



Maple Plain Fire Department

Fire Chief's Report

April 2025

Maple Plain Fire Department – Chief Rick Denneson

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 April 2025 – report #857 & #553

In April, we responded to 26 calls for service.

- 18 EMS & Rescue calls
- 2 Motor Vehicle Crashes
- 2 Fire calls
- 1 good intent call for smoke / odor removal
- 3 Hazardous calls – chemical issue / wire down

Where these calls are occurring – report #384

Independence – 9 calls

Maple Plain – 16 calls

Three Rivers Parks – 0

Mutual Aid – 1 Call to assist under mutual aid – Assist to West Suburban Fire

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

Training Update

We did several different training courses in the month of April. We had a group of fire fighters that went to the Long Lake Fire Department and sat in on a training session put on by the State Fire Marshall's office covering fire safety and prevention, creating reports accurately and the release of data. In house, we did training on our new grass rig and its operations, building construction and types and electrical hazards – learning about power sources and disconnecting power.

Station Facility

I obtained a quote for the painting of the exterior of the fire station. The quote was from a local businessperson who lives in Maple Plain on Main Street. I forwarded the quote to Administrator Kolander for approval.

Personnel

On April 15th, I received a resignation letter from firefighter Kevin Kolkind. Kevin has served on the fire department for just over 10 years. He has been our fire relief treasurer for the past several years and was always very active with our past steak fry events and silent auctions. Kevin has been promoted several times at work over the last couple of years, leaving him little time to give to the fire department. He is an asset to our department that will be missed.

On Monday April 21st, West Hennepin Public Safety Director Matt DuRose was sworn in as the new Police Chief. On Tuesday April 22nd, we said goodbye to the outgoing Director, Gary Kroells as he retired from his position at West Hennepin. We appreciate the working relationship we have with WHPS and our public safety team.

Merger with West Suburban Fire District

On Monday night April 7th, several members of the West Suburban Fire District came over to the Maple Plain Fire Department to tour our facility and take a closer look at the equipment that we have. After that visit, Chief Leuer said he had 6 phone calls and texts from MPFD members, thanking him for coming over and were in favor of the merger happening hopefully soon.

Chief Leuer sent us documents to share with our membership including their organizational chart, fire board membership, WSFD capital plan and needs that they see with equipment as we move forward with the merger.

Chief Leuer said next steps are to get our transition teams – members from each department, back together with a list of tasks and objectives that need to be done in the transition. We were able to put together some dates and met in the first week of May with our 2nd date the last week in May. Things are moving forward towards a December 31st, 2025, completion goal.