



# Maple Plain Fire Department

## Fire Chief's Report

February 2025

Maple Plain Fire Department – Chief Rick Denneson

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### **Vision as Fire Chief**

To build an organizational structure that provides unity, compassion, necessary tools, equipment, training, and leadership for firefighters to be successful when in action.

### **Calls February 2025 – report #857 & #553**

In February, we responded to 38 calls for service.

- 27 EMS & Rescue calls
- 4 Motor Vehicle Crashes
- 3 Fire calls, a car fire and a grass fire call
- 1 good intent call for smoke / odor removal
- 1 Hazardous call
- 2 Alarm calls

### **Where these calls are occurring – report #384**

Independence – 12 calls

Maple Plain – 25 calls

Three Rivers Parks – 0

Mutual Aid – 1 Call to assist under mutual aid – Assist to Long Lake Fire

We did not request mutual aid for any calls this month.

### **Training Update**

In February, our training concentrated on some technical rescue drills with ropes and knots. We also worked with some of the equipment that we would use in a technical rescue such as a stokes basket / sked to haul someone out of a location or up / down an elevated area. We also worked on scene size up – what to do in the first 5 minutes of arriving on a scene.

We have an online platform called Vector Solutions which allows us to assign training that can be done online and is not important to do as a group but is one of our mandated trainings. Training like bloodborne pathogens, hearing protection use, right to know, PPE and other topics that many of which are mandated by OSHA.

### **Equipment Update**

Nothing to report for February other than we have been following up with routine maintenance of some of the items that were discovered to need repair from our annual January maintenance review.

### **Station Facility**

The interior lighting project got started right at the end of February / beginning of March and expected to last a few weeks for the update.

I received a quote for a retro fit and expansion of the ventilation system that captures the exhaust from our diesel trucks while they are running inside the station. The ventilation system keep the harmful fumes from building up inside the station by collecting them at the exhaust pipe and venting them outside. The company that has installed our partial system in the past quoted us \$76,972.00 to finish outfitting the station with the trucks that we currently have. This was a quote that was requested by the Fire Commission.

### **Personnel**

Our hiring process is almost finished with our 2 candidates that I have mentioned before. They have been issued a conditional offer pending a psychological evaluation, background check and City Council approval. They should hopefully be ready for Council approval early April.

I have 2 other candidates that I am working with right now that are fire fighters at other departments. One lives in the city and one works in the city during the day. I will update you with that progress in the next update.

### **Merger with West Suburban Fire District**

On February 17<sup>th</sup>, Chief Leuer and 2 board members came to the MPFD and met with Deputy Chief McGinty, Operations Chief Couser and myself. We discussed the next steps and that they wish to bring their entire board over to the MPFD to take a look at our station and equipment. We talked briefly about what equipment would stay and what could be gotten rid of through attrition as equipment ages out. Some of this is based on discussions both Chief Leuer and I have had with ISO for insurance ratings.