

WEST BEND FIRE DEPARTMENT



Planning to Protect... ...Acting to Save

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An Ounce of Prevention....

Almost all of us have heard the saying "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure". The

West Bend Fire Department takes that old adage to heart in almost every aspect of what we do.

We believe that if we can prevent the emergency from happening, everyone will benefit.

For this reason the department offers numerous prevention opportunities. We

start with area grade schools with fire station tours and school visits that stress the importance of home safety and escape plans, stop drop and roll, and how and when to dial 911. We reinforce these

lessons with our Survive Alive Mobile Trailer.

For the parents, we actively conduct fire safety talks at civic groups such as Rotary & Kiwanis Club meetings. We offer CPR classes to anyone in the community who wants to learn these life saving skills,

For our seniors in the community, we offer fire safety courses, fall prevention programs, and health living classes.

It's our goal with all of our prevention activity is to keep you safe. If you would like any information on the classes we provide, or would like to register for a class, please contact us at 262-335-5054.

Hello,
Recently, we attended a CPR training class as a family. We have a new pool and wanted to make sure we were trained in CPR - just to be safe! We enjoyed the class and learned a lot. Thank you to the firemen who did our training. You did a terrific job!

YEARS of SERVICE ~ May
Lt Randy McCartney..
05/07/83

.....Acting to Save

Emergency Activities

Types of Calls	May-13	Apr-13	Year to Date (2013)	Year to Date (2012)
Fires	4	12	25	38
Emergency Medical Calls	201	180	1036	953
Paramedic Intercepts	6	12	47	50
Interfacility Transports	38	50	223	204
Hazardous Conditions	4	6	25	32
Service Calls/Good Intent Calls	9	10	55	31
False Alarms/False Calls	16	9	54	70
Other/Special Incident Types	1	0	3	9
Totals	279	279	1468	1387
Town of Barton Calls	4	6	27	32
Town of West Bend Calls	14	14	65	47

CPR Classes—Reaching out to teach the public

Our Department teaches many different kinds of public education classes throughout the year dealing with fire safety and medical emergencies. One of the classes that we teach to the public is Cardio Pulmonary Resuscita-

tion [CPR]. CPR is a simple lifesaving technique that can buy valuable time for a person in cardiac arrest. By simply learning how to perform chest compressions a person is able to keep blood circulating to the vital organs until a defibrilla-

tor arrives at the scene to be used to return an effective heartbeat. The CPR classes that we teach includes the training on how to attach a defibrillator to someone in cardiac arrest and deliver a shock. Our classes use the American Heart

Association curriculum. Our department has adult, child, and infant manikins, defibrillator trainers, and other devices people use when learning CPR. We encourage people to learn CPR, a simple skill that is crucial for survival.

NATIONAL EMS WEEK....

In recognition of National EMS Week the West Bend Fire Department partnered with the Southeast Wisconsin Safe Kids Coalition and the

Washington County Health Department and had an open house with a child safety car seat check held at Fire Station 2. Safe Kids and the Health Department provided 12

certified car seat checkers. 17 people took advantage of the free car seat check. Department personnel also taught 10 citizens how to perform compression only CPR.

There also was a Med-Unit on display for the public to view the equipment used on medical emergencies.

Keeping Kids Safe In The Summertime.



During the next several months while our kids are out of school our department will dedicate an article in each newsletter concerning keeping our kids safe. This month we will talk about water safety.

About 1 in 5 people who drown in the US are children 14 and younger. For every child who dies from drowning another 5 receive emergency department care for nonfatal submersion injuries. Chil-

dren ages 1 to 4 have the highest drowning rates and most of these drownings occur in home swimming pools. Among children age 1 to 14 fatal drowning remains the second leading cause of unintentional injury death behind motor vehicle crashes.

Some of the main factors that affect drowning risk are lack of swimming ability, location, lack of close supervision while swimming, and failure to wear life jackets. Many adults and children report that they are unable to swim. Research has shown that participation in formal swimming lessons can reduce the risk of drowning among children age 1 to 4 years. Children in different age groups can drown in different locations.

The percentage of drowning in natural water settings, including lakes and rivers increases with age. More than half of fatal drownings among those 15 years and older occurred in natural water settings. Drowning's can happen quickly; anywhere there is water. Close supervision is key to keeping kids safe near water. Adults need to guard against distraction when supervising children near water.

Every year the statistics tell us the same thing, life jacket use could have saved more lives. Potentially half of all boating deaths might be prevented with life jacket use. Make sure the life jacket you choose is appropriate for the child's size. A properly fitted life jacket should

keep the child's chin and ears from slipping through the neck holes. Air filled or foam toys are not safety devices. Don't use air-filled or foam toys such as water wings, noodles, or inner tubes instead of life jackets. These toys are not designed to keep swimmers safe. If you have a swimming pool at home preventing access to swimming pools for small children is essential. Children have a natural curiosity and attraction to water. Also a final very important point is all adults should learn CPR. CPR performed by bystanders has been shown to save lives and improve outcomes in drowning victims. CPR classes are

Every 15 Minutes



Every 15 Minutes someone in our country dies because of an alcohol related traffic accident. That seems to be happening far too often. So because of the frequency of drunk driving accidents the Washington County Injury Prevention Coalition decided to tackle the problem and do something about it. WBPD Officer Kelly Scanell led the way and introduced "Every 15 Minutes" to the coalition. "Every 15 Minutes" is a program developed in Pennsylvania and challenges students to think about drinking and driving. This is done by having

select students participate in a mock crash scene. The scene involves 2 cars of high



school students and one driver has been drinking. The junior and senior classes get a chance to come out and watch the crash scene. During the first day events the "Grim Reaper" calls students who have been selected from a cross-section of the entire student body out of class. One student is removed from class **every 15 minutes**. A police officer will immediately enter the classroom to read an obituary which has been written by the "dead" student's parent(s) - explaining the circumstances of their classmate's demise and the con-

tributions the student has made to the school and the community. A few minutes later, the student will return to class as the "living dead," complete with white face make-up and a black **Every 15 Minutes** T-shirt. From that point on "victims" will not speak or interact with other students for the remainder of the school day.



Simultaneously, uniformed officers will make mock death notifications to the parents of these children at their home, place of employment or business.

After lunch, a simulated traffic collision will be viewable on the school grounds. Rescue workers will treat injured student participants. These students will experience firsthand, the sensations of being involved in a



tragic, alcohol-related and texting while driving collision. The coroner will handle fatalities on the scene, while the injured students will be

extricated by the jaws-of-life manned by firefighters and paramedics. Police officers will investigate, arrest, and book the student "drunk driver". Student participants will continue their experience by an actual trip to the morgue, the hospital emergency room, and to the police department jail for the purpose of being booked for "drunk driving".

At the end of the day, those students who participated in the staged accident as well as those who were made-up as the "living dead" will be transported to a local hotel for an overnight student retreat. The retreat will simulate the separation from friends and family. A sup-



port staff of counselors and county health nurses facilitate the retreat.

Special thanks to the City of West Bend Police Dept., Public Works Dept., the Washington County Injury Prevention Coalition, Newburg Fire Department, Washington County Medical Examiner and St Joseph's Hospital.





Fire Prevention & Public Safety Bureau

Battalion Chief Chuck Beistle & Captain Tammy Lamberg

May 2013 Fire Prevention Inspections

	Semi-Annual	Annual	Total	Violations	Follow-up Inspections	Compliance Cards
Station #1	119	21	140	26	4	11
Station #2	35	5	40	10	1	1
Station #3	91	10	101	18	3	2
Staff Captain/ Townships	44	19	63	14	14	10
Totals			344	68	22	23

Summer Grilling Safety from NFPA

***Put out
coals
completely
when done
grilling.**



The NFPA reports that 56% of home fires related to grilling started on a deck, patio, balcony or open porch. Often windy conditions, and the involvement of flammable gas or liquids were contributing factors.

* Always keep your grill at least ten feet away from any part of your

home including decks and overhangs.

* Always make sure that the wind is not blowing embers towards your house.

* If the wind blows out the flame on a gas grill; **turn the gas off** and let it dissipate before re-lighting. Gas can pool in your grill and explode when reignited .

Fire Prevention Permits and Fees

Count	Permit Type	Total Fees
2	Outdoor Burning	\$100.00
2	Sprinkler Installation/Modification 15-50 heads	\$200.00
1	Sprinkler Installation/Modification 51-250 heads	\$268.00
4	LP Tank Permits	\$300.00
2	Tent Permits	\$120.00
2	Alarm System Install /Modification 1-50 devices	\$65.00
1	Alarm System Install/Modification 50-100 devices	\$55.00
Total= 14	Total Permit Fees for May	\$1108.00

Fire Prevention and Public Safety Bureau Welcomes Battalion Chief Chuck Beistle

In January of 2013 Battalion Chief Chuck Beistle joined Captain Tammy Lamberg in heading up the WBFD Fire Prevention and Public Safety Bureau.

Chuck started working for the West Bend Fire Department in 1993. He has always been very active serving on many committees including the Fire Prevention Committee.

Chuck has an Associate Degree in Fire Science and a Bachelor Degree in Public Administration. He has certifications for Fire Inspection, Tank Inspec-

tion, and Fire Instructor I.

Chuck's fire service career started in 1988 when he took his EMT-Classes at night while he was still in High School. He was a cadet at the Fitchburg Fire Department while he attended MATC-Madison for his Associate Degree. That is where his Inspection training started. In 1991 he started at Jackson Fire Department as their first full-time employee. There he was head of their Inspection Department. His knowledge and experience in codes is one of the attributes he brought to the West Bend Fire Department. Since the



day Chuck was hired in West Bend he has been serving in the role of fire inspector in various capacities.

He believes in the goals of the Prevention Bureau and recognizes the important role it plays in the fire service today.

Occupancy Consultations, Follow-up Inspections, Plan Reviews & Acceptance Tests

DATE	OCCUPANCY TYPE	ACTIVITY	NOTES
5/2	Municipal	Plan review	Sprinkler system alterations/expansion
5/2	Mercantile	Consultation	Meeting regarding relocating business tenant currently operating in non-compliant building
5/6	Residential	Consultation	Consultation with sprinkler contractor regarding significant deficiencies found in fire protection system in building
5/7	Educational	Plan review	Review of new addition building plans
5/8	Retail	Plan review	Review of sprinkler system install plan for tenant build-out
5/13	Senior housing	Plan review	Building plan review of new senior care facility in township
5/20	Assembly	Consultation	Discussion of safety requirements for special event with large number of attendees
5/20	Manufacturing/ Light assembly	Const. status check at tenant build-out	Site visit and meeting to check general project status and status of work being done on fire protection systems
5/21	Business	Consultation	Meeting with facilities and safety personnel to develop fire response and evacuation plans.
5/22	Educational	Consultation	Meetings/calls with facility personnel and alarm company regarding necessary upgrades to current alarm system
5/23	Restaurant	Consultation	Meeting with business owner regarding malfunctioning alarm panel and requirements to be compliant
5/23	Senior housing	Consultation	Review of staff safety and evacuation procedures.

Operations Bureau

Battalion Chief John Spartz
Captain Jon Coutts

Department Operations Summary for May 2013

The Operations Bureau continues to work on upgrading Suggested Operating Procedures. Several revised procedures are being evaluated by members of the SOP committee. Reviewed SOPs are then forwarded to all department members for

input and eventually adoption. This is a new process that was started at the beginning of this year and will be an on-going project.

The Purchasing Committee has been meeting with fire equipment vendors for infor-

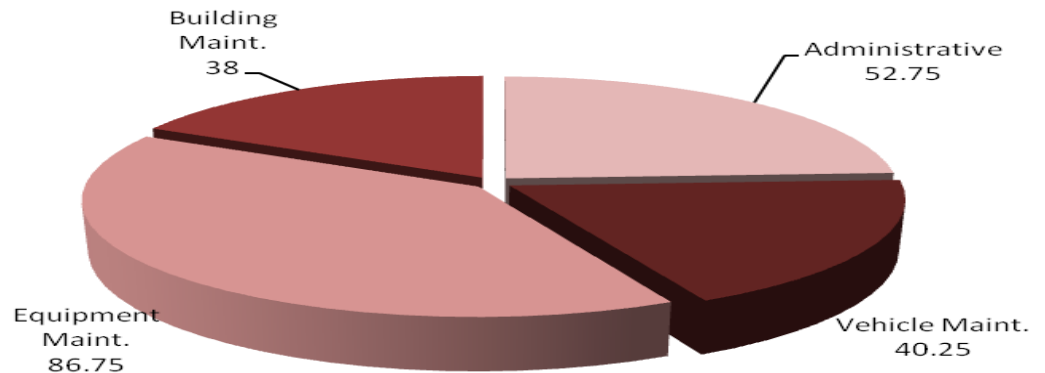
mation on the new engine specifications.

A complete review of false fire alarms for 2013 was completed during May. A system was developed to track and notify occupancies that have false fire alarm responses.

Fire crews are completing annual hose testing as required by the National Fire Protection Association. All fire hose is pressure tested to insure it will meet the rigorous use during a fire. We test over 19,500 feet of hose each year.

Quote of the Month...

"A company can seize extraordinary opportunities only if it is very good at the ordinary operations". - Marcel Telles



WEM Proposes New Hazardous Materials Response Plan Washington County Team Contemplates Proposal

Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM) has proposed a new response plan for hazardous materials spills. The plan intends to update how the state organizes their response teams and how the teams respond to incidents that involve hazardous materials. Currently, the state has 7 regional response teams that can meet any type of hazardous materials response. In addition, each county in the state contracts with a local team.

Studies by WEM have shown a reduction in the number of calls each regional team goes to annually. Most of the calls can be handled by the local teams.

The proposed plan reduces the number of regional teams to two; one in Milwaukee and the second in Eau Claire. These teams will be called Type I Teams. Teams that were dropped as regional teams will now be classified as Type II Teams. They will be able to respond to all types of incidents except Weapons of Mass Destruction and Biochemical

incidents.

Several local teams will be retained as Type III teams. Type III teams are generally county teams that will contract with the State to respond to State Level Hazardous Incidents.

Counties will still retain their local teams, but the State will send their team to help when it has been determined the incident is beyond the local team's capabilities.

The Washington County Hazardous Materials Team Executive Committee has

been studying the proposal and has been identified as a possible Type III team. The team would be combined with the Ozaukee County Hazardous Materials Team and respond as a combined force.

The committee is examining the plan to determine if it would be beneficial for the team to agree to the terms of the proposal and approvals would be required from governing agencies. The proposal is currently in committee at the State level.



Last month in the *Looking Ahead* article I stated that I was going to talk more about the process of becoming a Motor Pump Operator (MPO) or Acting MPO.

To become an Acting MPO, there is an extensive and detailed procedure that needs to be followed and completed. A candidate needs to have completed a probationary period of 18 months on the job to be eligible.

The candidate would also need to have met the state standards as specified in SPS 30, as it pertains to Equipment Oper-

ators. Lastly, one would need to have completed the State Certified Operator Course which consist of two 33 hour courses.

To qualify for the position of Acting MPO there are a series of qualifications on different types of apparatus. The candidate must show proficiency on each type.

To begin, the candidate will need to drive each piece of apparatus on this department with their shift or training officer and a battalion chief.

Personnel then need to operate each aerial and pumping apparatus with a shift or training officer and a battalion chief.

When the candidate has completed qualifying with all apparatus involved, an Acting MPO qualifying exam is scheduled with the Shift Battalion Chief. The candidate will then qualify by performing various evo-

lutions using one fire department engine and one fire department aerial apparatus. An "Acting Aerial and Motor Pump Operator Qualifying Report" is then filled out by the shift battalion chief.

Once the candidate has completed the pumping qualifications, aerial qualifications, and completed the driving qualifications, the



individual may be placed on a qualified acting drivers list and may be allowed to operate fire department apparatus without supervision. This procedure also makes the candidate eligible to

write the next promotional exam when the department creates its Promotional Eligibility List. The list is redone every 3 years per the union contract.

The promotional takes into consideration a written exam, oral exam, department record, and seniority. All these components are factored together to establish a tallied score which will be used as the placement score on the promotional list.

The procedure is both stressful and educational for the candidate. In the end it leaves one with a feeling of accomplishment when they pass. It also identifies what skills are lacking and enables success in future chances. For an MPO, driving and operating large emergency apparatus is stressful and challenging, however our operators do it very safely and efficiently.

Looking Ahead for Upcoming Training

The month of July training emphasis will be on aerial apparatus operations. These training activities include aerial ladder operations and also include working with the engine pumps and pre-piped waterways.

Aerial trucks are referred to with many names throughout the fire service. West Bend FD refers to them as Truck Companies.

We currently have three aerial trucks in our arsenal. We have a 1993 75' Pierce, 1999 100' E-One, and a 2008 75' Smeal.

The 75' Pierce will be replaced with a new engine next year reducing our count to two aerial trucks.

Our aerial trucks are equipped with pumps and water tanks which make them very versatile on the fireground.

More information on aerial training next month.



In Their Own Words.....

The back page of our newsletter will feature a couple of notes or cards that we receive from our customers....the people we serve. Whether it is on an ambulance call, fire call, or a public education assignment, the members of the West Bend Fire Department are dedicated to making their contact with the members of the community a positive experience.

Kyle, Jeff & Jeff.

Thank you for your kind note. [REDACTED] is doing very well and will be back to doing normal 8 year old activities soon.

Thank you so much for all your help that day. You were a ~~god~~ send. Thank you for keeping me calm during what seemed like the longest day of my life.

PERSONNEL SPOTLIGHT ..

Lt. Randy McCartney



Lt McCartney started his career with the West Bend Fire Department as a Paid on Call Firefighter in May of 1983 and was hired to a full time position on January 1st, 1985. Since then Randy has held the ranks of Firefighter, Motor Pump Operator, Training Lieutenant

and Administrative Captain of the Training and EMS Bureaus. He is currently an EMT Paramedic and is serving in the position of Shift Lieutenant.

Randy earned a B.S. degree in Fire Service Administration, and is a Fire and a

EMT Paramedic Instructor through the Wisconsin Technical College System. He is an Alumnus of the West Bend Chamber of Commerce Leadership Program and is the current President of the Wisconsin Society of Fire Service Instructors,



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