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## **2015 Annual Report**

I am pleased to present the 2015 River Falls Fire Department Annual Report.

This report is a compilation of many of these accomplishments as well as a review of our inventory, call volume, statistics and other items of interest. I would like to thank the following members for their contributions to this report; Molly Foley, Troy Malmer, Mike Moody, Pauline Williams and Ed Vlack.

I am grateful to our entire membership for all their contributions. In 2015, our members spent over 7,600 hours participating in training and other activities to make our department one of the best in northwestern Wisconsin. We are all very proud of our department, its accomplishments and our service to the River Falls community.

I would also like to thank our Mayor and City Council members, our Police and Fire Commission, the River Falls Rural Fire Association, City Administrator Scot Simpson and City staff for the support they have given the River Falls Fire Department in 2015.

Fire Chief



## **SNAPSHOT OF HIGHLIGHTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2015**



**Doug Rudesill and his wife, Sue**

The 2015 Firefighter of the Year was awarded to long time firefighter Doug Rudesill. A 30-year veteran of the department, Doug was selected from a group of his peers and awarded this honor at the department's Annual Awards Banquet held in January.

Doug's focus is on serving the community and readily tells people, "...there's always a good enjoyment when you're doing something good for the community." He explains why he's been with the department so long by telling people it's the good camaraderie with other firefighters that's kept him engaged.

"Doug exemplifies what a River Falls firefighter is all about. He is the Captain of our Ladder truck, part of our inspection team and active with our fire prevention program." said Chief Nelson. An experienced firefighter, Doug is quick to mentor the younger members and is constantly challenging everyone on the department to train and be better firefighters.

After receiving the award, Doug commented, "Becoming firefighter of the year, that's quite a good thing; but picking one person out of 45 or 50 firefighters is kind of tough. All of them should be honored for all the work they do"

Some of our other highlights and activities include:

- Oyster Feed was held on February 1st; Town Board members, RFFD Rural Association, City Department heads, City Council, the Police and Fire Commission, neighboring Fire Departments and others are invited as our way of thanking them for supporting RFFD.
- Took delivery of Engine 15, this engine replaces Engine 6, which is 30 years old and is no longer suitable to be used for emergency response.
- Took delivery of MSA SCBA air packs. These packs replace expired breathing packs that can no longer be used.
- Took delivery of a new SCBA cascade system for filling air bottles. \$25,000 of the purchase price was paid for by a FEMA Assistance to Firefighter's Grant.
- Participated in the rescue of a stranded kayaker on the Kinnickinnic River on July 6th, Pierce County Sheriff's air boat was utilized.
- Participated in Park and Rec Water Week activities for the children.
- Pauline Williams received the 2014 Wisconsin Fire Educator of the Year award at the Wisconsin Fire Inspector's Conference held in 2015.
- Water Fights with local business teams and separate water fights for children.
- Participated in River Falls Days Parade
- Continued "On Deck" training. This is a fire ground scene management system that stresses accountability of responders and organization of the various tasks that take place during an emergency. Emphasis is on safety.
- Participated in the City and Utilities Customer Appreciation event that was held at City Hall. RFFD provided the Family Safety House for participants to tour.
- RFFD Annual Open house was held on Monday, September 28th from 6 to 8 PM. Students from the Middle School helped with some of the booths. Guests enjoyed a variety of fire safety games and informational booths along with fire extinguisher and vehicle extrication demonstrations.
- October was Fire prevention month. Fire Education Officer Pauline Williams and her crew delivered our fire safety message to over 1,500 students and the community. This included 300 students that went through our fire safety house
- On Friday, November 27th, participated in the River Dazzle Parade that was sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.



## MEMBERSHIP

We ended 2015 with 45 paid on call members and 1 full time Chief on the department.

### Years of Service as of December 31, 2015

Carl Gaulke	43 years 3 months	Michael Fecht	8 years 8 months
Frank Holter	42 years	Nathaniel Baar	8 years 7 months
Gary Eloranta	41 years 6 months	Jonathan Gaulke	8 years 7 months
Gene McKahan	41 years 4 months	Danny Nicholson	8 years 7 months
Pauly Cudd	34 years 10 months	James Rimer	8 years 7 months
Tom Foley	30 years 3 months	Scott Nelson*	5 years 3 months
Douglas Rudesill	29 years 10 months	Neil Engel	4 years 10 months
Bill Cernohous	26 years 2 months	Garrett Gill	4 years 10 months
Bill Lubich	26 years 2 months	Ky Kaminski	4 years 10 months
Troy Malmer	26 years 2 months	Robert Kerr	4 years 10 months
Mike Moody	26 years 2 months	Ted Slowiak	4 years 10 months
Ed Nicholson	26 years 2 months	Dustin Dodge	2 years 10 months
Pauline Williams	23 years 5 months	Matt Dodge	2 years 10 months
Chris Cernohous	20 years 3 months	Dan Dudley	2 years 10 months
Jason Sammon	20 years 1 month	Brendan Johnson	2 years 10 months
Molly McLagan	20 years 1 month	Steve McCluskey	2 years 10 months
Matt Cernohous	14 years	Charles Meyer	2 years 10 months
Dean Grisar	14 years	Mitch O'Keefe	2 years 10 months
Evan Larsen	14 years	Shawn Olson	2 years 10 months
Ed Vlack	14 years	Brian Roquette	2 years 10 months
Scott Gavin	12 years	Justin Wilson	2 years 10 months
Matt Johnson	12 years	Jonathan Wright	2 years 10 months
Adam Larson	12 years		
Sean Slaikeu	12 years		

**Total Years of Service = 685 years 3 months**

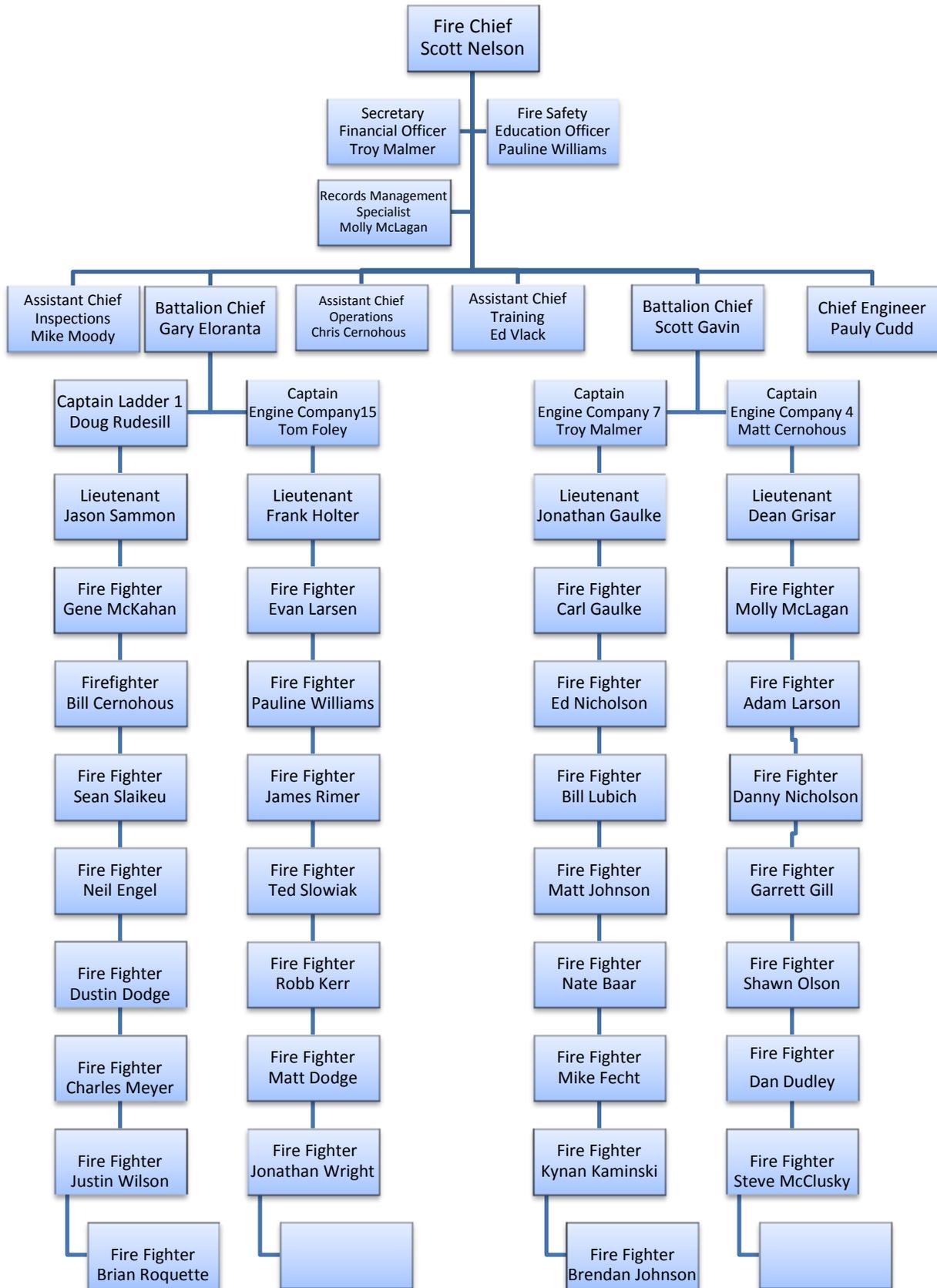
**Active Members 46 (Average of 14 years 10 months)**

**Full Time Active 1\***

**The following members retired or resigned from the department in 2015:**

Mike Nicholson

### Organizational Chart (1/1/2015)



## Fire Safety Education 2015 - Classroom and Community

Once again the fire safety education program had a year filled with smiles, activities, and new learning opportunities for young and old. As the saying goes, "A picture is worth a thousand words..."

*January to April* - Tours of the fire hall for students of Jacob's Ladder and Boy Scout troops,

a presentation to the Big Brother's-Big Sister's Organization, and a visit to Sajan for a chili cook-off and their generous donation of a projector screen for the fire safety education program.



*May to August* - Included a River Falls Ambassadors event, Park and Rec- "Firefighters Are Your Friends" and "Family Fun Day," UWRP- Ball Drop and Water Flow camp, River Falls Days Parade and Waterfights, Grilling out for Big Brother's-Big Sister's, Summer Reading Camp at the Library, and a variety of small presentations. The Fire Safety House traveled to Durand and New Richmond, WI.



*September to December* - Our time of the year when we shift into high gear!

Our Annual Open House estimated over 500 visitors this year with activities for all ages. This year we again enjoyed and appreciated the student volunteers from the "Teens for Teachers," program at Meyer Middle School. The Fire Safety house traveled to Prescott, Plum City, and River Falls. The Kindergarten Ride tradition, (over 45 years!) continued with smiles and eager anticipation of a ride on a real fire truck!



The Fire Safety Education Program enjoyed another year in the schools engaging students in activities, videos, and demonstrations geared toward fire and life safety lessons. There were questions, stories, laughter, and learning! The program reaches, on average, 1,500 students in the school district alone and far beyond that number with daycare visits, pre-school programs, and community groups.



We presented to the River Falls MOPS group, Little Minds Child Care Center, Fire hall tours, and ended our year among the sparkling lights of the River Dazzle Parade.

As the demands of life pull us in all directions, making time to volunteer within our community becomes challenging. As a member of the River Falls Fire Department family I am proud of the time and effort given by firefighters who continue to offer their service and talents to the Fire Safety Education Program. My hope is that we continue to inspire future generations of firefighters with the passion and traditions that make River Falls Fire Department what it is. My thanks, as always, to my family, the City of River Falls, the Community we represent, and to the firefighters of River Falls Fire.



*"We make a living by  
what we get but we  
make a life by what we  
give."*

*Winston Churchill*

Respectfully submitted,  
Pauline Williams  
River Falls Fire Dept.  
Safety Education Officer



## **APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT**

### **Rolling Stock –**

- Engine 4 - 2001 Freightliner, 1,500 GPM pumper.
- Engine 7 - 1989 Ford, 1,250 GPM pumper.
- Engine 6 - 1984 Ford, 1,250 GPM pumper.
- Engine 15 - 2015 Pierce, 1,500 GPM rescue/pumper
- Ladder 1 - 2004 Pierce 100' aerial/2,000 GPM pump.
- Tanker 1 - 1994 Freightliner, 2,000-gallon tanker/personnel carrier.
- Tanker 2 - 1995 Freightliner, 2,000-gallon tanker/personnel carrier.
- Brush 1 - 2001 Ford, 250 GPM grass/brush truck.
- Brush 2 - 2012 Chevy Hi-Pressure GPM grass/brush truck.
- Ranger - 2003 Polaris Ranger.
- Model A Ford, used for department promotions.
- 1939 Ford, used for department promotions.
- Fire Safety House trailer, used for Fire Safety Education.
- 2003 Haz-Mat enclosed trailer.
- 2004 Haz-Mat enclosed trailer.

### **Other Equipment:**

We developed a comprehensive equipment replacement plan that will meet the future needs of the department and work within the City's budget process. In addition to replacement of existing equipment as it becomes outdated, we are looking for new equipment to improve our confined space and river rescue capabilities.

## NEW ADDITION TO OUR FLEET – ENGINE 15



On September 11<sup>th</sup>, Patriot's Day, The River Falls Fire Department took delivery of its new fire engine. Unlike buying a car or pickup from a dealer off a lot, purchasing a fire engine is a bit more complicated. The process actually took over two years from start to delivery. The design of a fire truck must meet the needs of the community it serves. In River Falls, we needed an engine that could handle fires in the City as well as the rural area, and be able to carry rescue equipment for vehicle and farm accidents.

With that in mind, a committee of firefighters was formed to begin the process of getting ideas for a new engine. They went to several other fire stations to “kick the tires” so to speak of other fire trucks. From there, they met with several vendors that specialize in building fire trucks. After months of working on specifications, bids were sent out to vendors. Of the three bids received, Pierce manufacturing from Appleton Wisconsin was selected because they best met the bid specifications within the price allotted.

Council approved the purchase late in 2014. The engine took approximately 10 months to build and was delivered as ordered in September. The first duty the engine performed was to ride with other fire apparatus in the St. Croix Fire Department's 911 Tribute; where fire apparatus crossed the I-94 bridge with lights and sirens blaring in a remembrance to the victims of 911.

The truck was displayed at the 2015 Minnesota Chief's Conference by Pierce in October and placed in service by River Falls Fire shortly after the first of the year after members completed training on the new unit.



## TRAINING REPORT FOR 2015

### Edward Vlack – Assistant Chief – Training

#### I. SUMMARY REPORT

- Training for members of the River Falls Fire Department takes place every Monday evening from 6:00 p.m. to 9:15 - 9:30 p.m., except on holidays.
- Annual training goals and the training schedule are prepared by the Training Committee, which consists of the following members:

Assistant Chief Edward Vlack	Member since 2000
Battalion Chief Gary Eloranta	Member since 1975
Battalion Chief Scott Gavin	Member since 2004
Captain Tom Foley	Member since 1984
Lieutenant Dean Grisar	Member since 2000
Firefighter Mike Fecht	Member since 2008
Firefighter Justin Wilson	Member since 2013

- Training on the first Monday of each month consists of monthly maintenance to ensure that all vehicles, equipment, and tools are in proper working order. In even months we then have a business meeting on the first Monday. In odd months we have either officer training or an officers' meeting.
- The River Falls Fire Department training schedule covers a variety of topics. However, the primary focus of training is to enhance skills needed for incidents that demand immediate, potential life-saving action, such as a structure fire or a vehicle accident.
- The River Falls Fire Department training tower, located near the wastewater treatment plant, is utilized for training as often as possible.
- If you have any questions, please feel free to contact:

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## II. FULL REPORT

- A.** Training for members of the River Falls Fire Department takes place every Monday evening from 6:00 p.m. to 9:15 - 9:30 p.m., except on holidays.

Persons who join the River Falls Fire Department, who have not already received necessary certifications, are required to attend classes and pass both written and practical exams to become proficient in basic fire fighter skills. However, the education and training of members of the River Falls Fire Department does not end with receipt of those certifications. The members of the River Falls Fire Department participate in weekly training to not only maintain, but to improve and enhance their firefighter skills.

- B.** Annual training goals and the training schedule are prepared by the Training Committee. The Training Committee of the River Falls Fire Department consists of the following members:

Assistant Chief Edward Vlack	Member since 2000
Battalion Chief Gary Eloranta	Member since 1974
Battalion Chief Scott Gavin	Member since 2004
Captain Tom Foley	Member since 1984
Lieutenant Dean Grisar	Member since 2000
Firefighter Mike Fecht	Member since 2007
Firefighter Justin Wilson	Member since 2013

The Training Committee has more than 130 years of combined experience as firefighters. Their individual experience ranges from one of most senior members of the River Falls Fire Department to one of the newest members. The Training Committee meets quarterly and sets the training schedule for the upcoming three months.

- C.** Training on the first Monday of each month consists of monthly maintenance to ensure that all vehicles, equipment, and tools are in proper working order.

Training on the first Monday of every month always consists of performing monthly maintenance on all vehicles, equipment, and tools to insure that all vehicles, equipment, and tools are working properly, and that all tools and equipment items are in their proper location.

The River Falls Fire Department has a command structure consisting of the Chief, Four Assistant Chiefs, two Battalion Chiefs, plus four engine companies, each headed by a Captain and a Lieutenant – Engine 15, Engine 4, Engine 7 and Ladder 1. In even months, engine companies perform maintenance on their assigned vehicles and in odd months, engine companies rotate performing maintenance on vehicles to which they are not assigned, so that all members maintain familiarity with all vehicles, all pieces of equipment and all tools.

On the first Monday of the month in odd months, after members complete maintenance on vehicles, equipment and tools, we then have our bi-monthly business meeting. On the first Monday of the month in even months, after members complete maintenance on vehicles, equipment and tools, we then have an officers' meeting or training geared for officers.

- D.** The River Falls Fire Department training schedule covers a variety of topics. However, the primary focus of training is to enhance skills needed for incidents that demand immediate, potential life-saving action, such as a structure fire or a vehicle accident.

There are a variety of training areas that the River Falls Fire Department covers during the course of a year, which include: Vehicle accidents, structure fires, building construction, ice rescue, ropes and knots, hazardous materials, confined space rescue, vehicle extrication, water relay (using water tenders), relay pumping (from one pumper to another), hose line advancement (into burning structures), blood borne pathogens and HIPPA (confidentiality), vehicle stabilization (using air bags and/or stabilizing struts), swift water rescue (kayakers on the Kinnickinnic River), use of thermal imaging cameras, aerial ladder operations, CPR and AED recertification, dormitory/multi-story fires, fire prevention, forcible entry, portable fire extinguishers, ventilation and roof operations, use of gas monitors; CO alarm response, incident size-up, trench rescue, SCBA (self-contained breathing apparatus), use of ground ladders, patient packaging and movement, salvage and overhaul, pre-plan inspections, and radio communications, just to name a few. However, the primary focus of training for the River Falls Fire Department is to enhance skills needed for incidents that demand immediate, potential life-saving action, such as a structure fire or a vehicle accident in which persons have been injured and need to be extricated from a vehicle by using special tools and equipment.

The specific areas were:

Activity/Training Start Date	Activity/Training Description
1/5/2015	Members performed monthly maintenance on vehicles and equipment.
1/12/2015	Members had MABAS (Mutual Aid Box Alarm System) training.
1/19/2015	Members attended a class on Traffic Incident Management.
1/26/2015	Members performed monthly maintenance of vehicles and equipment and prepared for annual oyster feed.
2/2/2015	Annual Oyster Feed & February Business Meeting
2/9/2015	Engine 4 and Ladder 1 hosted training and had the members do building surveys.
2/16/2015	Members received annual training on blood borne pathogens, HIPPA, and Advanced First Aid evolutions.
2/23/2015	Engine 6 and Engine 7 hosted training and continued evolutions on scene size up and pre-planning.
3/2/2015	Members had MABAS training update.
3/9/2015	Members performed monthly maintenance on vehicles and equipment.
3/16/2015	Training on Haz-mat and WISER; a computerized HAZ-MAT reference tool.
3/23/2015	Engine 4 and Engine 6 hosted training, which consisted of evolutions at the training tower.
3/30/2015	Committee meetings were held and for those members not on committees, they assisted with inventories.
4/6/2015	Members performed monthly maintenance.
4/6/2015	April Bi-monthly business meeting.
4/13/2015	Members began training on new SCBA units and/or had evolutions at the training tower.
4/20/2015	Engine 7 and Ladder 1 hosted training which emphasized training with the new SCBA units.
4/27/2015	Members participated in evolutions that emphasized training with and use of the new SCBA units.

5/4/2015	Members performed monthly maintenance on vehicles and equipment.
5/11/2015	Engine 4 and Engine 7 hosted training, with evolutions that included use of the new SCBA packs.
5/18/2015	Members did hands on training using our extrication equipment on two vehicles.
6/1/2015	Members performed monthly maintenance on vehicles and equipment.
6/1/2015	June business meeting.
6/8/2015	Members performed evolutions that emphasized firefighter general skills
6/15/2015	Training hosted by Engine 6 and Ladder 1
6/22/2015	Members performed extrication evolutions, with emphasis on cribbing and use of the new airbags
6/29/2015	All committees meeting.
7/6/2015	Members performed monthly maintenance on vehicles, equipment and tools.
7/13/2015	Members cleaned up fire hall and equipment following the River Falls Days Week-end
7/20/2015	Engine 4 and Ladder 1 hosted training - extrication and structure fire.
7/27/2015	Members were split into two groups -- flip flopping the groups from last week
8/3/2015	Members performed monthly maintenance on tools, equipment and vehicles.
8/3/2015	August Business meeting
8/10/2015	The members were split into two groups -- one starting with a haz mat scenario and the other extrication
8/17/2015	Training focused on Haz Mat general skills. involving an full size trailer that was transporting a hazardous liquid.
8/24/2015	Engine 6 and Ladder 1 hosted training. Half did evolutions at the training tower and half did pre-plans.
8/31/2015	Evolutions from the previous week were continued.
9/14/2015	The members training consisted of pumping at Hoffman Park, hunter rescue and looking over new Engine 15.
9/21/2015	Members performed monthly maintenance on tools, equipment and vehicles.
9/28/2015	Annual Open House
10/5/2015	Members performed monthly maintenance on vehicles, tools and equipment.
10/5/2015	Business meeting.
10/12/2015	Members listened to a hour and half presentation by Pierce about Engine 15, then viewed truck.
10/19/2015	Prepared both brush trucks for grass fire season, reviewed chimney fires and reviewed setting up a hydrant.
10/26/2015	Train the trainers who continued to work with Engine 15. Remaining members did training tower evolutions.
11/2/2015	Members performed maintenance on tools, equipment and vehicles.
11/9/2015	Members broke into small groups to work thermal camera, gas meters and/or extrication equipment.
11/16/2015	Training at a vacant house consisting of search and rescue, hoseline advancement, laddering and pumping.
11/23/2015	Members watched a video regarding a basement fire in Sacramento, California.
11/30/2015	Evolutions at the vacant house and committee meetings.
12/7/2015	Members performed maintenance on vehicles, equipment and tools.
12/7/2015	Members attended the December business meeting.
12/14/2015	Engine 4 members trained with Engine 15 tonight, including general knowledge about Engine 15.
12/21/2015	Engine 6 members trained on Engine 15, including general knowledge about Engine 15.
12/28/2015	Engine 7, Ladder 1 trained on Engine 15, including a general knowledge about Engine 15.

Last year new specific members were assigned to get initial training on our new Engine 15 (train the trainers). These persons then were able to train the membership as a whole on the operation of Engine 15. We continue to strive to have specific objectives for each evening of training and also continue to meet at the end of the evening's training session to discuss what was learned from the training - on the theory that we learn in a number of ways - by hearing, by seeing, by doing and by repetition.

- E. The River Falls Fire Department training tower, located near the waste water treatment plant, is utilized for training as often as possible during warmer months.

The River Falls Fire Department is very lucky to have a training tower, located near the waste water treatment plant, which allows us to enhance skills that are necessary when dealing with any incident involving a building, such as: advancing a hose line into a building, advancing a hose line up a stairway in a building, rescuing a victim from a building via the stairway, rescuing a victim from a building via a window by ground ladder, rescuing a victim from a building using an aerial ladder, relay pumping, and aerial ladder operations at a structure. We utilize the training tower as often as we can from late spring to late fall.

- F. Conclusion

Finally, the training committee often finds that we don't have enough Monday evenings to train on all the topics we would like to. However, we strive to include as many areas as we can. Further, we all try to keep abreast of new training opportunities as well as new ways to do what we do. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any of us.

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## INSPECTION PROGRAM:

### 2015 Annual Fire Inspections Report

By Mike Moody – Assistant Chief - Inspections

In 2014 besides myself, Inspectors Jonathan Gaulke, Molly McLagan, Tom Foley and Doug Rudesill completed over 300 fire inspections. This consists of not only annual fire inspections, but also re-inspections, on site visits to answer code questions for property owners, site plan and building plan reviews and final acceptance inspections of sprinkler and alarm system installations.

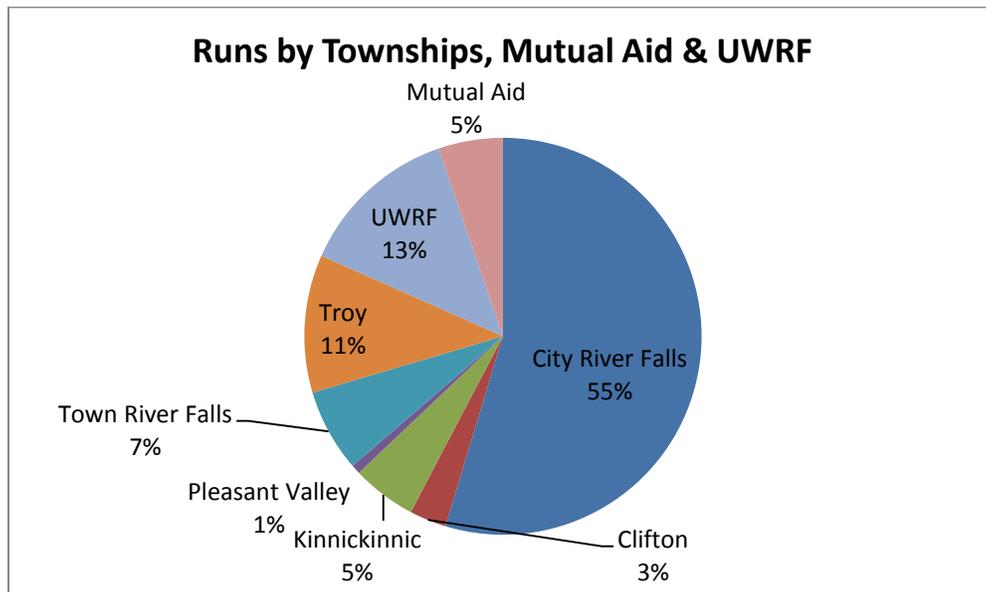
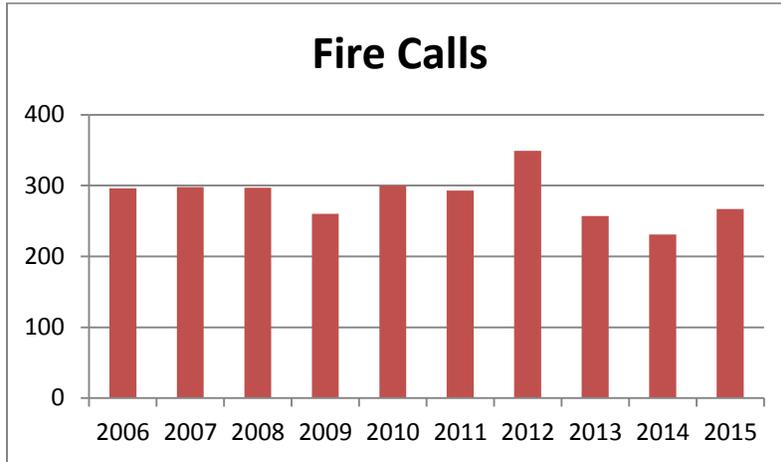
We have been working for the last few years to get all of our inspectable properties loaded into our Image Trend reporting software and finally completed it this year. This provides information we need to know in the event we respond to one of these locations for a fire call. It includes such things as building construction, building size, if it is sprinkled and has an alarm system, where the fire department key box is located and an emergency contact call list.

The Fire Squad and our two front line pumpers now have surface laptops in them. These allow us to access the information about these properties at the scene rather than having it looked up at the fire hall and relayed by radio to the people on scene. With our data base completed we were able to get more re-inspections done to attain better compliance with correction orders that were written.

Our goal has been and still is to get to all of the over 700 inspectable properties at least once every 15 months for routine fire prevention inspections. This goal is very challenging as we are all volunteers, which makes it difficult to reach all of these properties. Inspector Foley is a welcome addition to our inspection staff as Inspector Gaulke has moved out of the area and resigned, leaving us with 4 inspectors including myself. Looking ahead it appears that 2016 will be a busy year with site plan reviews, alarm testing and sprinkler system testing, and final acceptance inspections with new construction projects being proposed.

## CALLS FOR SERVICE

In 2015, the River Falls Fire Department responded to a total of 268 calls. Total calls for the past five years are as follows: **2015=267; 2014= 231; 2013 = 257; 2012 = 349; 2011 = 293;**



### 2015 Fire Calls – by City/Town

City of River Falls	146
Town of Clifton	8
Town of Kinnickinnic	14
Town of Pleasant Valley	2
Town of River Falls	18
Town of Troy	30
UWRF	35
Mutual Aid	14
<b>2015 Total</b>	<b>267</b>

## Break down of Calls by Month and Category

### Annual Alarm Summary Report

Reporting Between: 01/01/2015 - 12/31/2015

Situation	Jan 15	Feb 15	Mar 15	Apr 15	May 15	Jun 15	Jul 15	Aug 15	Sept 15	Oct 15	Nov 15	Dec 15	Total
100 Series Fire	3	7	3	12	6	2	1	5	0	2	3	0	44
200 Series Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat(no fire)	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
300 Series Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident	2	4	3	2	9	5	6	6	7	5	10	5	64
400 Series Hazardous Condition(No fire)	1	1	3	2	2	3	1	3	4	2	2	2	26
500 Series Service Call	2	3	2	5	0	1	1	0	1	2	4	0	21
600 Series Good Intent Call	1	1	2	3	3	0	0	2	2	2	0	0	16
700 Series False Alarm & False Call	9	7	12	3	9	9	11	6	7	5	7	9	94
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>267</b>

## Break down of Calls by Type and Category

### Incident Type Report (Summary) From 01/01/15 To 12/31/15

Incident Type	Count	% of Incidents	Est. Property Loss	Est. Content Loss	Total Est. Loss	% of Losses
<b>1 Fire</b>						
Fire, other (100)	2	0.75%	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	0.12%
Building fire (111)	14	5.24%	\$501,200.00	\$213,950.00	\$715,150.00	83.60%
Cooking fire, confined to container (113)	2	0.75%	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	0.01%
Mobile property (vehicle) fire, other (130)	1	0.37%	\$3,050.00	\$200.00	\$3,250.00	0.38%
Passenger vehicle fire (131)	4	1.50%	\$20,150.00	\$200.00	\$20,350.00	2.38%
Road freight or transport vehicle fire (132)	2	0.75%	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	0.58%
Off-road vehicle or heavy equipment fire (138)	1	0.37%	\$10,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$110,000.00	12.86%
Natural vegetation fire, other (140)	1	0.37%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Forest, woods or wildland fire (141)	3	1.12%	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	0.01%
Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire (142)	3	1.12%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Grass fire (143)	4	1.50%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire (151)	2	0.75%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Dumpster or other outside trash receptacle fire (154)	1	0.37%	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	0.06%
Special outside fire, other (160)	2	0.75%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Outside equipment fire (162)	1	0.37%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Cultivated grain or crop fire (171)	1	0.37%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
	<b>44</b>	<b>16.45%</b>	<b>\$540,950.00</b>	<b>\$314,450.00</b>	<b>\$855,400.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
<b>2 Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat(no fire)</b>						
Excessive heat, scorch burns with no ignition (251)	2	0.75%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
	<b>2</b>	<b>0.75%</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>3 Rescue &amp; Emergency Medical Service Incident</b>						
Rescue, EMS incident, other (300)	3	1.12%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Medical assist, assist EMS crew (311)	4	1.50%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Motor vehicle accident with injuries (322)	43	16.10%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Motor vehicle accident with no injuries. (324)	7	2.62%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%

Search for person on land (341)	1	0.37%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Search for person in water (342)	1	0.37%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Extrication, rescue, other (350)	1	0.37%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle (352)	1	0.37%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
High-angle rescue (356)	2	0.75%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Swift water rescue (363)	1	0.37%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
	<b>64</b>	<b>23.94%</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>4 Hazardous Condition (No Fire)</b>						
Hazardous condition, other (400)	1	0.37%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill (411)	1	0.37%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Gas leak (natural gas or LPG) (412)	6	2.25%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Oil or other combustible liquid spill (413)	1	0.37%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Toxic condition, other (420)	1	0.37%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Chemical spill or leak (422)	1	0.37%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Carbon monoxide incident (424)	1	0.37%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Electrical wiring/equipment problem, other (440)	2	0.75%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Heat from short circuit (wiring), defective/worn (441)	2	0.75%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Overheated motor (442)	2	0.75%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Vehicle accident, general cleanup (463)	8	3.00%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
	<b>26</b>	<b>9.72%</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>5 Service Call</b>						
Person in distress, other (510)	1	0.37%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Water or steam leak (522)	1	0.37%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Smoke or odor removal (531)	6	2.25%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Assist police or other governmental agency (551)	1	0.37%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Public service (553)	1	0.37%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Cover assignment, standby, moveup (571)	11	4.12%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
	<b>21</b>	<b>7.85%</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>6 Good Intent Call</b>						
Good intent call, other (600)	1	0.37%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Dispatched and cancelled en route (611)	7	2.62%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
No incident found on arrival at dispatch address (622)	2	0.75%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Authorized controlled burning (631)	3	1.12%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Vicinity alarm (incident in other location) (641)	1	0.37%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
HazMat release investigation w/no HazMat (671)	2	0.75%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
	<b>16</b>	<b>5.98%</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>7 False Alarm &amp; False Call</b>						
False alarm or false call, other (700)	1	0.37%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Malicious, mischievous false call, other (710)	4	1.50%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Central station, malicious false alarm (714)	4	1.50%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
System malfunction, other (730)	1	0.37%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Smoke detector activation due to malfunction (733)	1	0.37%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Alarm system sounded due to malfunction (735)	3	1.12%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
CO detector activation due to malfunction (736)	5	1.87%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Unintentional transmission of alarm, other (740)	4	1.50%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional (743)	22	8.24%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Detector activation, no fire - unintentional (744)	5	1.87%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional (745)	40	14.98%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO (746)	4	1.50%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
	<b>94</b>	<b>35.19%</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>Total Incident Count:</b>	<b>267</b>			<b>Total Est. Loss:</b>	<b>\$855,400.00</b>	

## **SIGNIFICANT RESPONSES**

- On January 31, RFFD assisted Roberts Fire Mutual Aid for a house fire in the town of Warren.
- On February 6<sup>th</sup>, RFFD assisted Spring Valley Fire Mutual Aid for a structure fire – Saw Mill.
- On February 7<sup>th</sup>, RFFD responded to a Shed fire on Glenmont Road in the Town of Troy.
- On February 10<sup>th</sup>, RFFD responded to a house fire in the Town of Troy on Soo Line Road.
- On February 20<sup>th</sup>, RFFD assisted Hudson Fire Mutual Aid for a structure fire – house.
- On February 26<sup>th</sup>, RFFD assisted Prescott Fire Mutual Aid for a structure fire – house.
- On April 4<sup>th</sup>, RFFD assisted Hudson Fire Mutual Aid for a structure fire – house.
- On April 16<sup>th</sup>, RFFD responded to a structure fire - house in the Town of Troy.
- On April 18<sup>th</sup>, RFFD assisted Roberts Fire Mutual Aid for a structure fire-house.
- On May 2<sup>nd</sup>, RFFD assisted Roberts Fire Mutual Aid for a structure fire – house.
- On May 12<sup>th</sup>, RFFD responded to a structure fire-house on Spring Street.
- On May 15<sup>th</sup>, RFFD responded to a structure fire - Barn/Shed in the Town of Troy.
- On June 11<sup>th</sup>, RFFD responded to a structure fire at Designer Doors.
- On June 18<sup>th</sup>, RFFD assisted Hudson Fire Mutual Aid for a structure fire – house.
- On July 6<sup>th</sup>, RFFD responded to a swift water rescue of a kayaker on the lower Kinnickinnic.
- On July 11<sup>th</sup>, RFFD assisted Spring Valley Fire Mutual Aid for a structure fire – Barn.
- On October 19<sup>th</sup>, RFFD responded to a structure fire – house on Spruce Street.
- On October 20<sup>th</sup>, RFFD assisted Hudson Fire Mutual Aid for a structure fire – house.
- On November 6<sup>th</sup>, RFFD responded to a structure fire – house on Pearl Street.
- On November 23<sup>rd</sup>, RFFD assisted Roberts Fire Mutual Aid for a structure fire.
- On November 24<sup>th</sup>, responded to a person over the cliff near the Power Plant.

## **LOOKING AHEAD**

By Chief Nelson

We have identified a number of projects to work on and goals to be met as our department evolves to meet the needs of the membership and the community we serve. Some include:

- **Develop short and long-term strategic/work plan**
  - Review Inspections program & related personnel needs
  - Creation & Implementation of Administrative Rules
  - Creation & Training on Standard Operating Guidelines
  - Implementation & Training on Wisconsin MABAS (Mutual Aid Box Alarm System)
  - Officer training/succession planning
  - Overall training plan
  - Rural Fire Association relationship & contracts
  - Volunteer recruitment & retention
  - Evaluate long-term facility needs
  
- **Research funding opportunities**
  - Grants, public & private
  - Community partnerships
  - Charges for service

## **Thank You For Your Support!**

