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## Fire heavily damages building in Minocqua No one injured in the blaze; U.S. Highway 51 shut down for several hours

by Ian Johanson of The Review staff

A fire early Monday morning that began in a Chevrolet Suburban parked next to Copy Cat Printers on U.S. Highway 51 in Minocqua spread to the building itself.

Minocqua police chief Dave Jaeger said in a press release later in the day Monday the police department's dispatch center received calls just before 4 a.m. regarding "a

fully engulfed vehicle parked by apartments above Copy Cat Printing."

"Upon arrival on scene, officers helped the occupants of the

apartments get to safety," he stated in the press release. "The fire caused an explosion in the vehicle and spread to the building and the vehicle parked next to it."



Water from the Woodruff fire department's ladder truck is poured onto the building housing Copy Cat Printers as well as an upstairs apartment in Minocqua the morning of Aug. 8.

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Jaeger said there were no injuries resulting from the explosion and fire, but one of the occupants of the building was taken "to a nearby hospital."

"At this time the fire does not appear to be intentional," he said. Luke Taylor, Minocqua's fire chief, activated the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) to assist in fighting the fire as U.S. Highway 51 was closed down for several hours and traffic rerouted.

In addition to firefighters with the Minocqua fire department, firefighters and equipment from Woodruff, Hazelhurst, Lake Tomahawk, Willow Region, Lac du Flambeau, Boulder Junction, Arbor Vitae and Little Rice were among those dispatched to assist.

The explosion people heard, Taylor said, was oxygen tanks in the Suburban that got heated as the vehicle fire burned.

"The (explosion from the) oxygen tanks blew the roof right off the Suburban," he said.

Also going off in the heat of the vehicle fire were a few rounds of ammunition, as shell casings were found inside.

Taylor said while the upper and front portions of the structure were destroyed by fire, the printing business itself wasn't.

"There's significant water damage, though," he said.

As for how the Suburban caught fire, Taylor said it's "unknown" as to why the Suburban caught fire.

"The oxygen tanks were not the start of the fire," he said. "They were residual because of fire in the car. We can tell the fire started at the front end of the vehicle, presumably the engine compartment."

Taylor said he's sure there will be additional investigating done by insurance companies, but since the fire isn't considered questionable or intentional by authorities, "we're not gonna dig into it any further."

All four lanes of Hwy. 51, shut down for at least four hours, were reopened to traffic by 9 a.m. Monday.

For information regarding a GoFundMe page started for the residents of the upstairs apartment, Kathy Sernovitz may be reached at 425-308-6447.

*Brian Jopek may be reached via email at [bjopek@lakelandtimes.com](mailto:bjopek@lakelandtimes.com).*

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## Baraboo celebrates two longtime firefighters retiring after combined 80 years

When Baraboo Fire Department Deputy Chief Steve Pointon celebrated 40 years as a firefighter in February 2017, he said he would attempt to break the service record of 43 years set by his wife's grandfather, Noble Sprecher. Five years later, not only has Pointon met that goal, but has also decided to hang up the pager for good.

"It's been a good career," Pointon said. "It's kind of been my passion. I've enjoyed it." Roughly 50 people packed into Baraboo City Hall council chambers Tuesday to honor not only Pointon, but fellow longtime firefighter Tom Clark, who contributed more than 35 years of his own after joining the Baraboo Fire Department in July

1987. Clark held a number of positions with the department when he joined after gaining experience on the Lodi Fire Department.

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## Crash on I-43 near Grafton kills driver

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation says a driver was killed in a crash on I-43 Tuesday night. The crash occurred on I-43 at STH 60 near Grafton, Wisconsin. According to investigators, a truck with only the driver inside was traveling northbound on Interstate 43 when it drifted into an impact

attenuator and rolled over. The driver sustained fatal injuries. The investigation into the crash and the reconstruction are being completed by the Wisconsin State Patrol. The name of the occupant is being withheld until notifications can be made. Ozaukee County Sheriff's Department, Ozaukee County Highway Department,

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- **REGISTRATIONS NEEDED NOW! NATIONAL FIRE ACADEMY (NFA) COURSE OFFERING** – Applications for **Health and Safety Program Manager (F0722)** – October 15-16, 2022 in Appleton, WI – are now being accepted at our **Events page** – and are needed to lock in the class by **September 1, 2022!**
- **LIVE LINKS** our events, and any sent in through our associates, will be posted on the WSESI Events webpage: [www.wsesi.org/events](http://www.wsesi.org/events)
- **VISIT OUR LINKS PAGE** to check out the many online resources available from our colleagues around the state and across the country, including UL's **Fire Safety Research Institute (FSRI)** – chock-full of news, events, and information! [www.wsesi.org/links](http://www.wsesi.org/links)

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- **ANOTHER NFA OFFERING:** Fox Valley Technical College (FVTC) is hosting the NFA two-day course **Incident Safety Officer (F0729)** – Sat.-Sun., September 17-18, 2022 – FVTC Public Safety Training Center (PSTC), Appleton, WI.  
Register with Kelly White at [kelly.white2460@fvtc.edu](mailto:kelly.white2460@fvtc.edu) – or see our [Events page](#).
- **2024-25 ANNUAL CONFERENCE PLANNING** – YOUR ideas and input are welcome in our planning for the 2024 and 2025 Annual Instructors Conference! Contact WSESI Conference Site chair Red Van Ert: [gvanert@wsesi.org](mailto:gvanert@wsesi.org). Thanks!
- **COVID-19 and FIRE SERVICE EVENTS** – With the return of activities to a 'new normal', WSESI will continue to monitor events and programs of Wisconsin's Fire/Emergency Services organizations throughout the year ahead. Please be encouraged to advise us of any of your agency's/ organization's plans for events in the coming months, or any changes you are aware of. Thanks!
- **WISCONSIN FIRE EMS LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP COALITION (WFELLC)**, now hosted by Professional Firefighters of Wisconsin (PFFW), most recently met **Thursday, August 18**. Minutes of this meeting will be posted on our Links page as soon as they are made available.

The next meeting for WFELLC is planned for **Friday, September 30**. Information on current legislative activity has been posted on our Links page: [www.wsesi.org/links](http://www.wsesi.org/links)

Our representation in the Coalition relies on our members being active in our advocacy of public policy issues. Contact President Jim Austad, or WFELLC delegates Jim Flanagan or Kevin Gerarden.

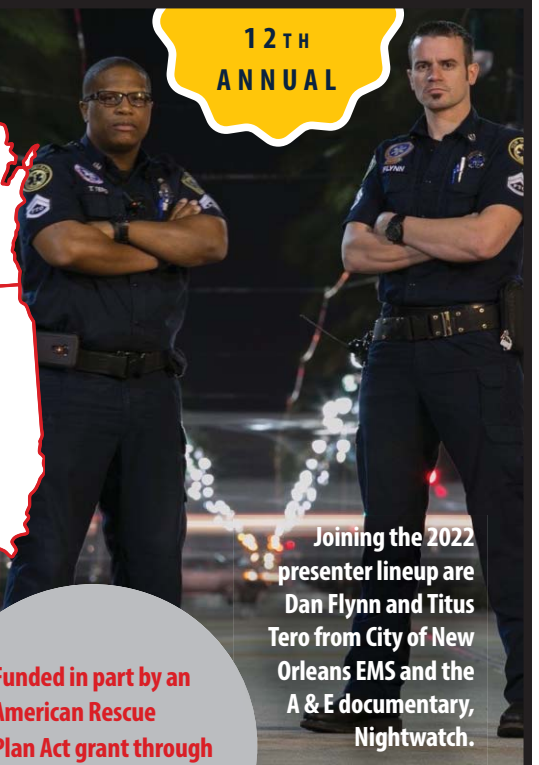
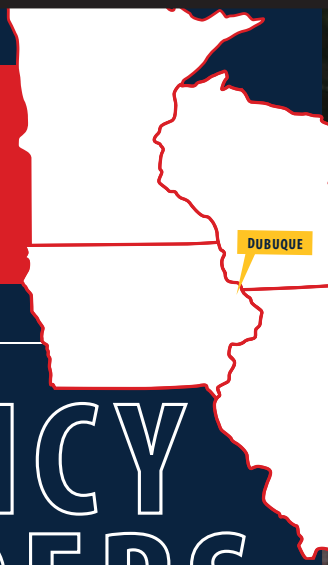
- **TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES** from our colleagues at Wisconsin State Fire Chiefs Association:  
**MABAS Wisconsin Annual Conference** – September 22-24, 2022 – Holiday Inn & Convention Center, Stevens Point, WI  
**Modern Day Recruiter** – September 24, 2022 – Fox Valley Technical College (FVTC) Public Safety Training Center (PSTC), Appleton, WI  
**This (Fire) House Rocks! / The Art of Go/ No Go with Captain Mike Gagliano** – September 30, 2022 – Wisconsin Rapids Fire Department, Wisconsin Rapids, WI
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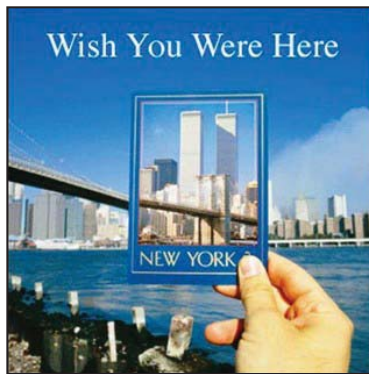
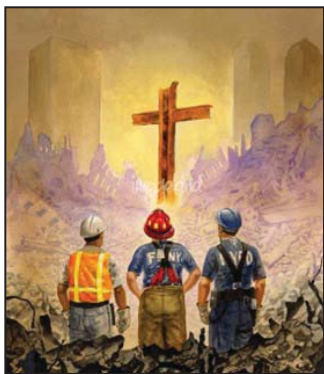
**UNITING A WORLD WITH OUR LIVING TRIBUTE TO THOSE WHO DIED ON 9/11**

This article will mainly focus on THE EVENT THAT CHANGED THE WORLD, namely the brutal attacks that took place on September 11th, 2001. A date that will live in infamy along with the other date that America was directly attacked at Pearl Harbor. Both attacks took place on a beautiful day on our American homeland and forever changed every life across the globe. Many innocent lives were taken and we as a nation were left with a void in our hearts and souls, forever changed, forever mourned, and forever remembered. Vincent Forras, Co-Founder of Gear Up Foundation has provided several photos relating to his personal experience surrounding September 11th, 2001. Following is some of the photos provided. He has promised to share more of these incredible shots in the future including events to commemorate and remember this day that changed our world. His experience at Ground Zero along with his promise

made to GOD were the embers that caught light that started Gear Up Foundation. For more than 20 years Vince Forras, Monica Carrera, Ron Naab, Paul Nelson, Alberto DeLarosa, James Doyle and an incredible national and international team have dedicated themselves to supporting Gear Up Foundation's noble mission. Everyone involved with the foundation is a volunteer and receives no compensation. Many times, this incredible team travels at their own expense and cover costs and donations for others. Donations from generous departments across America but especially in the Wisconsin area have changed the lives of countless people in developing nations around the world. This mission and the legacy speak highly of just what is possible when brothers and sisters work together, guided by GOD and the spirit HE bestows upon all.



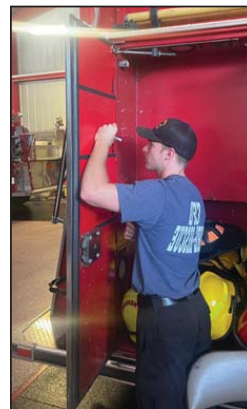
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**CALABASH FIRE DEPARTMENT,  
NORTH CAROLINA**

Members of the Calabash Fire Department in North Carolina sending their personal messages to their fellow firefighters in El Carmen Ecuador. A message of hope, love, and brotherhood as Gear Up Foundation continues to unite our world through their noble mission. This American LaFrance pumper is being prepared for shipment to Ecuador within the next couple of weeks. Some last minute “tweaks” needed to be accomplished to make certain that the truck is ready for action upon its arrival in El Carmen, Ecuador. Gear Up Foundation would like to thank each and every member of Calabash FD along with its staff for their incredible support.

“Uniting our world in a living tribute to all those taken from us on September 11th, 2001, through the mission of Gear Up Foundation is the greatest gift that GOD could have given both Monica Carrera and me”, said Vincent Forras. “Our lives have never been the same as September 10th and it has taken me over twenty years to be able to relax and enjoy life on my September 12th. Last year, standing on a beach in Dominican Republic at Sunrise with my wife, partner and best friend Monica Carrera was indeed that first time that we have been able to embrace the day after”, said Vincent. “On behalf of Gear Up Foundation I would like to thank each and every one of you who have answered the call to help those in need in the name of those who perished on September 11th, 2001, and those who continue to be called home to GOD.”, Vincent Forras .





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We are now accepting nominations for the below awards. Please consider nominating a deserving fire department, individual, or organization for their work promoting fire safety and supporting the cause and programming of the Fire Fighters Foundation. Follow the QR code below or visit the Fire Safety & Prevention tab on our website ([www.pffwcf.org](http://www.pffwcf.org)).

**Dan Gengler Fire Sprinkler Advocacy Award** – Recognizes people and organizations for their work to advocate for and overcome the barriers to fire sprinkler systems in the future generations of homes. This award is named after Dan Gengler, one of the founders of the Wisconsin Alliance for Fire Safety, a retired Deputy Chief with the Milwaukee Fire Department, and former North Central Regional Manager with the National Fire Sprinkler Association. Dan built just about everything we do today. He has not only made fire safety and fire sprinkler advocacy his life's work, but his passion.

**PFFWCF Corporate Responsibility Award** – Recognizes a company or organization that has gone above and beyond to help the Fire Fighters Foundation work towards our mission of championing support for burn survivors, fire fighters, and safe communities statewide.

**Legislator of the Year Award** – Recognizes an elected official who has gone above and beyond to help us promote fire safety in Wisconsin.

**Bosanko Brothers Support Award** – Recognizes those who support us year after year. They are the backbone of this organization and provide significant support that makes a difference in the lives of the people we serve. Formerly referred to as the PFFWCF Support Award, this award was newly renamed after the Bosanko Brothers this year. The Bosanko Brothers are the embodiment of support and have spent decades supporting the mission of the Fire Fighters Foundation and formerly the Wisconsin Alliance of Fire Safety.



**Joe Vorce Career Safety Award** – Recognizes an outstanding individual who represents Joe's courageous attitude and dedication to promoting fire-safety across Wisconsin. The Joe Vorce Career Safety Award is named for a person whose commitment to fire safety is accentuated by their dedication and loyalty to the mission of the Fire Fighters Foundation. Joe was a charter member of the Wisconsin Alliance for Fire Safety who helped shape many of the Alliance's programs and their direction. Joe, a committed volunteer, was sadly taken from us in 2004 after a courageous battle with cancer.

**Larry Ceretto Fire Safety Education Award** – Recognizes a fire department whose commitment to fire safety has attained the high level of quality and integrity that had been characteristic of one of Wisconsin's most admired in the fire service: Larry Ceretto, retired Deputy Chief of the Milwaukee Fire Department, retired Milwaukee Area Technical College dean of the Fire Science Program, and person of classic distinction. His dedication to duty and loyalty to the missions of his commitments accentuate the core purpose of the Fire Fighters Foundation.

**Media Award** – Recognizes members of the media who go above and beyond to promote messages of fire safety and highlight the work that the Fire Fighters Foundation does to serve as a champions for burn survivors, fire fighters, and safe communities all around Wisconsin.





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## Working Smarter Not Harder

*By Martin M. King, State Coordinator, National Fire Sprinkler Association – Wisconsin Chapter*

Any good part of a Community Risk Reduction (CRR) plan includes a combination or all of the 5 E's (Education, Engineering, Enforcement, Economic, and Emergency Response). The goal of CRR is to reduce the risk of injury, death and property loss within the community. We must remember that this would include the first responders that arrive at an emergency. CRR must be a part of the fire department's practice and not just for the prevention personnel.

A part of the Education/Engineering portion of CRR is to assure that people are not only prepared for an emergency but have ensured that things are in place to warn or mitigate the owner and occupant. One of the most successful is door-to-door smoke alarms projects. These projects can involve the community through use of volunteers to support the fire department. This allows direct contact with the owner/occupant to educate them about the importance of smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. This also provides them with smoke alarms to assure that the occupant(s) are safe when they sleep. Many people take for granted the safety of their home and do not think that something bad will happen. Most people are more afraid of someone breaking into their home instead of a fire or carbon monoxide incident. Face-to-face education works best and if we can show them how to protect their home, they are most likely going to maintain these safety features.

Another Education/Engineering portion is the installation of residential fire sprinklers. While easier to accomplish when building or remodeling they can still be retrofitted in most homes. Cost is often identified as an issue, but the savings if you have a fire are great. Until you, or someone you know, has experienced a fire and the issues that need to be resolved you may never understand the piece of mind that fire sprinkler give to protect your family, home, valuables, and pets. Most people do not understand the steps to renovate a home that has had a fire. Even a small fire can take months to repair which is time that you would need to live somewhere else. While most people have some type of homeowners insurance, many renters do not. Some renters believe that it may be the building owners' responsibility only to find out later that they were responsible.

But what about the water issue? This is often a misconception. The average residential fire sprinkler needs 7 Psi to properly activate and will deliver 15 GPM opposed to the average fire hose that delivers 125 GPM at 100 Psi. When looking at the home

fire timeline there are set times that every fire department deals with. Data shows that the average time for the detection of fire is 90 seconds. The average or optimal time to report and dispatch to send an alert is also 90 seconds. Dispatch/response by the fire department is set at 60 seconds (time call received by the fire station until the fire vehicle leaves the station) but may be more is personnel have to respond to the station. Response is the travel time from the station to the fire which can be 3 – 5 minutes or longer in rural areas. Lastly, is the set-up time (don PPE, lay hose, establish a water source, 360 of the scene, building access and fire attack) which takes at least 1 minute if not longer. In most urban settings with staffed fire stations the minimum time from fire to fire attack is 7 – 10 minutes. Add additional time for suburban staffed fire station due to greater distances between stations. Add more time for suburban and rural unstaffed stations.

There is an adage that fire doubles in size every 30 seconds. We see that testing by USFA, UL and other groups show that it can be around 3 minutes until flashover making the home untenable/not survivable due to high heat conditions throughout the room. Fire sprinklers activate within a minute of fire when the heat at the ceiling reaches 155 degrees, all while the heat at floor level is still room temperature. The water from activated head(s) will only be 90 gallons during that 6-minute period. Salvage and overhaul, as well as on scene time, is greatly reduces. Repairs often take days or weeks compared to months. Most items are salvageable because it is relatively easy to dry wet but impossible to unburnt.

Advocacy for smoke alarms, carbon monoxide detectors, home escape planning, close your door before you doze and fire sprinklers are part of the solution to reducing the risk of injury and death within the community. With the decrease in available staffing in all areas of the fire service we must look at adding more of the 5 E's in order to "work smarter not harder".

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# 'Heavy smoke and flames' at building

by Rebecca Loroff, Sheboygan Press

SHEBOYGAN – Sheboygan Fire Department Thursday morning was battling “heavy smoke and flames” in a structure in the 1100 block of Pennsylvania Avenue.

Fire crews were dispatched to the scene at around 5:30 a.m. Thursday, the department said in a news release.

Crews were using “defensive tactics” until the building became safe for fire crews to enter, the department added.

As of 9 a.m. Thursday, fire department units were still working to subdue the fire. One firefighter was being treated for heat exhaustion.

There were no reports of anyone present in the building when the fire started, nor has anyone been displaced.

After the line was clamped the fire department posted on Facebook that the leak had been mitigated and the area was now clear.

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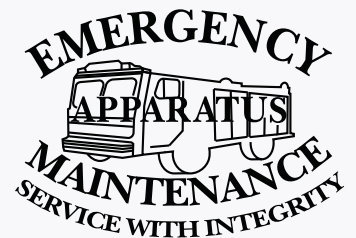
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## INFORMATION

Law suits & legal issues in the fire & EMS services

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Publishers Note: *Normally the Dispatcher carries Wisconsin News; however, we feel that many times we can learn from our brothers and sisters across the USA and hopefully not have the same concerns. Stay safe and smart in your actions.*

~ Bob Arndt, Publisher, RLF D Chief retired

## Wisconsin IAFF Local President Fired Over Social Media Post

The president of a Wisconsin International Association of Firefighters local was terminated last week over a social media post that criticized understaffing over the Memorial Day weekend. Spencer Nett, president of IAFF Local 5026, was terminated by the Dells-Delton EMS Commission on August 4, 2022.

Nett's post complained that only two EMS units were in service this year as opposed to three to four in years past. The Commission claimed that was not accurate and constituted a "terminable" offense. However, Nett claims it was the truth and that his punishment was retaliation.

Nett and Local 5026 have been at odds with Lake Delton's Director of Public Safety, Daniel Hardman. The dispute culminated first in Local 5026 taking a vote of no confidence in Hardman in February, 2022, and second in Hardman being investigated for workplace harassment and abuse of power. Hardman, who is also the police chief, was cleared of any wrongdoing on April 26, 2022. That same day, the fire chief of the Delton Fire Department, Darren Jorgenson, was placed on administrative leave. He resigned as chief on July 1, 2022 but remains employed as an EMT.

WiscNews quoted Nett as saying:

- *This is very much a matter of public concern when we start talking about short staffing, exactly what that post addressed, both in the form of resignations, now terminations, as well as people moving on to different departments for various reasons.*
- *Regardless of reasoning why they left, those numbers don't lie of short staffing. When you go from staffing three or four trucks on a typical summer day down to staffing two trucks, that absolutely is a reduction in staffing, exactly what Local 5026 did address.*
- *It's unequivocally true that there was short staffing.*
- *That can be proven that they had to bring in a staffing agency to staff the ambulances. I think it's a hard fact to dispute that you have low staffing when you're hiring outside staffing to make par numbers, or less than par numbers.*
- *Local 5026, myself included, and every member of that department, truly does have the best intentions in mind for the community and that department.*
- *This situation is no different.*

Local 5026 has already filed a unfair labor practice charge with the Wisconsin Employment Relations Commission relative to the February, 2022 allegations. Nett is promising to challenge to his termination. [Here is more on the story.](#)

Those who have been through our training programs will recognize the two major issues that arise in these types of cases:

- *First Amendment – free speech – protection*
- *Concerted Activities protection*

Either grounds could serve as a basis for Nett's ultimate reinstatement.



### About Curt Varone

Curt Varone has over 40 years of fire service experience and 28 as a practicing attorney licensed in both Rhode Island and Maine. His background includes 29 years as a career firefighter in Providence (retiring as a Deputy Assistant Chief), as well as volunteer and paid on call experience. He is the author of two books: *Legal Considerations for Fire and Emergency Services*, (2006, 2nd ed. 2011) and *Fire Officer's Legal Handbook* (2007), and writes the Fire Law column for *Firehouse Magazine*.

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The 2022 committee will be meeting shortly to distribute the funds to those organizations we are dedicated to support: Wisconsin Fire & EMS Memorial Captain John Mason Suicide Prevention

- Wisconsin Summer Camp for Youth Burn Survivors
- Stars and Stripes Honor Flights
- Wisconsin Concerns of Police Survivors
- Fischer House-Milwaukee VA
- Law Enforcement Suicide Prevention

Plans are in the making for the 2023 American Tribute Ride on the 22nd of July ending in Hancock. 2023 will be the 20th year that the committee has been planning and operating a fund raising event. It is our intention to start the ride at the Wisconsin Fire and EMS Memorial. Our Committee member Erik Johnston is coordinating the route. If your department is in the area of central Wisconsin and is interested in being a stop, contact Ron Naab at [atrchair@gmail.com](mailto:atrchair@gmail.com) or Erik at [ejohnston477@yahoo.com](mailto:ejohnston477@yahoo.com).

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FIRE DESTROYED a trailer home and a nearby building on the Jim Chaplin property on 300th Street in the Town of Glenwood on Friday, July 22. Glenwood City Firefighters direct a hose stream on the building to extinguish the fire in that structure. The fire started in a trailer home at the right and spread into the building, the trailer was completely destroyed

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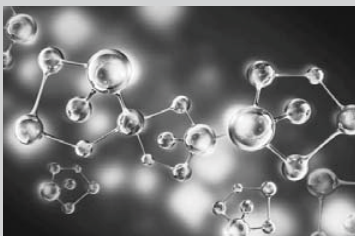
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As summer comes to an end, we as the emergency services will be facing new challenges of fall: Hunting accidents, youth sport injuries, dealing with young people walking along the roadways, buses traveling and stopping on the roadways and lower setting sun in the afternoon. I have attached information for your perusal about emergency vehicles and school buses. There is a significant increase in the use of LP gas powered full-size buses in our area. In addition, on the sunrise will be the introduction of all electric powered buses.

An important step in preparation for our calls is to be physically ready. Vice President Pete Manning has brought up the idea of starting a Health and Wellness committee at our spring banquet. If there are any members that would like to help Pete get this idea started, they should contact him at [manningtree2356@gmail.com](mailto:manningtree2356@gmail.com).

The training committee is also looking into having a Firefighter Challenge, if anyone has any ideas on skills they'd like to see, please contact the committee, or better yet join us on the committee.

The NFPA 1403 Fixed Structure Training will be held Friday, September 16 and Saturday, September 17 at the Campbellsport Fire Department. The lead instructor is Dave Yakowenko of the Racine Fire Department and Wisconsin Society of Emergency Services Instructors. Registrations will need to be in by September 7th as there will be assignments that need to be completed prior to attending the program. All participants will need to have full Personal Protective Equipment and SCBA with spare bottles.

The course will use Jones & Bartlett LIFE FIRE TRAINING and PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE TO NFPA 1403. Preference will be given to those with Fire Instructor 1 certification and second to Fire Officer 1 certification.

The Training Committee has announced they are making plans for an Agriculture Rescue Program to be held in the Allenton Area in early April 2023. The initial steps have been made to provide a Basic Rapid Intervention Team training in late March.

Our Annual Meeting will be held at Slinger Fire Station on Sunday, November 6th. Open House is at 1:30 pm and the meeting will begin at 2:30 pm. More information will be forth coming.

***A reminder that EVERYONE NEEDS TO GO HOME!*** Train as you respond is critical to being prepared and ready to respond effectively and efficiently.



Secretary Ronald Naab

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## NFPA 1403 Fixed Structure Training

Sept 16-17, Friday will be 5pm- 9pm,

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Participants will need to bring the Jones & Bartlett text book **LIVE FIRE TRAINING** and **PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE TO NFPA 1403**, available to purchase from Kevin Gerarden at [kgerarden@wsesi.org](mailto:kgerarden@wsesi.org) or 920/235-5494

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## SCHOOL BUSES AND EMERGENCY VEHICLE REVIEW

As fall has come upon us we need to be careful of school children walking on the roads and streets along with the large Yellow and Black limousines [otherwise known as school buses]. Following are laws/guidelines dealing with emergency vehicles and school buses <https://ed.sc.gov/scdoe/assets/file/agency/os/.../emergencyvehicleprocedure.pdf>

### **Procedures for School Bus Drivers when Emergency Vehicles are Approaching Making use of Audible and Visuals Signals**

#### **Section 56-5-2360. Approach of Emergency Vehicles.**

(a) Upon the immediate approach of an authorized emergency vehicle making use of an audible signal meeting the requirements of Section 56-5-4970 and visual signals meeting the requirements of Section 56-5-4700 or of a police vehicle properly and lawfully making use of an audible signal only, the driver of every other vehicle shall yield the right-of-way and shall immediately drive to a position parallel to, and as close as possible, to the right hand edge or curb of the roadway clear of any intersection and shall stop and remain in such position until the authorized emergency has passed, except when otherwise directed by a police officer.

#### **Section 56-5-2770. School Buses; signals and markings.**

- (b) This section shall not operate to relieve the driver of an authorized emergency vehicle from the duty to drive with due regard for the safety of all persons using the highway.
- (d) The driver of a vehicle need not stop upon meeting a stopped school bus:
1. When the bus is in a passenger loading zone completely off the main travel lanes and when pedestrians are not allowed to cross the roadway.
  2. On highways where the roadways are separated by an earth or raised concrete median.
- (e) The driver of a vehicle must stop upon meeting or passing a stopped school bus:
1. On any two-lane highway.
  2. On any four-lane or multi-lane highway where opposing highway is separated only by painted lines on the roadway or a narrow gravel median.
  3. When overtaking a school bus which has red or amber signals actuated

#### **Scenarios:**

1. **An Emergency Vehicle approaches a School Bus with the Stop Arm Extended for Loading Passengers.**  
A bus driver seeing an emergency vehicle(s) approaching from the front or rear; having activated any of the required lights which begins the procedure for loading students should continue with their procedure. Any effort to abort the process could confuse both the students who are already enroute to the bus and the operator of the emergency vehicle(s). By continuing the process, the operator of the emergency vehicle(s) understands what is taking place and should react according to Section 56-5-2360 Subsection (b).

However, should the bus driver observe an approaching emergency vehicle(s) as the loading process is completed, the driver of the bus should deactivate all stop lights, activate the four-way flashers, (hazard lights), and remain stopped until the emergency vehicle(s) has passed.

2. **An Emergency Vehicle approaching a School Bus with the Stop Arm Extended for Off-Loading Passengers.**

When a bus driver is approaching a stop to off-load students and observes an emergency vehicle(s) approaching from the front or rear, the driver should bring the bus to a complete stop with the warning lights activated. Once stopped, activate the four-way flashers, (hazard lights), and remain stopped with the door closed until the emergency vehicle(s) has passed. Once the emergency vehicle(s) has passed, continue with off loading procedure.

3. **Four-Lane or Multi-Lane Highway with or without median, where an Emergency Vehicle is approaching a School Bus from the front.**

A school bus driver, observing an emergency vehicle(s) approaching from the front on a four-lane or multi-lane highway, should continue normal mode of operation. On this type roadway, the continuing of normal operation should not interfere with the progress of the emergency vehicle(s) unless opposing traffic lanes where completely obstructed. In the event this happened and the operator of the emergency vehicle(s) was forced to travel in opposing traffic lanes, you would conform to the law by immediately reducing your speed, pulling to the right edge or curb of the roadway and stopping. Remain stopped with the four-way flashers, (hazard lights), activated until the emergency vehicle(s) has passed.

4. **Four Lane or Multi-Lane Highway with or without median, where an Emergency Vehicle is approaching a School Bus from the rear.**

A bus driver observing an emergency vehicle(s), approaching from the rear on a four-lane or multi-lane highway, should immediately slow down and drive the vehicle as close to the right edge or curb of the roadway as possible, without leaving the roadway. The driver should then continue at a reduced speed until the emergency vehicle(s) has passed. The driver of the school bus should not activate the four-way flashers, (hazard lights), or any other lights on the school bus, which might confuse the operator of the emergency vehicle(s) or other traffic, unless traffic forces the bus to come to a complete stop.

5. **Two Lane Roadway where an Emergency Vehicle is approaching a School Bus from the front/rear.**

A bus driver observing an emergency vehicle(s), approaching from the front on any two-lane highway, should immediately activate the four-way flashers, (hazard lights), and pull as close to the right edge or curb of the roadway as possible, bringing the vehicle to a complete stop. The driver should remain stopped with the four-way flashers, (hazard lights), activated until the emergency vehicle(s) has passed and it is safe to resume motion.

6. **Intersection where a School Bus is stopped waiting for a traffic light to change and an Emergency Vehicle is observed approaching the Intersection. (From any direction)**

When the driver of a school bus observes an

emergency vehicle(s) approaching an intersection the driver should remain stopped, even if the traffic light changes to green. If the bus is in a left turn lane or positioned to continue straight ahead, the driver should activate the four flashers and remain stopped until the emergency vehicle(s) has cleared the intersection. After checking both the traffic control devices for indication and traffic, resume motion only when it is safe to do so.

7. **A School Bus approaching an Intersection controlled by a traffic control device where an Emergency Vehicle is also approaching. (From any direction)**

When a school bus driver, approaching an intersection, observes an emergency vehicle(s) approaching an intersection, regardless of the type of traffic control device, the driver should activate the four-way flashers, (hazard lights), and bring the bus to a complete stop prior to entering the intersection, if at all possible. If the emergency vehicle(s) is observed approaching the intersection from the rear of the bus, the driver should activate the four-way flashers, (hazard lights), and stop the bus as far back from the intersection as possible. The driver should remain stopped until the emergency vehicle(s) has passed and cleared the intersection before resuming motion.

8. **In a situations where a bus is stopped in preparation for a left or right turn and an Emergency Vehicle is observed approaching. (From any direction)**

When a school bus is stopped in preparation for a left or right turn and the driver observes an emergency vehicle(s) approaching from any direction, the driver should remain stopped. A bus driver should never attempt to complete a turn in front of an oncoming emergency vehicle(s). This includes turnabouts and left or right turns, because the length of a bus sometimes blocks both lanes of the roadway on which the bus is negotiating its maneuver.

9. **In a situation where a school bus is in the process of negotiating a left turn or has encroached the intersection, especially large intersections such as multi-lane highways and an Emergency Vehicle(s) is observed approaching.**

When a school bus driver is in the process of negotiating a left turn, to the point where the vehicle has already entered the intersection, therefore gaining possession or having the right to be there, and an Emergency Vehicle is observed approaching from any direction, the driver should complete the maneuver.

Due to the size of the bus, stopping at that point could possibly block the intersection or the view of other motorist from seeing the approaching Emergency Vehicle. Once the bus has cleared the intersection, the driver should check traffic to determine the Emergency Vehicle's direction of travel, taking the necessary precautions, to the point of pulling over to the side of the roadway and stopping.

We did the research to help all of us remember what and how to proceed when we are sharing the roadways with school buses transporting our valuable feature. Remember stay calm and stay safe.

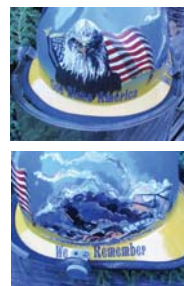
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## Heavy Fire Damage Done To Co-op In Lancaster

Authorities in southwestern Wisconsin say heavy fire damage was done to the Premier Co-op in Lancaster Saturday morning. Firefighters from at least three departments, plus police and EMS, were called to the scene just after 4:30 a.m. No injuries were reported. The building was said to be "fully involved" as fire crews arrived on the scene. The fire was quickly contained and two adjacent buildings were protected. Investigators are trying to determine what caused the fire that started in a storage building

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# DSPS Secretary-designee Dan Hereth Announces Opening of Round Two of Youth Fire Fighter Training Grants

*The grants of up to \$25,000 are designed to help fire departments and their technical college and high school partners develop or expand recruitment programs geared toward juniors and seniors.*

Madison, Wis. – Department of Safety and Professional Services Secretary-Dan Hereth announced the opening date for the second phase of the agency grant program that provides funding for youth fire fighter training programs. The grants of up to \$25,000 are designed to help fire departments, technical college partners and school districts develop or expand training programs for high school juniors or seniors. The application window is open between September 9 and October 7, 2022. The department will also host a virtual Q&A forum at 9 a.m. on September 13 to answer questions about the program.

The fire service is a key stakeholder group for DSPS. The department currently regulates fire fighter health and safety and manages the state fire prevention program. It also administers the 2% dues program, which distributes funds collected from insurers and matched by the state back to qualifying fire departments.

Secretary-designee Hereth says recruitment and retention are key issues for nearly all fire departments but particularly the all-volunteer stations in many rural communities. This

grant program, he says, can provide direct support to some departments and will generate ideas and best practices that other communities can model. It also helps draw attention to a critical community safety need.

“Fire departments are invaluable community safety partners,” Hereth said. “In addition to responding to calls, they provide invaluable fire prevention education to schools and community groups. They also collaborate extensively with organizations working to support living in place for older adults, and they provide critical demographic housing information and response support during weather emergencies and natural disasters like floods, tornados, and wildfires. There is no question: An investment in a fire department is a direct investment in community safety.”

The DSPS grant program has already awarded nearly \$50,000 in total to programs at Western Technical College, Oconto Fire and Rescue, and Winneconne High School. Soon after the department awarded its \$22,593 grant to WTC, the Wisconsin Technical College System followed up with an additional

\$194,792 to expand the program throughout the region.

“That is a perfect example of what we hoped our grant program would do,” Hereth said. “While we cannot fund every need at every department, our efforts to provide seed money and raise awareness about challenges facing the fire service can lead to support from other partners. This is a great outcome.”

Roger Stanford, WTC president, says the DSPS grant helped accelerate the program that quickly got traction in the community. “Attracting and maintaining those in public safety careers continues to be a growing challenge, particularly in rural areas,” Stanford said. “The DSPS grant allowed Western to identify a need in our district, develop a plan to get students involved in the program in high school, and put them on a path to a public safety career. Putting this all together requires additional funding, and we are so grateful for the financial support from DSPS.”

Applications and grant information about the grant program are available on the DSPS website. Anyone interested in attending the Q&A

forum can register [HERE](#).

Programs funded during the first phase are ineligible for funding in the second phase.

About DSPS: The Department of Safety and Professional Services issues more than 240 unique licenses, administers dozens of boards and councils that regulate professions, enforces state building codes, runs the state fire prevention program, and maintains the award-winning Wisconsin Enhanced Prescription Drug Monitoring Program, which is a key tool in the multi-faceted public health campaign to stem excessive opioid prescribing. A fee-based agency, the Department of Safety and Professional Services is self-sustaining and receives no general fund tax dollars for its day-to-day operations. With five offices and 250 employees throughout Wisconsin, DSPS collaborates with constituents and stakeholders across a wide range of industries to promote safety and advance the economy.

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## We Energies Foundation awards record \$100,000 to help Wisconsin first responders strengthen public safety

The We Energies Foundation is helping everyday heroes keep their communities safe. This year, the foundation is awarding a record \$100,000 to help more than 50 police, fire and other public safety agencies across Wisconsin purchase lifesaving equipment. The funding is part

of the We Energies Rewarding Responders Grant program. “We are proud to support the brave individuals who work tirelessly to create a brighter future for our communities,” said Beth Straka, president — We Energies Foundation. “Our first responders race toward danger and distress,

putting others' safety ahead of their own lives every day. We're honored to help provide these vital tools to keep everyone safe.” Since 2020, the We Energies Foundation has donated \$200,000 through its Rewarding Responders Grant program. More than 100 police, fire and

emergency medical services (EMS) departments across Wisconsin have received grants of up to \$2,000 to improve public safety in their communities.

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- Determine structure type, possibility of collapse, and life safety risk.
- Check integrity of the floor in front of you at all times
- Check overhead for high heat or flames
- Do not risk firefighter safety for victims who cannot be saved
- If visibility is poor, consider ventilation before entry
- Always have a search plan prior to entry



**What areas of these structures is safe to search? What areas are untenable for search? What search methods would be used in each scenario?**

### Safe Search Principles

- Communications
- Accountability
- Team Work
- Air Supply
- Orientation

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# INTRODUCING THE DISPATCHER'S 12 PUBLICATION PARTNERS

THE DISPATCHER was started in 1984 with the purpose to publish the monthly news of Wisconsin State Fire Chief Association, fires, rescues and EMS News throughout the state of Wisconsin. **It is the only monthly publication covering the entire state of Wisconsin with news from and about the people who serve their communities so faithfully as professionals and as non-paid volunteers.** We are talking about firefighters, rescue people, EMTs, hazardous material responders and partners with an educated goal. Learn more by visiting their websites and/or join the many associations that have PARTNERED with the DISPATCHER. ***We are all working together with a common goal: “to help our neighbor while staying safe”, and everyone goes home.***

## Wisconsin Society of Emergency Service Instructors

Founded in 1962 as State Chapter 1 of the International Society of Emergency Service Instructors, the Society's mission is to support and assist the fire service instructors throughout the state of Wisconsin through the exchange and dissemination of ideas, information, and the opportunities for professional development and involvement through its activities and programs.

The WSESI currently serves over 200 members in Wisconsin, and welcomes new member's every year. Anyone involved in the many aspects of fire service instruction is eligible for membership in the WSESI.

<https://www.wsesi.org>



## Wisconsin State Fire Inspectors

To provide the people of Wisconsin we serve with effective life safety strategies through comprehensive inspection, public education, code management, and fire investigation training and awareness. We also strive through diligent practice and enforcement to keep all persons, including members of the fire service Safe.

The Wisconsin State Fire Inspectors Association fosters the highest standards of fire prevention in the state of Wisconsin through progressive Fire Inspections and Public Fire and Life Safety Education.

<http://www.wsfia.org>



## Wisconsin State Fire Chiefs' Association

Building on rich traditions that have shaped the organization since its founding in 1929, the Wisconsin State Fire Chiefs' Association has evolved into an active, powerful organization that works to benefit the Wisconsin Fire and Emergency Service and Wisconsin's Fire Officers. From leadership development to legislative advocacy, the Wisconsin State Fire Chiefs Association provides the resources that its members need to succeed.

<https://wsfca.com>



## Wisconsin EMS Association

The Wisconsin EMS Association (WEMSA) represents and supports the views and interests of our membership in Wisconsin communities by promoting education, sharing information, and facilitating legislative action. Founded in 1973, WEMSA currently has 7,000 individual members and 375 Service/Business members representing ambulance services, first responder organizations, and allied EMS organizations. The Association is governed by a 12 member board of directors elected by the membership, and is run by 6 full-time staff members.

<https://www.wisconsinems.com>



## Wisconsin State Fire Fighters Memorial

The Wisconsin State Firefighters Memorial Board of Directors has chosen to provide a unique and lasting way to pay tribute to firefighters from the State of Wisconsin who have made this ultimate sacrifice while in service to their communities. This tribute has taken the form of a Memorial Park dedicated to preserving their memory.

The vision of the WFSM was to create a park with a natural and scenic setting to house a memorial to our firefighting heroes from across this great State of Wisconsin. The serenity of the setting allows park visitors to be alone with their thoughts and emotions and at the same time realize that their loved one will never be forgotten.

<https://www.wsfm.org/default.cfm>



## Wisconsin Chapter of National Fire Sprinkler Association

Fire sprinklers are the single most effective way to stop fires anywhere, not just in new, large public buildings. There are systems designed for houses, high rises, existing buildings, campus housing and every other building where people live or work.

The Wisconsin Chapter of the National Fire Sprinkler Association is here to help consumers, fire safety professionals and builders to understand and benefit from fire sprinklers.

<https://nfsa.org/chapters/wisconsin/>



# THE DISPATCHER'S 12 PUBLICATION PARTNERS CONT.

## Wisconsin Arson Insurance Council

WAIC was formed to promote communication and cooperation between fire and police departments, insurance organizations, law firms, district attorney offices, the Wisconsin Department of Justice, and any other person or organization with an interest in combating arson in Wisconsin. Previously, some local groups were formed to combat arson, but WAIC was the first such organization to establish a state-wide organization. WAIC established and still maintains the hotline for arson fire tips leading to the arrest and conviction of arsonist. The hotline remains the "heart" of WAIC's commitment to combat arson.

<https://www.wiarsonhotline.org/about>



## Badger Firefighters Association

BFA started with THE DISPATCHER in 1984: Organized in 1893, today there are 35 Fire Departments from Southeast WI representing over 2000 firefighters and EMT's.

The object of this Association is the cultivation of fraternal fellowship between the different departments belonging to this association; the protection and promotion of the best interests of the firefighters and the citizens they serve; the collection of information concerning the practical workings of the different systems of the different kinds of fire apparatus and firefighting and life saving equipment suitable to our conditions.

<https://www.badgerfirefightersassociation.com>



## Professional Ambulance Association of Wisconsin

Mission statement: Healthy, sustainable EMS delivery with current employer membership of over 40 members having over 2,500 employees and having over 400,000 patient contact or EMS calls.

<https://www.paaw.us>



## American Tribute Ride

It is the mission of the American Tribute Ride to honor those that have served and those that continue to serve our country, unselfishly. We honor these individuals as ambassadors of goodwill exemplified by the passion, bravery, dedication and brotherhood to serve our country and its citizens. The American Tribute Ride is dedicated to supporting those programs that help our responders, whether they are Military, Fire, EMS, Law Enforcement and their families.

<http://americantributeride.com>



## Gear Up Foundation

Gear Up Foundation has been a living tribute to firefighters, first responders & our military for nearly 2 decades. Uniting our world in response to the attacks on 9/11 is our way to honor those who answer the call ever day.

<https://www.gearupworld.org>



## The Professional Fire Fighters of Wisconsin Charitable Foundation

(PFFWCF) is a 501(c)(3) public charity. Our work is at the heart of every community across Wisconsin. Where there is a burn survivor trying to navigate life beyond their injuries, you'll find us. Where there is an event to honor a fallen fire fighter or raise funds for the family left behind, you'll find us. Where there is a group of kids eager to learn how they can help keep their family and their home safe, we'll be there. We're proud leaders of a coalition of champions across the state – including partner organizations, industry professionals and the public – who work every day to help keep our burn survivors, fire fighters and communities healthy, safe and strong.

**MISSION STATEMENT:** The mission of the Professional Fire Fighters of Wisconsin Charitable Foundation is to champion community risk reduction initiatives; promote fire safety and prevention; and deliver meaningful support to burn survivors, fire fighters and communities.

**VISION STATEMENT:** The vision of the Professional Fire Fighters of Wisconsin Charitable Foundation is for all those we serve to be healthy, safe and supported in their lives and in their communities.

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