

COLUMBUS FIRE DEPARTMENT

FEBRUARY 2026 REPORT

1. 35 members, 5 probationary
2. New Jaws of Life Hurst Edraulics Tools in service.
3. Dodge County Radio Grant submitted.
4. Accountability board is in.
5. Donation from Columbus Chemical for new nozzles.
6. Update on Old Betsy (1925 American LaFrance) – He has it running, going to do a coolant flush as was full of crap, no oil leaks, has to do a little rear end work, brakes are good, motometer was broke off and getting us one and new radiator cap as original was bad, ordering tires soon, should be done middle of summer, will try to have ready by July 4th but no promises.
7. New manifold ordered 5” Storz to replace the 4” Storz manifold. WE replaced our supply hose years ago from 4” to 5” but never replaced the manifold restricting our water flow. This piece of equipment is a big valve that allows us to work in long driveways and have (4) 2.5” connections enabling us to connect attack hose to help us reach hard to reach places.
8. Jerrod Fox and Scott Hazeltine is attending the Wisconsin State Fire Chiefs Winter Inservice at Sun Prairie at the Hilton. They are taking the NFA Class, a 2 day class to get certified in Exercising Leadership through Difficult Conversations.
9. Dan Retzlaff volunteered to setup a Retention & Recruitment Committee.
10. Landin Wiedenbeck resigned

INCIDENTS

- 02/01/2026 (26-030) – At 0706 hours Columbus Fire Department was paged to 900 Avalon Road (Kestrel Ridge Golf Course) for a report of smoke. It was an unattended brush pile fire. Chief Hazeltine had a discussion with the Kestrel Ridge Gold Course that another incidence like this and their special burn permit will be revoked and lose their privileges. The manager is an ex Sun Prairie FF and assured me this will not happen again. There were no danger of extension of fire, smoke and unattended was the issue.
- 02/04/2026 (26-031) – At 2108 hours Columbus Fire Department was paged to 589 West Avalon Road for a CO (Carbon Monoxide) alarm going off.
- 02/07/2026 (26-032) – At 1204 hours Columbus Fire Department was paged to 7572 Highway 89 in the Town of York for a possible structure fire. We requested Waterloo Fire for manpower and a water tender.
- 02/09/2026 (26-033) – At 1813 hours Columbus Fire Department was paged to N3958 Campbell Street in the Town of Elba for a disabled van fire.
- 02/11/2026 (26-034) – At 2026 hours Columbus Fire Department was paged to 484 River Road, Unit 1 for a smoke detector going off.
- 02/13/2026 (26-035) – At 1250 hours Columbus Fire Department was paged to 31 Parkview Circle for a lift assist.
- 02/13/2026 (26-036) – At 1524 hours Columbus Fire Department was paged back to 31 Parkview Circle to assist Lifestar in getting the patient back into her residence.
- 02/15/2026 (26-037) – At 1341 hours Columbus Fire Department was paged to the intersection of Highway 73 & County V in the Town of York for a 2 vehicle accident with possible entrapment.
- 02/16/2026 (26-038) – At 1752 hours Columbus Fire Department was paged to 353 Poet Street for a report of their CO (Carbon Monoxide) detectors going off.
- 02/22/2026 (26-039) – At 0240 hours Columbus Fire Department was paged to N6490 Highway 151 for a rom & contents structure fire with

Beaver Dam Fire requesting us with Mutual Aid on a Working Still for an engine and water tender.

- 02/24/2026 (26-040) – At 0424 hours Columbus Fire Department was paged to 355 Richmond Street for a fully engulfed garage fire. We requested Fall River for an engine and CLR for a squad for manpower to assist with salvage and overhaul.
- 02/24/2026 (26-041) - At 1412 hours Columbus Fire Department was paged to 414 South Birdsey Street for a lift assist.
- 02/24/2026 (26-042) – At 2020 hours Columbus Fire Department was paged to 433 Highview Lane for a lift assist.
- 02/26/2026 (26-043) – At 1421 hours Columbus Fire Department was paged to 153 North Ludington Street for a lift assist.
- 02/27/2026 (26-044) – At 1130 hours Columbus Fire Department was paged to W10080 County D in the Town of Calamus for a mutual aid request from Beaver Dam fire for a wildland fire. They requested our brush truck, UTV and an engine.
- 02/27/2026 (26-045) – At 1238 hours Columbus Fire Department was paged to 2955 Innovation Way for Sun Prairie Fire Requesting us with an engine for a commercial fire.
- 02/28/2026 (26-046) – At 0244 hours Columbus Fire Department was paged to the area of County V & Highway 151 for a 1 vehicle accident.
- 02/28/2026 (26-047) – At 0549 hours Columbus Fire Department was paged to W1287 Highway 60 in the Town of Columbus for a lift assist.
- 02/28/2026 (26-048) – At 1307 hours Columbus Fire Department was paged to Highway 151 Northbound around the 118 MM for a car vs deer accident.