

TOWN OF PESHTIGO FIRE DEPARTMENT



ANNUAL REPORT 2022

From the Fire Chief's Desk



Once again, it is my pleasure to present this annual report to our town leaders, residents and other interested parties. During 2022, we responded to a near record breaking number of calls with a total of 128 incidents, once again far surpassing our historical annual average of 65-70 calls. This year, we experienced a large spike in the number of calls to assist our EMS partners and again experienced an increase in the number of calls to assist our neighboring fire departments through MABAS (Mutual Aid Box Alarm System). We responded to fourteen calls for assistance outside our jurisdiction, including one large warehouse fire in Menominee, MI at which we worked for over 17 hours straight in early October. A number of significant fire calls this year, including one large industrial fire at the Sal-B metal recycling facility just outside of Marinette, stretched our personnel and resources thin at times, but we never missed a beat.

Like everyone else, we faced a number of significant challenges due to inflationary price increases, skyrocketing fuel costs, and supply chain issues which made it difficult to obtain new equipment. We even learned, when planning ahead for a replacement fire truck, that the cost of a new fire engine has almost tripled since the last time we purchased our last engine over 13 years ago. And, although we signed the purchase agreement in October, it will take almost three years to build and deliver our new truck!

As a result of stagnant budgets and an increasing demand for our services, we have taken every opportunity to apply for grants, seek donations and conduct fund raising in order to keep our trucks rolling and firefighters well equipped.

I'm extremely proud to lead the many dedicated and professional men and women who serve on this fire department as volunteers. They are a talented group; they are very active and they take their commitment to serve and protect you seriously. Be sure to join me in thanking them when you run across one of our volunteers.

Michael Folgert
Fire Chief

Town of Peshtigo Fire Department 2022 Annual Report



Mission Statement

The mission of the Town of Peshtigo Fire Department is to provide fire protection and related emergency services in order to ensure the safety and well-being of all town residents, occupants, visitors and their properties.

Vision Statement

Our vision is to provide high quality and efficient emergency services by developing and maintaining community partnerships, by hiring and training exceptional volunteers, and by meeting or exceeding state and national standards as related to the fire service.

Organizational Values

We value having pride in our organization, the service we provide, and the equipment we use.

We value the honor of being part of a profession that is trusted by the community.

We value the integrity and honesty of our members and what upholding these values means to our customers.

We value the dedication, commitment to excellence, and reliability in everything we do.

We value leadership, teamwork, innovation, respect and tolerance in our organization.

We value cooperation and partnerships with other emergency service providers.

We value the social good in what we do as an organization and as individuals.

Strategic Goals

- 1 Provide for the safety, health and welfare of all firefighters and our residents at all times.
- 2 Conduct all emergency responses and non-emergency activities using generally accepted risk assessment models. We will take calculated risks in a controlled and measured manner to provide for life safety, incident stabilization and property conservation.
- 3 Meet NFPA 1720 staffing and response time standards for structural fires, which include a 14-minute response time with a minimum of six trained firefighters in rural areas of the town.
- 4 Continually evaluate and improve department operations and services in order to maintain, and potentially improve the Town's ISO rating of class 6/10.



Town of Peshtigo Firefighters - August 2022

Seated Left to Right:

Standing Left to Right:

Not Pictured:

*Lt. Darius Dohl, Capt. Derek Monnette, Asst. Chief Rich Seils, Chief Mike Folgert, Capt. Ryan Kass, Lt. Joe Paoli, Past Chief, Clarence Coble
Firefighters Chad Ryczek, Dano Sebero, Travis Plym, Justin Couillard,
Paul Schneider, Gabe Aschbacher, Adam Staszak, James Matthews,
Jed Buechler, Jordan DeForge, Brittany Peterson, Darren Jacobson, Alli
Kacalo, Adam Walker
Justin Walk*

Town of Peshtigo Officials 2022

Town Board of Supervisors

Cindy Boyle, Chairperson
Cindy Bauer, Supervisor 1
Tatem Schroeder, Supervisor 2
Kayla Furton, Supervisor 3
John Kowalski, Supervisor 4

Fire Commission

Dave Buechler
Dale Edlbeck
Jim Meyer
Lou Ann Seils
Karen Sylvester (Chair)

Town Clerk

Clarence Coble (through early December)
Denise Wiedemeier (December)

Deputy Clerk

Kayla Okins

Town Treasurer

Kelsey Lossett (through July)
Phil Noble (August through December)

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Town of Peshtigo Fire Department Officers 2022

Fire Chief

Michael Folgert
Appointed Chief in January 2010
Serving since 1986

Safety Officer

Adam Walker
Appointed in July 2022
Serving since 2017

Assistant Chief

Richard Seils Jr
Appointed in April 2010
Serving since 1991

Training Officer

Ryan Kass
Appointed in 2021
Serving since 2011

Two Captains

Derek Monnette
Appointed in November 2016
Serving since 2012

Ryan Kass
Appointed in February 2018
Serving since 2011

Two Lieutenants

Darius Dohl
Elected in July 2021
Serving since 2018

Joe Paoli
Elected in March 2018
Serving since 2016

Fire Inspectors

Mike Folgert
Rich Seils

Town of Peshtigo Firefighters December 2022 (Including year hired)

Gabe Aschbacher - 2018
Jed Buechler – 2008
Chris Callies – 1997
Clarence Coble – 1974
Justin Couillard – 2018
Jordan DeForge - 2022
Darius Dohl - 2018
Mike Folgert - 1986
Allison Kacalo - 2022
Ryan Kass – 2011
James Matthews – 2018

Jim Meyer - 2005
Derek Monnette – 2012
Joe Paoli – 2016
Brittany Peterson – 2008
Travis Plym - 2021
Chad Ryczek – 2020
Paul Schneider - 2022
Dano Sebero – 2018
Rich Seils - 1991
Adam Staszak – 2014
Justin Walk - 2022
Adam Walker - 2017

Four New Firefighters in 2022



Jordan DeForge (Left) joined in July after being recruited by his boss, and fellow firefighter, Joe Paoli. Jordan resides in the City of Marinette with his wife and family and works as a process manufacturing engineer at Winsert.



Alli Kacalo (Center) joined in August after graduating from high school and becoming interested in firefighting as a potential career. Alli is enrolled in the Fire Protection Technician associate degree program at NWTTC in Green Bay. She resides in Marinette.



Paul Schneider (Right), a City of Marinette resident, joined in January. Paul had previously served as a volunteer medical responder on the Emergency Rescue Squad in Marinette and is a U.S. Navy veteran.



Justin Walk (above) joined our ranks in September. Justin lives in the Town of Peshtigo with his wife and young family. He works at Samuel Pressure Group in Marinette.

Firefighter Departures

Dave Dionne resigned for personal reasons in June after serving the department for six years. Dave had also served as our Health and Safety Officer as well as, most recently, our Secretary/Treasurer.

Darren Jacobson resigned in September after serving for two years. Darren decided to join Little River Fire Department instead.

Special Business Recognition Award



Local business owner, **Mike Biehl** of MJB Industries was presented with a special award at our annual banquet in recognition of his service to the Town of Peshtigo. This award consisted of his own personalized fire helmet and glass drink mug. Mike has responded to numerous calls each year to assist firefighters at fires when heavy equipment is needed. This past year alone, Mike responded to the Sal-B Scrap Metal Recycling fire and the warehouse fire in Menominee where he worked for extended hours in hot, smoky conditions to assist local firefighters.

Length of Service Achievements



Three firefighters reached the following milestones and were presented with their length of service pins and plaques at the annual banquet:

5 Years of Service: **Adam Walker** (center)

10 Years of Service: **Derek Monnette** (right)

25 Years of Service: **Chris Callies** (left)

2022 Firefighter of the Year



Assistant Chief, **Rich Seils** was recognized at our annual banquet in October as 2022 firefighter of the year. Rich received this award in recognition of his service and leadership as president of the Marinette County Fire Association, for heading up a team to plan for the purchase of our new fire engine and for taking the lead on purchasing CDBG-CV grant items.

Special Service Recognition Award



Our new apparatus purchasing team was recognized at the annual banquet for their hard work throughout the year putting together specifications for the design and purchase of a new fire engine to replace our almost 30-year-old engine. Numerous meetings, field trips to manufacturing facilities and several presentations to the Fire Commission and Town Board culminated in the signing of a purchase contract in late October. The new engine will be built by Pierce Mfg. in Appleton with anticipated delivery in 2025. Pictured (L-R) are Rich Seils, Joe Paoli, Darius Dohl, Karen Sylvester, Ryan Kass, Gabe Aschbacher, Jim Meyer and Chris Callies. Not pictured: Adam Staszak

Life Saving Awards



A number of firefighters from both the City and Town of Peshtigo Fire Departments were presented with Life Saving Awards in a ceremony at a June Peshtigo City Council meeting. These awards were presented in recognition of a May 14th water rescue in which three jet skiers were saved after they had fallen into the Peshtigo River and were in danger of being swept over the dam. Pictured (L-R) are Peshtigo Town Chair Cindy Boyle, Rich Seils, Darren Jacobson, Joe Paoli, Derek Monnette, Ryan Kass, Jed Buechler, Gabe Aschbacher, Mike Folgert and Peshtigo Mayor Cathi Malki.

State Training and Certifications Achieved

Jordan DeForge, Travis Plym, and Paul Schneider all completed additional training and state testing through NWTC to achieve status as state certified level 1 firefighters this year. In addition to completion of the required basic 60-hour entry level training, this required an additional 36 hours of firefighter training, 20 hours of hazardous materials training, then passing both State of Wisconsin written and practical skills tests.

James Matthews completed state certification as an Engine Driver-Operator after completing an additional NWTC course and state testing.

All Town of Peshtigo firefighters meet or exceed the State of Wisconsin minimum training requirements for entry level firefighting. The vast majority continue on with additional training to obtain state certification as level 1 or level 2 firefighters.

Additional training is offered in-house each month and periodically through NWTC or other sources in order to maintain and further develop skills. Currently, 83% of our firefighters are state certified firefighters with six being certified as Firefighter 1 and thirteen being certified at Firefighter Level 2 or higher.

Fire Apparatus and Equipment

Engine 205

This 1994 pumper was built by 3-D in Shawano and is now 29 years old. This had been our front-line engine until replaced by Engine 207 in 2010. This apparatus holds 1,000 gallons of water, is rated to pump 1,000 gallons per minute and is equipped with a compressed air foam system (CAFS). Although the body is beginning to show signs of rust in a number of places and some valves are sticking or leaking, the truck has still passed its annual pump tests and is in relatively good shape. No repairs were needed this year other than replacement of several marker lights and ground lights. Annual DOT inspection and preventative maintenance cost \$123.20 Annual required pump testing cost an additional \$312.50.

Engine 207

This 2010 rescue pumper was built by Rosenbauer America on a commercial Freightliner chassis. This pumper was placed into service in April 2010, carries 1,000 gallons of water and is capable of pumping 1,250 gallons per minute. This truck is also used to carry our extrication equipment, commonly known as the “Jaws of Life”. This is our primary first due engine and has a four-person cab which permits us to respond with a full crew of firefighters using only one apparatus to many calls. Repairs this year included the rear brake drums and replacement of rear brake shoes for \$1,053.63, six new tires installed for \$2,728.84, lighting repairs and replacement for \$568.90 and replacement of a turn signal multi-switch for \$203.59. Annual DOT inspections cost another \$184.80 and required pump testing cost \$312.50.

Brush 1

This brush truck was placed into service in late 2013. The unit is built on an F-350 diesel powered 4x4 chassis with a flat rack equipped with compartments and a 225 gallon water tank with an 18 hp mounted pump. This apparatus is the primary response vehicle for grass and brush fires and provides support at vehicle crashes. No repairs were needed this year. A DOT inspection was completed for \$61.60.

Brush 2

This is our newest truck, a 2017 F-350 four-wheel drive pick-up. This truck is outfitted with a skid unit that is removed in winter months when not needed for grass fires. It is used primarily for wildland fires, incident support and for firefighters to attend training. It also pulls the trailer with our fire/rescue UTV and ice rescue trailer. The only repairs needed this year were replacement of a steering damper, which was done under warranty. A DOT inspection was also completed for \$61.60.

Tender 234

This is a 3,500-gallon vacuum tanker, which was purchased new in 2002. Built on a commercial Freightliner chassis, this truck brings much needed water to the scene of a fire, dumps it within minutes into a portable folding water tank and goes to a water source to re-fill. Some electrical repairs were made in-house to remove an inoperable

traffic advisor light and clean up some wiring for a cost of \$28.46. A DOT inspection with routine preventative maintenance was performed totaling \$154.

Tender 235

This is a 3,200-gallon vacuum tanker, which was purchased new in 2016. Built on a commercial Freightliner chassis, it meets all current NFPA standards for fire apparatus of this nature and is our primary water shuttling apparatus. The only maintenance costs incurred this year were for anode rod replacement for \$40 and an annual DOT inspection with routine preventative maintenance totaling \$123.20.

Fire/Rescue UTV

This fully tracked UTV unit was purchased in 2019 and is equipped with both a 70-gallon water tank and pump to extinguish grass fires as well as a rescue body that allows us to safely transport a patient over difficult terrain. The unit is also outfitted with a front-mounted winch, rear tow hook, mobile radio, chain saw and compartment space to carry extra hose and hand tools. Annual preventative maintenance was performed for a cost of \$154.90.

Cold Water Rescue Trailer

This fully enclosed cargo trailer was purchased in 2008 and outfitted with our cold-water rescue equipment. This includes an inflatable rapid deployment craft (RDC), seven cold water rescue suits, rescue ropes, throw bags and various supplies needed to implement a safe water or ice rescue.

Avon Rescue Boat

Our older 10 ft. rigid inflatable boat is equipped with a 9.9 hp four stroke outboard motor. This small boat is still in-service and comfortably carries two people being equipped for performing rescue work primarily in the Peshtigo River. It is small enough to be carried to the water's edge and quickly placed into service by several firefighters or can be launched from a conventional boat launch.

Mercury Rescue Boat

In August 2021, we placed a new and larger rescue boat into service. Mercury Marine donated a 15 ft. rigid inflatable Ocean Runner boat along with a brand new 40 hp Mercury outboard motor. Through additional donations and several fund-raising events, we were able to obtain a custom-built trailer, side-scanning sonar device, rescue suits and other items to completely outfit this watercraft for any type of water rescue. This boat provides a very stable rescue platform. It is primarily designed for use on the waters of Green Bay but may be used anywhere as long as there is a boat launch available.

Required Inspection and Testing Completed

HURST extrication equipment maintenance – 5-Alarm Fire & Safety 9/7/22	\$840.00
Hydrostatic testing of 22 breathing air cylinders – Abednego 2/17/22	\$974.00
NFPA ladder testing completed by Great Lakes Testing Inc. 9/22/22	\$377.50
NFPA hose testing of all discharge hoses – In-house	Conducted in-house
NFPA pump testing on both engines – Jefferson Fire & Safety 10/21/22	\$625.00
DOT commercial vehicle inspections & PM's – Franks Logging & Repair	\$708.40
Face piece fit testing for 20 firefighters – Fire Safety Consulting Services	\$600.00
Pre-employment medical testing of 4 new firefighters	\$2,1622.00

New Equipment Purchased During 2022

A number of items were purchased to replace old equipment, provide for firefighter safety or to improve our operational capabilities. Purchases were made using budgeted funds, grant funds or through donations:

Minitor 6 pagers with desktop chargers and cases (5)	\$1,998.00
Thermal Imaging Camera – MSA EV6000*	\$7,880.58
Hurst E-Draulic battery operated cutting tool*	\$9,240.00
Rapid Deployment Craft, Inflatable rescue boat*	\$5,025.00
Supervac Valor 18" battery operated PPV fan*	\$4,616.00
Sensit Gold G2 Multi-gas detector with calibration kit*	\$2,695.00
Philips FRX HeartStart defibrillator (AED)*	\$1,746.00
Structural fire helmets (3)	\$1,001.81
Supply hose, 4" diameter x 50ft (2) *	\$857.50
Hydrant gate valve*	\$696.00
Streamlight Survivor LED lights (10)	\$545.00
Helmet face shield assemblies, 4 inch (8)	\$505.12
Stop/Slow paddle, LED 18- inch w/ stand*	\$285.00
Pike Pole, D-Handle 4 ft	\$85.00

**Indicates that the item was funded either partially or fully through grants or donations.*

Fire Station Repairs and General Maintenance

Annual HVAC maintenance, repairs & inspection
 Emergency Exit Lighting replaced
 Floor trench drains cleaned and scoped

Fund-Raising Events

A number of fund-raising events were conducted throughout the year to raise money for special projects. These included a Spring Gun Raffle that generated \$2,535, an August cookout at the Forgotten Fire Winery that netted \$924, several bucket raffles that brought in \$671, a silent auction for \$400 and a Fall Sportsman Raffle that generated \$7,908. These projects, combined with other donated funds, allowed us to purchase some much-needed equipment, including a thermal imaging camera, and battery-operated jaws of life cutting tool that we wouldn't have been able to afford otherwise.



Grants Awarded

We received a number of grants this year that enabled us to purchase some equipment that we would otherwise not have been able to obtain.

A **CDBG-CV** grant awarded to the Town of Peshtigo included approximately \$50,000 dedicated to the fire department for the purchase of a number of items. The first of these items, a personal protective equipment air dryer was ordered late this year with delivery expected in January 2023. The remaining items will be ordered for delivery during 2023.

A grant in the amount of \$2,500 received from the **M & M Area Community Foundation** out of their Peshtigo Endowment Fund was used for the purchase of a new multi-gas meter and gas calibration kit.

A grant from the **Mutual of Wausau Insurance**, in the amount of \$1,000 allowed us to purchase a hydrant valve and large diameter hose to be used for filling our water tenders from a fire hydrant.

A \$500 grant from Marinette's **Zion Lutheran Church** endowment fund was combined with funds from another grant and put towards the purchase of a hydrant valve and four-inch water supply hose for use in filling our water tenders.

Donations Received (over \$100)

Tyco/Johnson Controls Foundation - \$10,600 for purchasing a new rapid deployment craft and battery-operated ventilation fan

Sal B Metal Recycling - \$5,000

Bellin Health – New AED donated with entire purchase cost of \$1,746 reimbursed

The Outback Bar - \$1,000

Janeau Allman (resident) - \$500

Jerome & Mary Brezinski (residents) - \$500

Seguins Cheese - \$300

The Family of Patricia Kotecki - \$215

Marinette County Tavern League - \$200

Cindy Bauer (town supervisor) - \$200

Karen Sylvester (resident) - \$100

Cindy Gressel (local resident) - \$100

Anonymous Donation - \$100



Ryan Kass, Justin Couillard, Adam Walker, Chad Ryczek and Rich Seils show off the new battery powered ventilation fan and inflatable Rapid Deployment Rescue Craft that were purchased thanks to a \$10,600 donation we received from the Johnson Controls Foundation/Tyco



Chief Mike Folgert taking delivery of our new Hurst E-Draulic cutting tool from Chuck Gray of MacQueen Emergency. This unit was paid for primarily through fund-raising efforts.

2022 Fire Department Run Report

Summary of 2022 Calls:

40	Medical Assists
21	Vehicle Crashes
16	Structure Fires
13	Powerlines/Trees Down, Arcing or Burning
10	Carbon Monoxide Alarms
4	Ice/Water Rescue
4	Controlled Burn Complaint
3	Fire/Smoke Alarm Activations
3	Special Outdoor Fires (Salvage Yard, Dumpster, Electrical)
3	Dispatched but Canceled While Enroute
2	Smell of Gas Inside Residence
1	Electrical Wiring Short or Malfunction
1	Smoke Odor Inside Building
1	Vehicle (UTV) Fire
1	Assist Law Enforcement - Traffic
1	Change of Quarters / Hazmat Assist
1	Patient Extrication from Tree
1	Oil Spill
<u>2</u>	Miscellaneous
128	TOTAL RUNS



Firefighters at work on a structure fire along State Hwy 64 in January.

Some Noteworthy Fire Facts:

- No fire fatalities or civilian injuries resulting from fires
- No lost work time firefighter injuries.
- One major loss industrial special outdoor fire (Scrap metal piles)
 - W1311 State Hwy 64, Sal-B Scrap Metal Recycling on May 9-10th.
Estimated loss of \$1,250,000.

- Six residential structure fires within the town:
 - W1474 State Hwy 64. Residential Home Fire on Jan. 4th. Total loss estimated at \$65,000.
 - N3044 Schacht Rd. Chimney Fire on Feb. 1st. Confined to chimney.
 - W939 Madsen Rd. Grass/Shed Fire on May 17th. Loss estimated at \$350.
 - W2253 Woodridge Rd. Garage and House Fire on July 10th. Major loss estimated at \$334,000.
 - W3001 Hale School Rd., Oven Fire on Sept. 16th. Confined to oven.
 - N3044 Schacht Rd. Chimney Fire on Dec. 3rd. Confined to chimney.
- MABAS / Mutual Aid received from other fire departments on three fire calls within the Town of Peshtigo:
 - W1474 State Hwy 64 Residential Home Fire on Jan. 4th. MABAS Working Still. Received assistance from City of Marinette.
 - W1311 State Hwy 64, Sal-B Scrap Metal Recycling fire. MABAS 3rd Box Alarm. Received assistance from Marinette, Peshtigo, Grover-Porterfield, Lake, Coleman, Pound, Middle Inlet, Wagner and Little River.
 - W2253 Woodridge Rd. Garage and House Fire on July 10th. MABAS Box Alarm. Received assistance from City of Marinette, City of Peshtigo, Pound and Grover-Porterfield.
- MABAS / Mutual Aid assistance provided to other departments outside the Town of Peshtigo on fourteen calls:
 - Residential structure fire, 926 Parnell St, Marinette on Jan. 2nd
 - Residential structure fire, N9217 Hwy 141, Middle Inlet on Jan. 22nd
 - Residential structure fire, 401 French St., Peshtigo on Feb. 14th
 - Residential structure fire, N4604 County E, Porterfield on Feb. 20th
 - Residential structure fire, W4064 Porterfield Lake Rd on March 12th
 - Residential structure fire, 2430 Mary St., Lot P, Marinette on March 13th
 - Residential structure fire, 283 S. Emery, Peshtigo on March 24th
 - Canceled enroute, N7174 Miles Rd., Porterfield on April 29th
 - Residential structure fire, 151 Chicago Court, Peshtigo on May 13th
 - Water rescue on Peshtigo River at the dam in Peshtigo on May 14th
 - Industrial structure fire, 701 4th Ave., Menominee, MI on October 7th
 - Change of Quarters for Boom deployment, Marinette on October 7th
 - Ice Rescue on Peshtigo River, Splake Ct. Peshtigo on December 5th
 - Industrial structure fire, 200 W. Front St., Peshtigo on December 20th
- The number of MABAS (Mutual Aid Box Alarm System) calls for assistance outside the Town of Peshtigo continues to increase as we continue to embrace this system of mutual aid and are placed on more Box Cards. For the second time in as many years we once again led an engine strike team from Wisconsin to Michigan,

this time in response to an interdivisional request for assistance at the Resolute Forest Products/KKIL Warehouse fire in Menominee.



Town of Peshtigo's engine drafting water from the Menominee River to supply City of Menominee's aerial ladder truck at the Resolute Forest Products fire in October.

Fire Department Response Times:

- **Enroute time** is the time it takes from the initial 911 call for firefighters to be paged, report to the station, get dressed in their gear and get the first apparatus on the road.
 - Enroute time averages 6 minutes and is included in total response time.
- **Response time** is considered the time period from when dispatch sets off the first alert until the first apparatus arrives on scene. NFPA 1720 recommends that volunteer fire departments serving suburban areas be able to arrive on scene of a structure fire and assemble a crew within 14 minutes of the time of alarm. There is no NFPA recommended response time standard for rural areas due to low population density and long travel distances.
 - Shortest response time was 3 minutes from receipt of alarm.
 - Response times were five minutes or less on five calls.
 - Response times were 10 minutes or less on 43 calls (35%).
 - Average 12.8-minute response time to all calls (non-emergency and MABAS runs included).
 - Average 10.4-minute response time to all fires within the Town of Peshtigo.
 - Average 9.8-minute response time for all structure fires within the town.
 - No response times for structure fires within town were longer than the NFPA 1720 recommended time of 14 minutes.

Fire Response Staffing Levels:

- Firefighter staffing in response to calls has remained relatively stable since reaching a low average of 6.7 firefighters per call in 2015. In 2022, an average of 7.96 Firefighters responded per call. This has decreased only slightly from an average of 8.2 firefighters per call in 2021.
 - Largest response turnout per call was 20 firefighters. This occurred once for the Sal-B Scrap Metal fire on Hwy 64.
 - 16-19 firefighters responded on 4 calls.
 - Between 10-15 firefighters responded on 36 calls.
 - Between 6-9 firefighters responded on 52 calls.
 - Between 1-5 firefighters responded on 35 calls.
- Numbers of firefighters responding to structure fires within the town ranged from 10-18 with an average of 13.5 firefighters per structure fire.
- An average of 9.5 firefighters responded to fourteen MABAS (mutual aid) calls outside the Town of Peshtigo. Prior to implementing MABAS, all available firefighters would have usually responded to mutual aid calls.
- Staffing level does not include mutual aid firefighters from other departments or EMS personnel.

2022 Training Conducted

January	Ice Rescue Equipment and Operations	17 FFs
February	Hazmat Technician Refresher Training at Marinette Fire Dept CPR/AED and Blood Borne Pathogens	7 FFs 16 FFs
March	DNR Wildland Fire Refresher Training DNR Basics of Wildland Fire Training DNR Structural Protection Zone Training Emerging Drug Trends – NWTC Class	13 FFs 1 FF 4 FFs 3 FFs
April	Firefighter Level 1 – NWTC Class Certified Driver-Operator - NWTC Class Engine Pump Operations Marine Vessel Terminology and Familiarization	2 FFs 2 FFs 11 FFs 1 FF
May	After Action Review – Sal B Fire	12 FFs
June	Hose Testing/Training with station hose Hose Testing/Training with Engine Hose Lays Pipeline Safety – Coordinated Response Exercise WSFCA Annual Conference	12 FFs 11 FFs 2 FFs 2 FFs
July	Hose Testing/Training with Large Diameter Hose	15 FFs

August	Water Rescue	21 FFs
	New Member Orientation	4 FFs
September	Emergency Vehicle Operations Course	14 FFs
	MABAS Wisconsin Conference	1 FF
October	Vehicle Extrication and Stabilization	12 FFs
	Entry Level Firefighter – NWTC Class	1 FF
	DSPS Fire Safety and Fire Code Update	2 FFs
	ICS-300, Incident Command for Expanding Incidents	3 FFs
November	After Action Review – Resolute Forest Products Fire	6 FFs
	Electric Vehicle Safety and Familiarization	17 FFs
	Firefighter 1 – NWTC Class	1 FF
	Hazmat Operations – NWTC Class	1 FF
December	Practical Ice Rescue	13 FFs

Other Department Activities

Monthly Business Meetings (12)	1 st Mondays
Work Details – (30)	3 rd & 4 th Mondays
County Fire Association Meetings (5)	Bi-monthly
MABAS Division 144 Meetings (4)	Quarterly
Peshtigo High School Career Day	March 9 th
Share Academy – Fire safety and Extinguisher Training	March 24 th
Bellin Health – 5K Heart Run	April 30 th
Vets Roll Motorcade Salute	May 17 th
Veterans and First Responder Appreciation Picnic	June 11 th
Logging Fest Parade – Marinette	July 10 th
National Night Out – Marinette REC Center	August 2 nd
Forgotten Fire Winery – Fund-raising cookout	August 20 th
Fire & Iron Motorcycle Ride – Charity Event	September 10 th
911 Memorial Walk	September 11 th
Lambeau Field Memorial Stair Climb	September 11 th
Fire Department Open House and Fire Safety Day	September 17 th
Peshtigo Historical Days Parade	September 24 th
Fire Safety and Extinguisher Training – Share Academy	March 24 th
Annual Recognition & Awards Banquet	October 30 th

Fire Safety, Prevention and Education

A number of activities and events were conducted this year in order to help spread the word on the importance of fire prevention and safety. This year's highlight was the return of our popular annual open house where fire equipment was on display, a fire safety house was available for kids to go through and a coloring contest was held. We even conducted a live burn using a prop to demonstrate the effectiveness of smoke alarms and the need to stay low, close doors and get out quick in the event of a fire in your home.



Fire Code Inspections

Each commercial business, place of employment and public assembly building is inspected at least twice annually to ensure compliance with state fire codes and to identify and eliminate any fire hazards. As a result, routine inspections are conducted for approximately 70 businesses in the town.

The fire chief is an appointed Deputy Fire Inspector for the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services, and performed the majority of these inspections. Both the chief and assistant chief attended a code compliance training seminar, conducted by DSPS in Crivitz.

- 141 inspections were conducted during 2022, including follow-up inspections to ensure compliance with state fire codes.
- 110 fire code violations were documented. Most were minor violations and easily correctable. In the vast majority of cases, the building owner or occupant has voluntarily corrected violations with no further enforcement action required.
- The Town received \$13,517.02 in 2% insurance dues reimbursement from the state in return for conducting fire inspections and for performing public educational activities.

Vehicle Crash Responses

Each year, the Town of Peshtigo Fire Department responds to a significant number of vehicle crashes. In addition to providing assistance to our medical responders, the fire department is tasked at these calls with providing scene safety, patient extrication, hazard abatement, general clean-up and, of course, fire protection. We follow uniform traffic control standards including the establishment of early warning, proper placement of

apparatus and performance of safe operations at any highway incident. Often this includes lane blocking with apparatus or complete road closure. All is done with the safety of the involved patients, first responders and motorists in mind.

Vehicle crash incident numbers were down a bit from the previous year, however they continue to account for a significant percentage of our fire department runs. This year 21 calls, or 18% of all our incident calls, were made in response to vehicle crashes.

Town ordinance authorizes billing of the involved parties for crashes according to a fee schedule established by Town Board policy. In 2022, \$4,317.86 was collected through billing. The majority of this amount is received from insurance companies and is placed back into the fire department budget.

Are You Interested in Joining Us?

An alarming fact is that many volunteer fire departments and emergency service organizations across the country, and even in our area, are struggling to recruit and retain firefighters. Volunteerism is decreasing for a multitude of reasons but is still a critical need in many areas, including right here at home.

We try to maintain our membership roster at no more than 25 firefighters and actively seek out new members to maintain this level. We continually look for individuals who are good team players with a strong desire to help others, possessing the courage and dedication to respond to emergencies at a moment's notice. We do have high expectations of our volunteers, but we respect the fact that they have lives, families and jobs outside the fire department. We do promote training beyond the minimum standards and ask for regular participation in department activities. In exchange for your commitment, we promise to treat our firefighters with respect, outfit them with the best equipment available and we won't waste your time.

Eligibility requirements include:

- Live within two miles of the borders of the Town of Peshtigo (City of Marinette and City of Peshtigo residents are eligible to apply)
- At least 18 years of age and out of high school
- Wisconsin resident with a valid driver's license
- Clean background check with no criminal or felony convictions
- Pass a medical and occupational physical exam including drug screening test
- Complete minimum 60-hour Entry Level firefighter training within one year
- Complete a six-month probationary period following completion of Entry-Level Firefighter training

To apply, pick up an application at the Peshtigo Town Hall or visit the fire department page on our town website at www.townofpeshtigo.org.