



To: Chief Andy Morgan

From: Captain Jeremy Nelson

Date: January 5, 2024

RE: CSO Carl Fischer Commendation

Itasca County Health and Human Services Adult Protection had received a report of a person, who was residing in a trailer house on River Rd in Grand Rapids, who was unable to care for himself, had horrible living conditions, and had numerous cats and a dog in the house.

On 01/02/2024, CSO Carl Fischer and Officer Ashley Moran accompanied an ICHHS Adult Protection Investigator to the home. CSO Fischer advised that he counted 15 cats in the home. A rental inspector from the City of Grand Rapids was also called in and found the home uninhabitable.

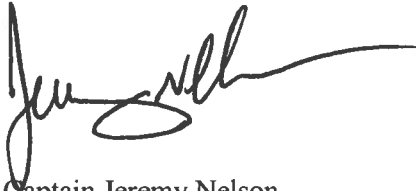
Officer Moran was able to get the resident of the home to go with her to the hospital to get checked out. CSO Fischer offered to take the resident's dog and care for it at the pound, until he was done at the hospital. The resident also agreed that he could not care for the cats and agreed to surrender them.

CSO Fischer worked very diligently to find placement for the cats, knowing that one organization would most likely not be able to take care of all the cats themselves. CSO Fischer was able to make arrangements with Paws and Claws Animal Rescue in Hackensack MN to take 5 of the cats.

On 01/03/2024 CSO Fischer and Officer Sam Hussman went to the trailer house and attempted to capture 5 of the cats. They found that the cats were mostly feral and capturing them was very difficult. CSO Fischer advised that the Rescues he had previously contacted would most likely not be able to take the cats due to them not being manageable.

CSO Fischer then contacted the Minnesota Federated Humane Society and spoke with an Investigator. It just so happened that the investigator was in Itasca County on another case and agreed to meet with CSO Fischer and assess the situation in the evening hours of 01/03/2024. CSO Fischer volunteered to stay late at work to be able to accompany the Investigator to the residence. On 01/04/2024, a team from the MN Federated Humane Society came to the trailer and was able to collect 24 cats and kittens. The resident of the trailer also signed over his dog to them. CSO Fischer had originally taken 01/04/2024 off but requested to change that so he could be here to assist since he was familiar with the incident.

CSO Fischer went above and beyond in locating suitable placement for these animals. CSO Fischer has developed strong relationships with many of the animal rescue organizations and animal shelters in northern Minnesota. I applaud him for looking outside the area and contacting the MN Federated Humane Society, in this case, and developing them as another partner/resource for dealing with situations like this. CSO Fischer truly cares about animals and helping people.

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Captain Jeremy Nelson
January 5, 2024