat along with a brand new 40 hp Mercury outboard motor. Through additional donations and several fund-raising events, we were able to obtain a custom-built trailer, side-scanning sonar device, rescue suits and other items to completely outfit this watercraft for any type of water rescue. This boat provides a very stable rescue platform. It is primarily designed for use on the waters of Green Bay but may be used anywhere as long as there is a boat launch available.



*A new rescue boat was placed into service in August, 2021. Total value of this project is estimated at almost \$26,000. Through grants, donations and fund-raising, this project was completely paid for at no cost to our taxpayers.*

### **Required Inspection and Testing Completed**

HURST extrication equipment maintenance – 5-Alarm Fire & Safety	\$830.00
Hydrostatic testing of 9 breathing air cylinders – Aladdin	\$330.00
NFPA ladder testing completed by Great Lakes Testing Inc.	\$312.50
NFPA hose testing of all discharge hoses – In-house	Conducted in-house
NFPA pump testing on both engines – Jefferson Fire & Safety	\$670.00
DOT commercial vehicle inspections & PM’s – Franks Logging & Repair	\$1,551.94
Face piece fit testing for 20 firefighters – Fire Safety Consulting Services	\$600.00
Pre-employment medical testing of 3 new firefighters	\$2,595.00

## New Equipment Purchased During 2021

A number of items were purchased to replace old equipment, provide for firefighter safety or to improve our operational capabilities. Purchases were made using budgeted funds, grant funds or through donations:

Scott X3-Pro Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (2)	\$15,208.00
Rescue Boat, Motor, Trailer & Equipment (\$25,809 project value)*	\$9,511.32
Protective Turnout Coats (3), Pants (4)	\$7,714.10
Firefighter Protective Jacket and Bunker Pants (3 sets)	\$6,630.00
Scott RIT Pak III*	\$2,759.20
Minitor 6 pagers with desktop chargers and cases (5)*	\$2,080.00
Stihl Battery Chainsaws (2), Leaf Blower, Chargers*	\$1,946.92
Structural Firefighting Gloves (26 pair)	\$1,620.14
Nozzles (2), Akron Saberjet, 1-1/2"	\$1,760.21
Traffic Vests, Hi-Viz	\$1045.00
Nozzle (1), Akron Saberjet, 2-1/2"	\$956.64
Class A Uniforms (2)	\$824.70
Channel Lock Rescue Tools (20)	\$819.95
Butterfly Valve & Storz Adapters	\$679.92
Structural Fire Boots, Globe (1)	\$489.50
Truck Underbody Washing Device	\$350.00
SCBA Face-Piece Bags (14)	\$265.30
Pressure Washer*	\$158.24
Totes for carrying Cribbing Blocks	\$125.85
Portable Radio Charger	\$112.00
AED Electrode Pads (2)	\$100.80

*\*Indicates that the item was funded either partially or fully through grants or donations.*

### NEW Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus

This was year-two of a multi-year project to replace and upgrade our older air packs. Our current inventory of 21 air packs includes many that are 20-25 years old and no longer in compliance with NFPA standards. All of our remaining carbon-fiber air cylinders will reach their 15-year end-of-life within the next several years and will need to be replaced.

Two new Scott X3-Pro air packs were purchased this year using capital funds at a cost of \$15,208. The SCBA purchased are certified to 2018 NFPA standards, have been upgraded from 2,216 psi to 4,500 psi air cylinders and each includes a spare air cylinder and face piece. In order to handle the increased air cylinder pressure.

Additional purchases of SCBA, but in smaller quantities, are planned for the next several years to complete this initiative. Our overall quantity of SCBA will also be reduced as part of this initiative.

## Fire Station Repairs and General Maintenance

Annual HVAC maintenance, repairs & inspection	\$65.70
Floor drain cleaning and camera scoping of drain pipes	\$470.00
Overhead light and ballast replacement	n/a
Pager and radio repairs, reprogramming radios	\$1,348.70
Emergency Exit Lighting repairs and replacement	n/a
Electrical work to accommodate new gear racks	\$400.00
Steel Shelving Units (2)	\$358.00

## DNR Forest Fire Protection Grant Awarded

A 50% matching fund grant from the DNR Division of Forestry was awarded to enable the purchase of five pagers, a battery-operated chainsaw, decontamination cloths, Class A foam concentrate and some Nomex wildland fire protective shirts. After purchasing these items for a total cost of over \$5,000 the town received reimbursement in the amount of \$2,515.50.

## Local Community Grants Awarded

Three separate grants were received this year. One, grant in the amount of \$451 received from the M & M Area Community Foundation was for our water rescue boat, motor and equipment project.

Another grant from the Peshtigo Area Community Fund, in the amount of \$500 was for purchasing a new Rapid Intervention Team (RIT) pack, which consists of an emergency breathing air supply to be used in the case of a firefighter needing rescue.

A \$500 grant from the Zion Lutheran Church in Peshtigo was also received and put towards the rescue boat, motor and equipment project.



*Firefighter James Matthews and Lt. Darius Dohl display a new Scott RIT Pack III that was partially funded through a grant received from the Peshtigo Area Community Fund*

## 2021 Fire Department Run Report

### Summary of 2021 Calls:

37	Vehicle Crashes
18	Powerlines Down, Arcing or Burning
16	Medical Lift Assists/Patient Extractions
15	Structure Fires
12	Trees Down in Roadway
6	Grass Fires
5	Fire/Smoke Alarm Activations
5	Carbon Monoxide Alarms
4	Dispatched but No Incident Found
3	Natural Gas/Propane Leak
2	Smoke Smell in Residence
2	Dispatched but Canceled Enroute
1	Ice/Water Rescue
1	Vehicle Fire
1	Controlled Burn Complaint
1	Mulch Pile Fire
1	Change of Quarters to Marinette
1	Standby for Explosive Device
<u>1</u>	Assist Law Enforcement - Traffic
<b>132</b>	<b>TOTAL RUNS</b>



*Firefighters at work on a structure fire along State Hwy 64 in June.*

### **Some Noteworthy Fire Facts:**

- No fire fatalities or civilian injuries resulting from fire
- No lost work time firefighter injuries.
- Four residential structure fires within the town:

- N1845 Hale Rd. Mobile Home Fire on Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>. Total loss estimated at \$9,000.
  - N1820 U.S. Hwy 41. Electrical Fire at Windjammers Restaurant on April 11<sup>th</sup>. Minor damage estimated at \$500.
  - W1837 State Hwy 64. Machine Shed Fire on June 30<sup>th</sup>. Total loss estimated at \$160,000.
  - N3050 Schacht Rd. Garage Fire on December 5<sup>th</sup>. Major loss estimated at \$30,000.
- MABAS / Mutual Aid received from other fire departments on three of our four structure fire calls:
    - N1845 Hale Rd. fire. MABAS Working Still. Received assistance from City of Peshtigo.
    - W1837 State Hwy 64 fire. MABAS Box Alarm. Received assistance from City of Marinette, City of Peshtigo, Grover-Porterfield and Little River.
    - N3050 Schacht Rd. fire. MABAS Working Still. Received assistance from City of Peshtigo
- MABAS / Mutual Aid assistance provided to other departments on twelve calls:
    - Residential Home Fire, 161 S Ellis, Peshtigo, Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>
    - Residential Apartment Fire, 101 S. Emery, Peshtigo, Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>
    - Residential Home Fire, W6655 Murach Rd, Town of Grover, Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>
    - Residential Home Fire, 1215 Main St., Marinette, March 20<sup>th</sup>
    - Commercial Fire, 880 Frontage Rd, Peshtigo, April 30<sup>th</sup>
    - Residential Home Fire, W5152 County W, Town of Grover, June 18<sup>th</sup>
    - Residential Home Fire, N7432 Menominee River Dr., Porterfield, July 1<sup>st</sup>
    - Residential Home Fire, W5145 Fifrick Ln, Town of Grover, July 28<sup>th</sup>
    - Commercial Lumberyard Fire, 43 US Hwy 41, Carney, MI, Aug. 5<sup>th</sup>
    - Residential Home Fire, 1365 Merryman St. Marinette, Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>
    - Residential Garage Fire, N7189 Hwy 180, Porterfield, Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>
    - Train/Multi-Vehicle Crash, Hwy 141, Village of Pound, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>
  - The number of MABAS (Mutual Aid Box Alarm System) calls for assistance outside the Town of Peshtigo continues to increase as we continue to embrace this system of mutual aid and are placed on more Box Cards. A historical first occurred this year when, on August 5<sup>th</sup>, we led the first interstate engine strike team from Wisconsin to Michigan in response to an interdivisional request for assistance at the Superior Cedar Products fire in Carney.

## Fire Department Response Times:

- **Enroute time** is the time it takes from the initial 911 call for firefighters to be paged, report to the station, get dressed in their gear and get the first apparatus on the road.
  - Enroute time averages 6 minutes and is included in total response time.

- **Response time** is considered the time period from when dispatch sets off the first alert until the first apparatus arrives on scene. NFPA 1720 recommends that volunteer fire departments serving suburban areas be able to arrive on scene of a structure fire and assemble a crew within 14 minutes of the time of alarm. There is no NFPA recommended response time standard for rural areas due to low population density and long travel distances.
  - Shortest response time was 2 minutes from receipt of alarm.
  - Response times were five minutes or less on eight calls.
  - Response times were 10 minutes or less on 51 calls (38.9%).
  - Average 11.9-minute response time to all calls (non-emergency and MABAS runs included).
  - Average 12.3-minute response time to all fires.
  - Average 10.25-minute response time for all structure fires within the town.
  - Average 11.7-minute response time for all structure fires including mutual aid calls outside the Town of Peshtigo.
  - No response times for structure fires within town were longer than the NFPA 1720 recommended time of 14 minutes.

### **Fire Response Staffing Levels:**

- Firefighter staffing in response to calls has steadily improved since reaching a low average of 6.7 firefighters per call in 2015. In 2021, an average of 8.2 Firefighters responded per call (all calls considered except for mutual aid provided calls). This has decreased only slightly from an average of 8.7 firefighters per call in 2020.
  - Largest response turnout per call was 17 firefighters. This occurred once for a mobile home fire on Hale Road.
  - 16 firefighters responded on four calls.
  - Between 10-15 firefighters responded on 41 calls.
  - Between 6-9 firefighters responded on 59 calls.
  - Between 1-5 firefighters responded on 26 calls.
- Numbers of firefighters responding to structure fires within the town ranged from 16-17 with an average of 16.25 firefighters per structure fire.
- An average of 8 firefighters responded to twelve MABAS (mutual aid) calls outside the Town of Peshtigo. Prior to implementing MABAS, all available firefighters would have usually responded to mutual aid calls.
- Staffing level does not include mutual aid firefighters from other departments or EMS personnel.



## 2021 Training Conducted

January	Blood Borne Pathogens/ Hazmat Operations Refresher	16 FFs
February	Art of Reading Smoke – NWTC Contract Class DNR Wildland fire refresher training	15 FFs 12 FFs
March	Chainsaw Safety and Practice Cutting Fire Attack and Ventilation Fire Officer 1 – NWTC Class #23324 (Paoli)	3 FFs 10 FFs 1 FF
April	Firefighter Level 2 – NWTC Class #23323(Jacobson) Entry Level Driver-Operator NWTC Class #24804 (Jacobson) Engine Pump Operations & Relay Pumping Safeguarding Our Communities Hazmat Technician Refresher – Marinette Fire	1 FF 1 FF 15 FFs 4 FFs 5 FFs
May	Hose Testing/Training with station hose Hose Testing/Training with Engine Hose Lays	18 FFs 11 FFs
June	Hose Testing/Training with Large Diameter Hose Fire Inspection Seminar – DSPS Drone Operations for Public Safety WSFCA Annual Conference	12 FFs 2 FFs 4 FFs 2 FFs
July	Hose Testing/Training with Large Diameter Hose Live Fire Acquired Structure Training Burn (Little River) RIT Pak Familiarization and Operation Drill	12 FFs 4 FFs 10 FFs
August	New Rescue Boat Familiarization & Operations New Rescue Boat Familiarization & Operations New Rescue Boat Familiarization & Operations Dry Hydrant Operations After Action Review – Carney, MI Fire	2 FFs 2 FFs 18 FFs 14 FFs 4 FFs
September	Equipment Familiarization & Use MABAS Wisconsin Conference	14 FFs 1 FF
October	Rapid Intervention Team w/ MFD, Crew 1 Rapid Intervention Team w/ MFD, Crew 2 Live Fire Acquired Structure Training Burn (Grover) Rapid Intervention Team w/ MFD, Crew 3	4 FFs 4 FFs 2 FFs 6 FFs
November	Scene Size-Up and Initial Reporting Entry Level Firefighter – NWTC Class #84178, 60 hrs (Plym) Fire Officer 1 – NWTC Class #83689, 40 hrs, (Jacobson)	15 FFs 1 FF 1 FF

	Fire Instructor 1 – NWTC Class #83680, 40 hrs (Jacobson)	1 FF
December	Self Contained Breathing Apparatus Confidence Drill	11 FFs
	Marine Firefighter 1 Awareness and Operations (Matthews)	1 FF

### Other Department Activities

Monthly Business Meetings (12)	1 <sup>st</sup> Mondays
Work Details – (27)	3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Mondays
County Fire Association Meetings (5)	Bi-monthly
MABAS Division 144 Meetings (4)	Quarterly
Springer Creek Lodge – Crow Hunt Raffles	February 6 <sup>th</sup>
ATV Raffle	April 26 <sup>th</sup>
National Night Out – Marinette REC Center	August 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Historic Military Vehicle Escort	August 4 <sup>th</sup>
PAW Patrol Event	August 21 <sup>st</sup>
Forgotten Fire Winery – Fund-raising cookout	August 28 <sup>th</sup>
911 Memorial Walk	September 11 <sup>th</sup>
Lambeau Field Memorial Stair Climb	September 11 <sup>th</sup>
Ignite the Spirit Fund – Bicyclist Escort & Picnic	September 20 <sup>th</sup>
Peshtigo Historical Days Parade & Activities	September 25 <sup>th</sup>
Firefighter’s Lumberjack Breakfast Fundraiser	September 26 <sup>th</sup>
Wisconsin Forest History Assn. Conference & Display	October 7-8 <sup>th</sup>
Fire Safety and Extinguisher Training – Share Academy	Feb 9, Sept. 8, Oct. 20 <sup>th</sup>
Annual Recognition & Awards Banquet	November 7 <sup>th</sup>



*Tiffany Suennen, the winner of our ATV raffle, being presented with her new Polaris Sportsman 450 at Cozzy's. Proceeds from this raffle helped fund our rescue boat project.*

## **Fire Code Inspections**

Each commercial business, place of employment and public assembly building is inspected at least twice annually to ensure compliance with state fire codes and to identify and eliminate any fire hazards.

In 2021, the emergency rule expired that had permitted inspections to be postponed due to COVID. As a result, routine inspections resumed for approximately 70 businesses in the town.

The fire chief is an appointed Deputy Fire Inspector for the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services, and performed the majority of these inspections. Both the chief and assistant chief attended a code compliance training seminar, conducted by DSPS in Crivitz.

- 136 inspections were conducted during 2021, including follow-up inspections to ensure compliance with state fire codes.
- 125 code violations were documented. Most were minor violations and easily correctable. In the vast majority of cases, the building owner or occupant has voluntarily corrected violations with no further enforcement action required.
- The Town received \$13,382.27 in 2% insurance dues reimbursement from the state in return for conducting fire inspections and for performing public educational activities.

## **Vehicle Crash Responses**

Each year, the Town of Peshtigo Fire Department responds to a significant number of vehicle crashes. In addition to providing assistance to our medical responders, the fire department is tasked at these calls with providing scene safety, patient extrication, hazard abatement, general clean-up and, of course, fire protection. We follow uniform traffic control standards including the establishment of early warning, proper placement of apparatus and performance of safe operations at any highway incident. Often this includes lane blocking with apparatus or complete road closure. All is done with the safety of the involved patients, first responders and motorists in mind.

Vehicle crash incidents continue to account for a significant percentage of our fire department runs. This year 37 calls, or 28% of all our incident calls, were made in response to vehicle crashes.

Town ordinance authorizes billing of the involved parties for crashes according to a fee schedule established by Town Board policy. In 2021, \$4,790.25 was received from billing. The majority of this amount is received from insurance companies and is placed back into the fire department budget.

## Are You Interested in Joining Us?

We try to maintain our membership roster at no more than 25 firefighters and actively seek out new members to maintain this level. We continually look for individuals who are good team players with a strong desire to help others, possessing the courage and dedication to respond to emergencies at a moment's notice. We do have high expectations of our volunteers, but we respect the fact that they have lives, families and jobs outside the fire department. We do promote training beyond the minimum standards and ask for regular participation in department activities. In exchange for your commitment, we promise to treat our firefighters with respect, outfit them with the best equipment available and we won't waste your time.

Eligibility requirements include:

- Live within two miles of the borders of the Town of Peshtigo (City of Marinette and City of Peshtigo residents are eligible to apply)
- At least 18 years of age and out of high school
- Wisconsin resident with a valid driver's license
- Clean background check with no criminal or felony convictions
- Pass a medical and occupational physical exam including drug screening test
- Complete minimum 60-hour Entry Level firefighter training within one year
- Complete a six-month probationary period following completion of Entry-Level Firefighter training

To apply, pick up an application at the Peshtigo Town Hall or visit the fire department page on our town website at [www.townofpeshtigo.org](http://www.townofpeshtigo.org).

