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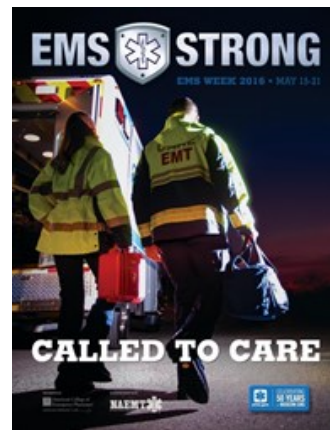
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May 15-21 National EMS Week

In 1974 President Gerald Ford authorized EMS Week to celebrate Emergency Medical Service practitioners and the important work they do in our nation's communities. Back then, EMS was a new profession, and EMS practitioners had only just started to be recognized as a critical component of the public health safety net. A lot has changed since then. EMS is now firmly established as a vital component of the medical care continuum.

Technicians created the 2016 EMS Strong theme: "Called to Care." Through the ongoing annual campaign they



traordinary men and women of EMS.

Everyday EMS professionals are called upon to help others through one of the most frightening time of their lives, they are called upon to provide a sense of security and relief during chaotic and challenging situations, they are called upon to do the work that only a select few can do.

Our department would like to thank the fire department professionals who provide paramedic level care to the public in our community and communities surrounding West Bend. The care you provide has truly made a difference in many people's lives.

This year May 15-21 was National EMS Week. The American College of Emergency Physicians in partnership with the National Association of Emergency Medical

ing annual campaign they continue to recognize and inspire EMS personnel, strengthen the profession on a national level, and bring more awareness to the ex-



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Emergency Activities

Types of Calls	May 2016	April 2016	Year to Date (2016)	Year to Date (2015)
Fires Calls	29	46	164	165
Emergency Medical Calls	236	226	1177	1177
Paramedic Intercepts	9	9	51	59
Interfacility Transports	46	44	204	238
Totals	320	325	1596	1639
Town of Barton Calls	9	10	40	29
Town of West Bend Calls	6	13	51	73

Emergency Medical Services Bureau

BC Todd Van Langen and Captain Tom Thrash

Heart Saver Awards by BC Van Langen

On Monday May 16th the West Bend Fire Department presented

these 3 events to be present that evening with many family members in

with Cherie. Cherie was able to quickly call 911 and initiate CPR while waiting for a Med-unit to arrive.

The photo on the bottom left shows Rescuer Artie Buss with Survivor Craig Zellmer. Craig was at work at Serigraph Sales when he sent into cardiac arrest, Artie was there with him and dialed 911 and also got the in-house

for an evening workout when he collapsed in the locker room. Staff were quickly notified and First Responders Chris Delcamp, Anna Hofmann, Jen Robertson, and Jennifer Zaskowski worked as a team to call 911, grab the defibrillator, and rush to Steve's location. CPR was initiated and a shock delivered with the defibrillator that restored Ste-



awards to 9 different individuals who each had an important role in resuscitating a person who had gone into cardiac

the audience. The awards ceremony took place at City Hall with Mayor Craig Sadownikow and Chief Gerald Kudek pre-



First Responders to their location. First Responders Darryl Pree, Calvin Steinert, Kip Wagner, and Mike Walker responded with a defibrillator. CPR was performed and a shock delivered with the defibrillator which restored Craig's pulse.

The photo on the left shows Rescuer Jennifer Zaskowski with Survivor Steve Riechers. Steve had gone to the YMCA

ve's pulse.

Due to the training they received and their quick and appropriate response of effectively initiating resuscitation efforts, they allowed all 3 of the survivors to continue on with their lives. All of the rescuers were rewarded by being able to meet the survivors and see first hand the results of their quick thinking and heroic actions. As a result of their efforts three lives were saved.



arrest. It seemed a fitting time to present the awards during National EMS Week.

These were 3 separate events occurring at different locations throughout the city. Quick life saving actions resulted in all 3 of the survivors of

senting the awards in a packed room. Other city officials, family and friends of the rescuers, and the survivors were also on hand.

The top photo shows Rescuer Cherie Hart with Survivor Jerry Williams. Jerry went into cardiac arrest at UWWC while speaking

Battalion Chief Todd Van Langen & Captain Tom Thrash

SPOT A STROKE



Stroke Warning Signs and Symptoms

May was Stroke Awareness Month. The Paramedics at the West Bend Fire Department enjoyed having Leah Timm from Froedtert St. Joseph's Hospital come and review with them information about identifying, treating and transporting stroke patients. The Paramedics were encouraged to use the acronym F.A.S.T to help deter-

mine if the patient is having a stroke. The F is for face, check to see if there is any facial drooping. The A is for arm, have the patient place their arms straight out front and look for any drifting of one arm. The S is for speech, have the patient say something they should be able to say something like "Everyone Loves The West



Above: MPO Demler and Lt Heinen.
Left: FF Lodl and FF Gilling. Some of our Stroke Heroes.



Bend Fire Department." The T stands for time, this is the last time the patient was normal. Our Paramedics will try to determine when the stroke may have happened so we can help the Doctors start treatment. We will contact St. Joseph's ER from the field and advise when we have a possible stroke patient. The ER will contact the radiology

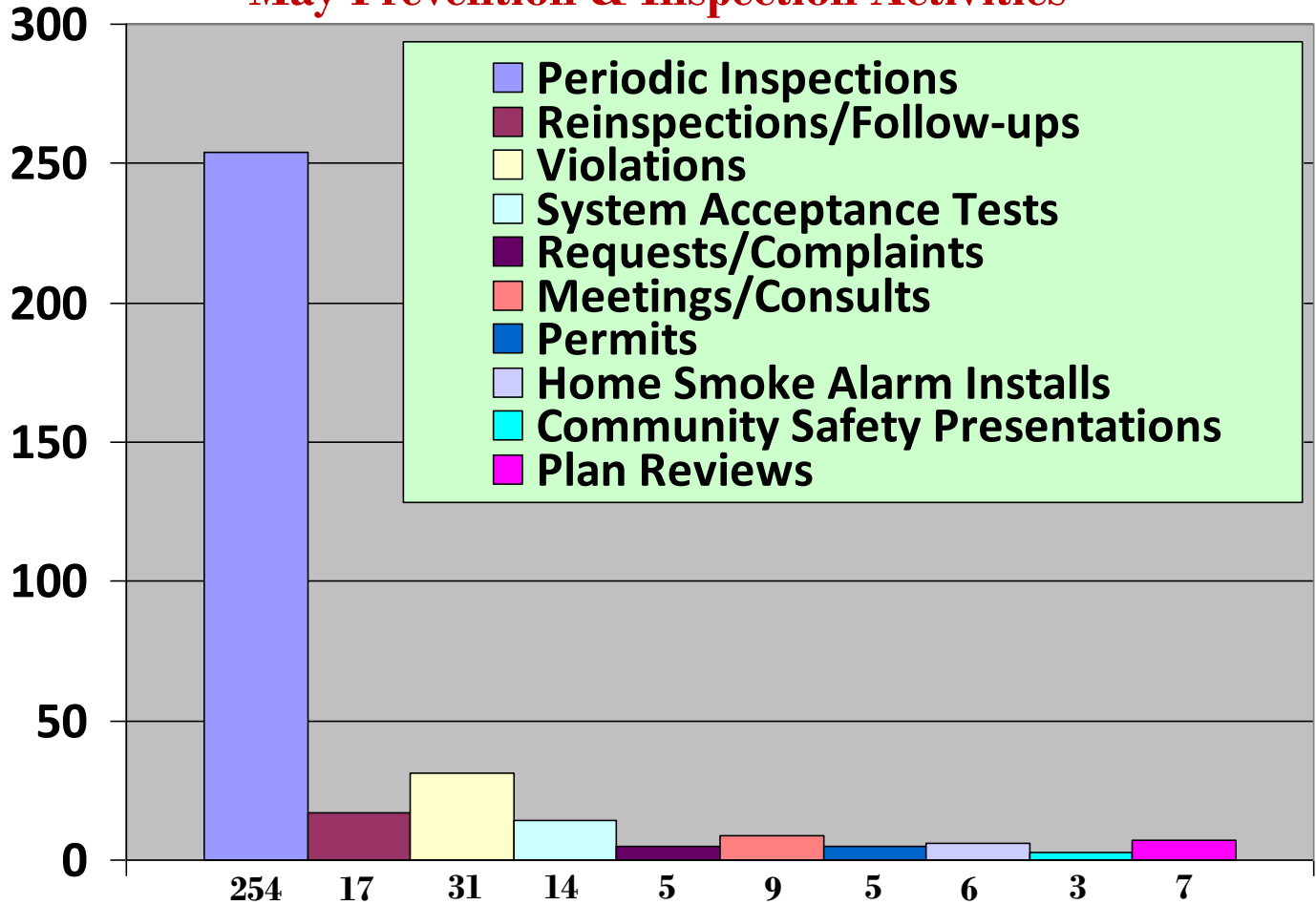
dept. and make sure the CT Scanner is available for us to take the patient directly there for imaging. Our goal is to save time and be as efficient as we can in diagnosing the stroke and initiating treatment. To assist us in providing the best care call 911 immediately if you think someone may be having a stroke.

Fire Prevention & Public Safety Bureau

Fire Safety Education, Code Enforcement and Fire Investigation

Battalion Chief Chuck Beistle & Captain Tammy Lamberg

May Prevention & Inspection Activities



West Bend Public Schools & WBFD Team Up for Safety

During the Month of May Captain Tammy Lamberg worked closely with West Bend Schools Facilities Director, Dave Ross, to evaluate the overall fire safety compliance within our public schools. District administrators, facilities staff, Ross and Lamberg spent time walking through each school



building paying attention to the specific layouts, building operations, utilities & equipment, furnishings, interior designs & arrangement, storage, maintenance and fire protection systems. In addition fire drills were conducted and staff & students were observed in

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WB Schools and Wbfd Team Up for Safety *Continued from Page 4*

their daily activities to see if the safest possible practices and atmosphere were being maintained.

This collaborative approach allowed for a very valuable exchange of information. Captain Lamberg was able to gain more familiarity with each building and its features and provide information regarding code requirements and best safety practices. The cooperative strategy also allowed for district staff to offer specific information about each school building while discussing any areas of concern that they may have already identified.

The National Fire Protection Association and the WI Department of Safety and Professional Services have numerous

fire codes that are specific to educational facilities. When the Wbfd inspectors conduct fire safety inspections we do our best to educate the responsible parties. We inform them about code requirements, identify existing code violations and most importantly offer suggestions and assistance in ways to make improvements. The WB Schools facilities staff have always been extremely proactive in staying informed of these codes and maintaining compliance. Even with the district staff member's commitment to staying proficient in current code requirements the building designs, daily routines and activities in any given school can require special consideration and creative problem

solving. Sometimes a bit of "Thinking outside of the box" is needed to provide for a safe environment while still allowing the school to best meet the needs of its students. It is these unique situations that are not always specifically referenced in the fire codes that we can best identify and address by working together.

During the recent district inspections each principal and school maintenance manager accompanied Ross and Lamberg. They were encouraged to bring up concerns and offer input about specific issues or special situations in their school. In some instances where concerns were identified in individual classrooms teachers were involved as

well. This staff participation also allowed Captain Lamberg the opportunity to provide suggestions "On the spot" when any concerns were identified. Every square foot of each school, from classrooms to auditoriums to storage and mechanical rooms, was evaluated.

As a follow-up to these school visits Captain Lamberg worked with Dave Ross to develop a very specific School Fire Safety Checklist to be referenced by all school personnel. This will allow all staff to keep their individual areas safe and compliant.

The team inspection approach that was used this year was found to be very successful. This type of collaboration will result in the safest possible environment for The West Bend Schools students and staff.

We would like to thank Dave Ross, the district facilities team and the school administrators for their proactive approach and their willingness to give this type of attention and focus to fire safety.



May Means WBFD Conducts Required Hose Testing

Firefighting is a dangerous business and there are many different hazards faced inside a burning building. One of the hazards is inoperable or broken tools. Equipment has to be in ready for use in order for fire departments to work safely and effectively. Properly operating equipment keeps fire fighters safe.

Fire fighter safety doesn't just happen. It occurs by preparing for hazards before the emergency. One of the ways fire departments minimize hazards is to pressure test all of the

department's fire hose on an annual basis.

This testing is required by the National Fire Protection Association which sets standards for fire fighting equipment. The West Bend Fire Department owns over 200 lengths of fire hose. Sizes include 1.5", 1.75", 2.5", 3", and 5" diameter hose. Each diameter hose is tested at a pressure determined by the manufacturer.

Testing is conducted by laying lengths of hose on the ground and attaching them to a hose testing ma-



Tested fire hose with couplings that failed. Hose will be repaired and retested before putting back into service.



chine. The hose is filled with water and the machine increases the pressure to the desired level. The hose has to hold the pressure for three minutes. Firefighters check the hose for leaks and insure the couplings are secured. Any hose that leaks or appears damaged is removed from service until it is repaired and passes the test.

Videos of fire fighters "riding" a lose hose line can be seen on the internet at picnics on hot summer days. They are often used as contests. However, a broken hose line on a fire scene is dangerous and can hurt unsuspecting fire fighters. Annual hose testing is a risk management tool the department uses to help prevent injuries.

Fire Instruction & Training Bureau

Battalion Chief Chuck Beistle & Captain Tom Thrash

Summer Safety: Cool temperatures are behind us and warm weather activities are now beginning. Summer is a great time for kids to enjoy different indoor and outdoor activities. Whether you have children or teens, learn ways to keep your kids safe and healthy and prepare them to enjoy the upcoming summer fun.

Master water safety: Drownings are the leading cause of injury and death for children ages 1 to 4. Three children die every day as a result of drowning. Always supervise children when in or around water. Teach kids to swim. Formal swimming lessons can protect young children

from drowning. Children should never be allowed to swim alone. Having at least one older, responsible person monitoring the action is safer and just more fun. Even adults should know their limits. Don't get too tired, too cold, or too far from safety. Swim in supervised areas only, and follow all signs and warnings. Stay alert to currents, they can change quickly. Don't float where you can't swim. Keep checking to see if the water is too deep or if you are too far away from shore. It is also extremely important to learn CPR. Install a fence around your pool.

Recreational boating can be a wonderful way

to spend time with family and friends. Make boating safety a priority. Wear a properly fitted life jacket every time you and your loved ones are on the water. Boating education courses teach the rules for safe operation and navigation of recreational boats and can help boat operators keep their passengers safe. Know that 46% of all boating fatalities occurred when vessels were docked, anchored, or drifting.

Beat the heat and sun. Heat-related illness happens when the body's temperature control system is overloaded. Infants and children up to 4 years of age are at greatest risk. Never

leave infants or children in a parked car, even if the windows are open. Schedule outdoor activities carefully, for morning and evening hours. Just a few serious sunburns can increase you and your child's risk of skin cancer later in life. Skin needs protection from the sun's harmful ultraviolet rays whenever doing activities outdoors. Cover up. Clothing that covers your child's skin helps protect them. Use sunscreen with at least 15 SPF.

Remembering these few safety rules and ideas will make your summer that much more fun and pleasurable. I wish you all a safe summer and hope you make many great memories.



In Their Own Words.....

The back page of our newsletter features a note or card that we have received from our customers....the people we serve. Whether it is during an ambulance call, fire call, or a public education assignment, the members of the West Bend Fire Department are always dedicated to making their contact with area residents a positive experience.

Dear Chief Kudek,

The other day one day of my students (a 6 year old) fell off the monkey bars and severely broke her arm. We needed to call for an ambulance. Your crew that arrived was fantastic! Your crew (I'm sorry I don't know their names) were calm for both the girl and her mom. It really helped to make a scary situation as good as it could be.

The professionalism of your crew did not surprise me, but what did was that a day later after the girl had 2 surgeries, one of the crew met her at home when she returned from Children's Hospital! That is remarkable! Please pass along a thanks. I know the mom really appreciated it. As I sat with her Tuesday night during surgery her anxiety and stress level was high. Having one of your guys stop by the next day really helped.

Thanks again...your department is fantastic! Every time we have had interactions it has been great.

Personnel Spotlight:



Motor Pump Operator (MPO) Kyle Demler started with our department in 2008. Kyle was born and raised in Random Lake where he was a firefighter/EMT since 2000.

Kyle was recently promoted to MPO and has been a paramedic since 2006. Kyle also is an Acting Lieutenant for our de-

partment. Kyle has completed an Associated Degree in Fire Science through Milwaukee Area Technical College.

Kyle currently resides in Random Lake until his new house is completed in the Town of Jackson. Kyle is married to Jessica and they have a 4 year old son named Kamden. On

his days off Kyle enjoys spending time with his family.

Kyle is a huge sports fan supporting the Brewers and the Green Bay Packers. Kyle goes to several Brewers games each year. Kyle is looking forward to traveling to Jacksonville this year this year to watch the Packers play the Jaguars.



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