

TOWN OF PESHTIGO FIRE DEPARTMENT



ANNUAL REPORT 2023

Town of Peshtigo Fire Department 2023 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.

A Message from the Fire Chief



Once again, I am pleased to present this annual report to the supervisors, citizens and others interested in following the Town of Peshtigo Fire Department. As you read through this report, I trust that you will agree we have continued to be an active and progressive department as we strive to fulfil our mission. Not only do we respond to fires and other emergency calls for assistance, but we also spend significant amounts of time training and preparing for such responses. We also provide comprehensive fire prevention and safety programs and spend significant amounts of time conducting fund raising in order to keep our operations going. As our fire department logo indicates, we remember our past and remain committed to the future. We remain ever grateful to those who rebuilt the Peshtigo community from the ashes of 1871 and paved the way for what we do today. A lot has changed since the early days of our fire department and many more changes lie ahead. Many of those changes are impacted by current day struggles including a shrinking pool of available volunteers, lack of funding and increased demands for services. As always, we are planning and looking to the future as we attempt to take on those challenges and tackle the many issues that lie ahead.

Chief Mike Folgert

Town of Peshtigo Officials 2023

Town Board of Supervisors

Clarence Coble, Supervisor 1
Jimmer Wortner, Supervisor 2
Jennifer Friday, Chairperson
Kayla Furton, Supervisor 3
Daryl Joy, Supervisor 4

Fire Commission

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

Town Clerk

Kayla Okins

Deputy Clerk

Kathy Brandt (starting in January 2024)

Town Treasurer

Jodi Maney

Town Constable

Robert Schounard

***Cover Photo:** A group of firefighters from both Town of Peshtigo and City of Marinette, along with family members, take time to pose for a photo after participating in the annual 911 Memorial Stair Climb at Lambeau Field. This event raises funds for the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation and is held annually around September 11th in remembrance of those who perished on that fateful day in 2001.*

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Town of Peshtigo Fire Department Officers 2023

Fire Chief

Michael Folgert
Appointed Chief in January 2010

Safety Officer

Adam Walker
Appointed in July 2022

Assistant Chief

Richard Seils Jr
Appointed in April 2010

Training Officer

Ryan Kass
Appointed in 2021

Two Captains

Derek Monnette
Appointed in November 2016

Ryan Kass
Appointed in February 2018

Two Lieutenants

Gabe Aschbacher
Elected in November 2023

Joe Paoli
Elected in March 2018

Fire Inspectors

Mike Folgert
Rich Seils
James Matthews

Town of Peshtigo Firefighters December 2023 (with year hired)

Gabe Aschbacher - 2018
Lindsay Blok - 2023
Jed Buechler – 2008
Chris Callies – 1997
Clarence Coble – 1974
Justin Couillard - 2018
Jordan DeForge - 2022
Mike Folgert - 1986
Max Heckel - 2023
Ali Kacalo - 2022
Ryan Kass – 2011

James Matthews - 2018
Jim Meyer - 2005
Derek Monnette – 2012
Joe Paoli – 2016
Brittany Peterson – 2008
Dano Sebero – 2018
Rich Seils - 1991
Adam Staszak – 2014
Justin Walk - 2022
Adam Walker - 2017

Two New Firefighters in 2023

Maxwell (Max) Heckel joined the department in April as a conditional firefighter. Max is currently a student at St. Norbert College in Green Bay, but spends time with us when he's home from college. Max is a city of Marinette resident and has already become certified as a State of Wisconsin Firefighter 1.

Lindsay Blok joined the department in November after attending our annual open house and becoming interested in serving her community. Lindsay works as a State of WI Probation and Parole Agent and resides in the Town of Peshtigo with her husband and family.



Four Firefighter Departures

Darius Dohl resigned in April after he was hired by the City of Marinette as a full-time firefighter. Darius served the Town of Peshtigo as a volunteer firefighter for five years and had been one of our Lieutenants. He and his wife, Hannah, continue to reside in the town.

Travis Plym resigned in November after accepting a new job with TC Energy that required him to move out of the area. Travis volunteered with us for just over two years.

Paul Schneider resigned due to family obligations in March after serving for two years.

Chad Ryczek resigned in October after he sold his home and moved away from the area due to a job change. Chad joined our department in early 2020 after moving to the Town of Peshtigo from Oconto Falls where he had been a volunteer firefighter for twelve years.



Celebrating Length of Service Achievements



5 Years of Service

Gabe Aschbacher, Justin Couillard, Dano Sebero and James Matthews



15 Years of Service

Brittany Peterson and Jed Buechler

2023 Firefighter of the Year



James Matthews was recognized at the annual banquet in November as 2023 firefighter of the year in recognition of his active participation, dedication and training achievements.

Several State Certifications Achieved

James Matthews completed training and state certification for Fire Officer Level 2 and Fire Inspector 1.

Max Heckel and **Jordan DeForge** completed training and state certification for Firefighter Level 1.

Darius Dohl, James Matthews and **Travis Plym** completed Hazardous Materials Technician training through the REACT center and were Pro Board certified in this position.

James Matthews completed Marine Firefighter 1 Shipboard Firefighter training.

Jordan DeForge, Adam Staszak and **Justin Walk** completed Entry Level Driver-Operator training through NWTC. Although this 30-hour course does not include state certification, it does meet the minimum requirements of SPS 330 and allows them to operate our apparatus at emergency scenes.

All Town of Peshtigo firefighters meet or exceed the State of Wisconsin minimum training requirements for entry level firefighting. Many continue with their 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, 81% of our firefighters are state certified firefighters.

Current Fire Apparatus and Equipment



Engine 207 being supplied with water by Tender 234 at a structure fire



Tender 235 set up to provide water to Engine 205 at a gas line rupture

Engine 205

This 1994 pumper was built by 3-D in Shawano and is now over 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, the truck still passes its annual pump tests and is in relatively good shape. No major repairs were needed this year. Annual DOT inspections, preventative maintenance and pump testing costs totaled \$679.96.

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 with only one apparatus to many calls. Repairs this year included the troubleshooting and diagnosis of an intermittent engine trouble light for \$246.40 and replacement of several lights for \$363.00. Annual DOT inspections, preventative maintenance and pump testing totaled \$775.07.

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. A back-up camera was installed this year at a cost of \$278.79 and both batteries were replaced at a cost of \$409. A faulty charging unit indicator light assembly was also replaced at a cost of \$130.48. Annual DOT inspections and preventative maintenance costs totaled \$175.40.

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. Both front tire pressure sensors were replaced at a cost of \$205.64. Annual DOT inspection, oil, filter and preventative maintenance costs totaled \$88.40.

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. Repairs conducted this year consisted of replacement of a muffler clamp, new sun visor, a leaky ABS valve replacement, new headlight and troubleshooting the grounding cables for \$1,279.64. Annual DOT inspections and routine preventative maintenance totaled \$451.45.

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. No major repairs were needed this year. Annual DOT inspections and preventative maintenance costs were \$510.36.

Polaris 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. No repairs needed this year. The gas shocks were replaced with heavier duty shocks at a cost of \$647.37.

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 rescue.

Avon Rescue Boat

Our older 10 ft. rigid inflatable boat is equipped with a 9.9 hp four stroke outboard motor. 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. This will be decommissioned and taken out of service in 2024 since it has been replaced with a much larger and more stable rescue craft.

Mercury Rescue Boat

This 15 ft. Mercury Ocean Runner RIB boat is outfitted with a 40 hp outboard motor and special navigation equipment. The boat comfortably carries three people and is equipped for performing rescue work either in the Peshtigo River or near shore waters of Green Bay. This boat, including all accessories, was purchased in 2021 with funds from grants and through donations at no cost to our taxpayers.

Fire Station Repairs and General Maintenance

Overhead Door Opener Replacement	\$1,750.00
Annual HVAC maintenance, repairs & inspection	\$65.70
Air Compressor regulator switch replaced	\$125.48

New Equipment Purchased During 2023

A number of items were purchased to either replace old equipment or to improve our capabilities. Purchases were made both using budgeted funds, grant funds and through donations:

Hurst E-Draulics battery powered Ram*	\$8,995.98
Firefighter Protective Jacket and Bunker Pants (2 sets)	\$6,235.00
Kenwood portable radios (6) *	\$8,172.54
Task Force Tips Blitzfire OSC Nozzle*	\$5,155.00
Supervac 18" battery operated Power Pressure Ventilation Fan*	\$4,500.00
Hexarmour Structural Firefighting Gloves (26 pair) *	\$2,020.00
Honda EV 2200 Generator*	\$1,218.94
Electric Vehicle Emergency Plug*	\$935.00
Milwaukee battery operated Rocket Tower Lights (2) *	\$898.00
Minitor 6 pagers with desktop chargers and cases (2)	\$775.00
Rechargeable Traffic Control Strobe Lights*	\$752.50
Hydrant Valve*	\$745.95
Ultra 15 ft. Webbing* (15 sets)	\$618.40
Pike Poles (3)	\$314.00
HexArmour Structural Firefighting Gloves (4 pair)	\$287.50
Storz Caps - 4 inch (2)	\$204.63
Pick Head Axes (2)	\$155.00

****Items purchased entirely through grants or donations totaled \$34,012.31.***



Firefighter Justin Couillard, Capt. Ryan Kass, Firefighter Dano Sebero and A/C Rich Seils are shown with some of the equipment purchased this year using donated funds.

Fund-Raising Events

A number of fund-raising events were conducted throughout the year that brought in over \$15,322 to fund special projects and equipment purchases. These events included a winter crow hunt sponsored by The Outback and Road King Excavating, a Spring Gun Raffle, running the concession stands at a weekend basketball tournament in Peshtigo, a

Lenten Fish Fry at The Moose Lodge, an August cookout at the Forgotten Fire Winery, several bucket raffles and a silent auction at our open house. We are thankful for the awesome community support and generosity of our local businesses to organize and donate towards these efforts.

Monetary Donations Received (over \$100)

MJB Industries/Mike Biehl - \$8,000 for purchasing new portable radios
Resolute Forest Products - \$3,400
Sal B Metal Recycling - \$1,050
Boot Donations at Spring Elections - \$608.61
The Motor Company - \$400
The Windjammer - \$300
Seguins Cheese - \$250
Cegelski & Cegelski - \$200
Amy Erickson - \$100
Johnston Furnace - \$100
Karen Sylvester - \$100
Cindy Gressel - \$100

Required Inspection and Testing Completed

HURST extrication equipment maintenance – McQueen Emergency	\$1,040.00
SCBA flow testing and repairs (2 air packs) – Pomasl Fire Equipment	\$563.87
NFPA ladder testing completed by Great Lakes Testing Inc.	\$450.00
NFPA hose testing of all discharge hoses – In-house	Conducted in-house
NFPA pump testing on both engines – Jefferson Fire & Safety	\$625.00
DOT commercial vehicle inspections & PM's – Franks Repair	\$1,923.84
Face piece fit testing for 15 firefighters – Fire Safety Consulting Services	\$450.00
Pre-employment medical testing of 2 new firefighters	\$1,875.00

Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA)

We are three years into a multi-year project to replace and upgrade our older SCBA (air packs). Our current inventory of 21 air packs includes many that are 25+ years old and no longer in compliance with NFPA standards. Three SCBA will be taken out of service which will leave us with a total inventory of 18 air packs.

Eight new Scott X3-Pro air packs have been purchased over the past three years using capital funds. This leaves us with a need to purchase ten new SCBA at a current cost of about \$10,000 each. We have been applying for grants to replace these air packs but to date have not been successful.

The new SCBA being purchased are certified to 2018 NFPA standards, have been upgraded from 2,216 psi to 4,500 psi air cylinders and each includes a spare air cylinder and face piece.

In order to handle the increased air pressure of the new cylinders, our cascade air filling station was also upgraded a few years ago to five 6,000 psi air bottles. As part of this initiative, we are also seeking funds to upgrade this system to an air compressor filling station to provide a more efficient and available air supply.

All of our 2216 psi carbon-fiber air cylinders have surpassed their 15-year end-of-life and have been taken out of service this year. Until those cylinders can be replaced with new carbon fiber air cylinders, we have had to revert to using older aluminum cylinders that are much heavier but do not have an end-of-life as long as they pass periodic hydrostatic testing.

CDBG-CV Grant

This Federal COVID-19 related grant was awarded to the Town of Peshtigo several years ago and is ongoing. The fire department portion of this grant has allowed us to purchase over \$31,000 worth of training, sanitizing, cleaning and protective equipment this year that will help protect and better position us in the event of another pandemic. All purchased items are 100% reimbursable and included:

- Maytag 30lb capacity Washer/Extractor - \$9,090
- PPE Items (gloves, masks, coveralls, sanitizers) - \$4,334
- Smartboard Training System - \$9,078.58
- RAM Air Gear Dryer - \$8,293.91
- Turnout Gear Detergent (10 gal) - \$250

WPS Rewarding Responders Grant

WPS Foundation awarded us a grant of \$2,000 to purchase new structural firefighting gloves. A total of 26 pairs of gloves were purchased allowing each firefighter to receive a new pair.

DNR Forest Fire Protection Grant Awarded

A 50% matching fund grant from the DNR Division of Forestry was awarded to enable the purchase of five pagers, one multi-band portable radio, dry hydrant parts, suction hose for a portable pump and several snatch blocks. Total estimated project cost is \$4,800. Once all items are purchased, the town will be reimbursed for half the actual costs up to a maximum of \$2,400.

2023 Fire Department Run Report

Summary of 2023 Calls:

22	Medical Assists
20	Vehicle Crashes
9	Structure Fires
8	Powerlines/Trees Down
6	Vehicle Fires
5	Dispatched but Canceled Enroute
4	Grass/Brush Fires
3	Trash/Rubbish Fire Extinguished
3	Hazardous Condition (Other)
2	Controlled Burn Complaints
2	Smoke Alarm Activations
2	Carbon Monoxide Alarms
2	Special Outside Fires
2	Smoke/Gas Odor in Residence
2	False Alarm
2	Gas Leak
1	Water Rescue
1	Traffic Assist

96 TOTAL RUNS



Firefighter at a Garage Fire along Harbor Road



Firefighters working at a fire along Hwy 64

Some Significant Fire Facts:

- No fire fatalities or civilian injuries resulting from fire
- No lost work time firefighter injuries.
- Four residential structure fires within the town:

- February 27th – House Fire at W1221 Krause Rd. Moderate damage estimated at \$20,000.
- February 28th – House Fire at N1437 Hale Rd. Significant damage estimated at \$118,000.
- March 15th – Garage Fire at N1513 Harbor Rd. Major damage estimated at \$85,000.
- May 24th – Barn/Workshop Fire at W2151 State Hwy 64. Major damage estimated at \$15,000.
- Mutual Aid received from other fire departments on three calls:
 - February 28th – House Fire at N1437 Hale Rd. MABAS 1st Box Alarm with City of Peshtigo, Marinette, Grover-Porterfield and Pound assisting.
 - February 28th – Garage Fire at N1437 Harbor Rd. MABAS Working Still called with City of Peshtigo assisting us.
 - May 24th – W22151 State Hwy 64. MABAS Working Still called with City of Marinette assisting us. 1st box Alarm was initially called but canceled.
- Mutual Aid (MABAS) assistance provided on eight occasions to other departments:
 - January 6th – 223 Terrace Ave., City of Marinette. House Fire.
 - April 7th – 510 Aubin St., City of Peshtigo. House Fire.
 - May 30th – Peshtigo River Dam. City of Peshtigo. Water Rescue.
 - June 1st – 2700 Industrial Pkwy., City of Marinette. Grass Fire
 - June 5th – 1202 Logan Ave., City of Marinette. House Fire.
 - October 9th – W5308 Loucks Rd. Town of Grover. Barn Fire (canceled).
 - December 5th – 1827 Wisconsin St., City of Marinette. House Fire.
 - December 6th – 129 Railroad St., City of Stephenson, MI., Multi-Residential/ Commercial Building Fire
- The number of MABAS (Mutual Aid Box Alarm) calls for assistance outside the Town of Peshtigo continues to increase as we continue to demonstrate proficiency and are placed on more Box Cards by more departments. This often leads to longer distances travelled and longer response times as evidenced by calls into Menominee County, MI

Fire Department Response Times:

- **Enroute time** is the time it takes 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 4 minutes from receipt of alarm on one call.
- Response times were 10 minutes or less on 27 of 63 emergency calls (42.9 %). This excludes those calls cancelled while enroute and non-emergency responses.
- Average 12-minute response time to all calls (non-emergency runs excluded).
- Average 12.5-minute response time to all fires (MABAS calls excluded).
- Average 16-minute response time for all structure fires within the town.
- Response time for three of the four structure fires within town was longer than the NFPA 1720 recommended time of 14 minutes.

Fire Response Staffing Levels

- In 2023, an average of 7.8 firefighters responded per call. This is a slight decrease from 2022 when an average of 8.6 firefighters responded to calls, but significantly higher than the low average of 6.7 firefighters per call encountered back in 2015.
 - Largest response turnout per call was 16 firefighters responding for a structure fire on Hwy 64.
 - 16 firefighters responded on one call.
 - Between 10-15 firefighters responded on 25 calls.
 - Between 6-9 firefighters responded on 46 calls.
 - Between 2-5 firefighters responded on 24 calls.
- Numbers of firefighters responding to structure fires within the town ranged from 14-16 with an average of 14.5 firefighters per structure fire.
- An average of 8.6 firefighters responded to eight 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.



Truck and horse trailer fire on Hale Rd.



Downed powerlines on Riverbend Drive

2023 Training Conducted

January	Self Contained Breathing Apparatus/Search & Rescue Drill	13 FFs
	Acquired Structure Evolutions – Search & Fire Attack	5 FFs
	WEM NER Tabletop Exercise	1 FF
	REACT Hazmat Technician Class (40 hrs)	3 FFs
February	Rapid Intervention Team Class (24 hrs)	5 FFs
	E-Draulics Spreader, Cribbing & Air Bag Lifting Drill	12 FFs
	Hazmat Safety Officer Class	1 FF
March	DNR Wildland fire refresher training	18 FFs
	Acquired Structure Combined Evolutions	2 FFs
	Marine Shipboard Fire Training	1 FF
	Entry Level Firefighter Class (60 hrs)	2 FF's
April	Railcar Incident Response Training	2 FFs
	Relay Pumping, Drafting & Master Streams	12 FFs
	Mass Casualty Incident Class W-402 (8 hrs)	2 FFs
	ICS for Expanding Incidents (ICS 300)	3 FFs
	Certified Firefighter Level 1 & Hazmat Operations	2 FFs
May	Hose Testing – Station Hose Rolls & Lays	12 FFs
	Hose Testing – Engine Hose Bed Lays	13 FFs
	Hose Testing – Large Diameter Hose Lays & Handling	11 FFs
	Hazmat Technician Refresher at Marinette FD (8 hrs)	6 FFs
June	Facility Tours and Pre-Planning	11 FFs
	WSFCA Convention	2 FFs
	Fire Officer 1 Class #51656 (40 hrs)	1 FF
	Fire Officer 2 Class #51657 (40 hrs)	1 FF
July	Water Rescue and Ground Monitor Drills	15 FFs
August	Grain Bin Rescue Training	4 FFs
	Acquired Structure Combined Evolutions	7 FFs
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	Active Shooter / RTF Response	2 FFs
	Fire Inspector 1 Class (60 hrs)	1 FF
September	Acquired Structure RIT Evolutions	4 FFs
	Acquired Structure RIT Evolutions	4 FFs
	Acquired Structure RIT Evolutions	5 FFs

	MABAS WI Annual Conference	1 FF
	Entry Level Driver-Operator Class (30 hrs)	3 FFs
October	Vehicle Extrication Drills at RZR Auto Salvage	9 FFs
	Hydrant & Water Supply Operations	3 FFs
November	Driver Training and Road Familiarization	10 FFs
December	Ice Rescue Drill	14 FFs
	Electric Vehicle Safety Training Class	6 FFs

Other Department Activities

Monthly Business Meetings (12)	1 st Mondays
Work Details – (27)	3 rd & 4 th Mondays
County Fire Association Meetings (6)	Bi-monthly
MABAS Division 144 Meetings (4)	Quarterly
Bellin Health 5K Heart Run	April 29 th
Marinette Logging Fest Parade	July 9 th
National Night Out – Marinette REC Center	August 1 st
Lambeau Field 911 Memorial Stair Climb	September 9 th
Peshtigo Historical Days Parade	September 30 th
Open House and Fire Safety Day	October 7 th
Annual Recognition & Awards Banquet	November 12 th

Fire Safety, Prevention and Education



Ride to School in a Fire Truck



National Night Out

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. We participated in National Night Out, several parades and conducted our annual open house to kick off Fire Prevention Week, where fire equipment was on display, a fire safety house was available for kids to go through and a coloring contest was held. Again, we 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.

We partnered with the Professional Firefighters of Wisconsin Charitable Foundation to initiate a program to provide and install smoke alarms for town residents free of charge. This program will be ongoing through August 2024 with smoke alarms still available for installation.



Fire Code Inspections

Each commercial business, place of employment and public building is inspected twice annually to ensure compliance with state fire codes and to identify and eliminate any fire hazards. The fire chief is an appointed Deputy Inspector for the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services, and performed the majority of these inspections. Code compliance training is conducted by the state and through NWTC.

- Approximately 70 businesses and places of public assembly in the Town require semi-annual inspections.
- 140 inspections were conducted during 2023, including follow-up inspections to ensure compliance with state fire codes.
- 101 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 \$17,439.84 in 2% insurance dues reimbursement from the state in return for conducting fire inspections and for performing fire prevention activities.

Vehicle Crash Responses

Each year, the Town of Peshtigo Fire Department responds to a significant number of vehicle crashes. 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 all to ensure the safety of first responders at any highway incident.

Within the past several years we have upgraded our jaws of life equipment to use battery operated tools. Although we still maintain our hydraulic tools, our new cutter, spreader and rams are all Hurst E-Draulics providing for a much faster deployment.

Vehicle crash incidents continue to account for a significant percentage of all fire department runs. This year 20 calls, or 20.8% of all our incident calls, were made in response to vehicle crashes.

We Need More Volunteers!

We try to maintain our membership roster at no more than 25 firefighters and actively seek out new members to maintain this level. Our current roster stands at 21 with several upcoming retirements and/or resignations anticipated. So, we are looking for more help!

We continually search out individuals who are 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 or work within ten miles of the borders of the Town of Peshtigo (City of Marinette and City of Peshtigo residents are eligible)
- At least 18 years of age and out of high school
- Possess 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.