

Town of Clayton

Department of Public Safety

Sept 14th. 2023

DPS Report to Town Board

As of September 14th. 2023 the Dept. has been paged-out for 173 calls. Eighty-Five were EMR calls and seventy-three were fire calls, and fifteen that were both. This compares to 183 to date in 2022.

As part of my research on mass causality incident equipment and training, I will be gathering costs for training and equipping 4-6 members for mass causality incident response. Training Chief Peglow from NMFR has said he possibly could have one of his firefighters who is on light duty train our people on the medical portion of the requirements.

In August Appleton International Airport held their tri-annual airport disaster exercise. CFR had several members take part in evacuating patients from the airplane and sorting them by injury. Our Town Emergency Manager, Kaylin was asked by the Outagamie County Deputy EM to shadow him so she could learn about managing a large-scale disaster. Opportunities like this do not come along often. She is continuing her classes to become a certified EM thru the state.

Six members of CFR and I responded as part of the Winnebago County MABAS Engine strike team to the River Rail fire in Shiocton to help fight the large fire.

As the county vice-president, I will be attending the state MABAS convention in Stevens Point next week.

We have a meeting with Pierce on Sept 20th to finalize the drawings for our new fire truck build. Where we will sign off on final placement of switches, shelves, etc. If someone from the board would like to attend, please let me know. Administrator Wisnefske is planning on attending.

The RPM controller on T43 has failed. It is supposed to adjust the rpms of the engine and thus the pressure generated by the pump. It is no longer made and it cannot be repaired. We have also been having issues with the older style, manual pressure relief valve sticking for the last 3-4 years. We have purchased and installed a rebuild kit and it only works for a limited time before it malfunctions again. It is located on top of the pump in a very hard to get at area. We have asked for an estimate to replace the manual pressure relief valve with an electronic pressure governor. The electronic governor will fix both the rpm controller and the relief valve issue. The request to approve the repair work is on the agenda for tonight. We are currently using the foot throttle and cruise control in the cab to regulate the rpm. When the relief valve sticks open, we cannot pass the annual pump test. This conversion was going to be an item on our 2024 budget proposal till it failed.

Administrator Wisnefske and I have had conversations about limiting our budgeted purchases to help offset the shortfall for the new engine payment and for the needed repairs on T43.

We are looking for rescue heroes to join our department. Your help in spreading the word is appreciated.

Please consider donating blood. The need is great and donors are in short supply.

Please contact me with questions or concerns,

Director Rieckmann