



MARINETTE FIRE DEPARTMENT

2024

Annual Report

The Marinette Fire Department

Our Mission

We will provide the highest level of fire and emergency services through education, training, prevention, response and professionalism.

Our Vision

To be the most highly trained, best equipped, AND diverse Emergency Services Organization to provide the best possible response for every situation.

Our Values

Commitment

Dedication to Community and Department

Compassion

Treat everyone with kindness and empathy

Diversity

Equal respect and support without regard to race, age, gender, religion or ethnicity

Integrity

Doing what is ethically and morally right...every time

Professionalism

Conducting ourselves respectfully and to a high standard-always

Courage

Perseverance in the face of fear and danger

The Honorable Mayor Steve Genisot
Members of the Common Council
Members of the Police and Fire Commission
The Citizens of Marinette



Honorable Mayor Genisot:

I present for your review the 136th Annual Report for the City of Marinette Fire Department, year ending December 31, 2024.

As we look back on 2024, it was a busy year for the department. In 2024 the department ran nearly 900 calls for service, performed 4,066 hours of training and conducted more than 1,200 fire inspections.

The early months were spent meeting with city officials and fire truck sales reps to come up with a replacement for our aging out Engine 101. Many hours and conversations took place to come up with a design that would fit not only our current needs but needs looking into the future. We needed to come up with a functional apparatus at a reasonable cost for the taxpayers of Marinette. Working with the mayor's office, city engineer, finance director, department personnel and apparatus sales reps, a new apparatus was decided upon. In December of 2024, the City of Marinette took delivery of its new engine, a 2024 Pierce Saber Rescue Pumper.

The department was the recipient of several grants and donations totaling more than \$110,900. Grants were received from Wisconsin Emergency Management for annual refresher training and Hazmat Team equipment, WHMRS, the WI-DNR, Faith Lutheran Church, Walmart and Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services.

The department also had one retirement. Lieutenant Matthew Piikkila retired from the department after 31 years of dedicated service to the citizens of Marinette.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chief Jay Heckel

Jayson A. Heckel
Fire Chief, City of Marinette

CITY OF MARINETTE
BOARDS AND COUNCIL

MAYOR
Steve Genisot

POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION

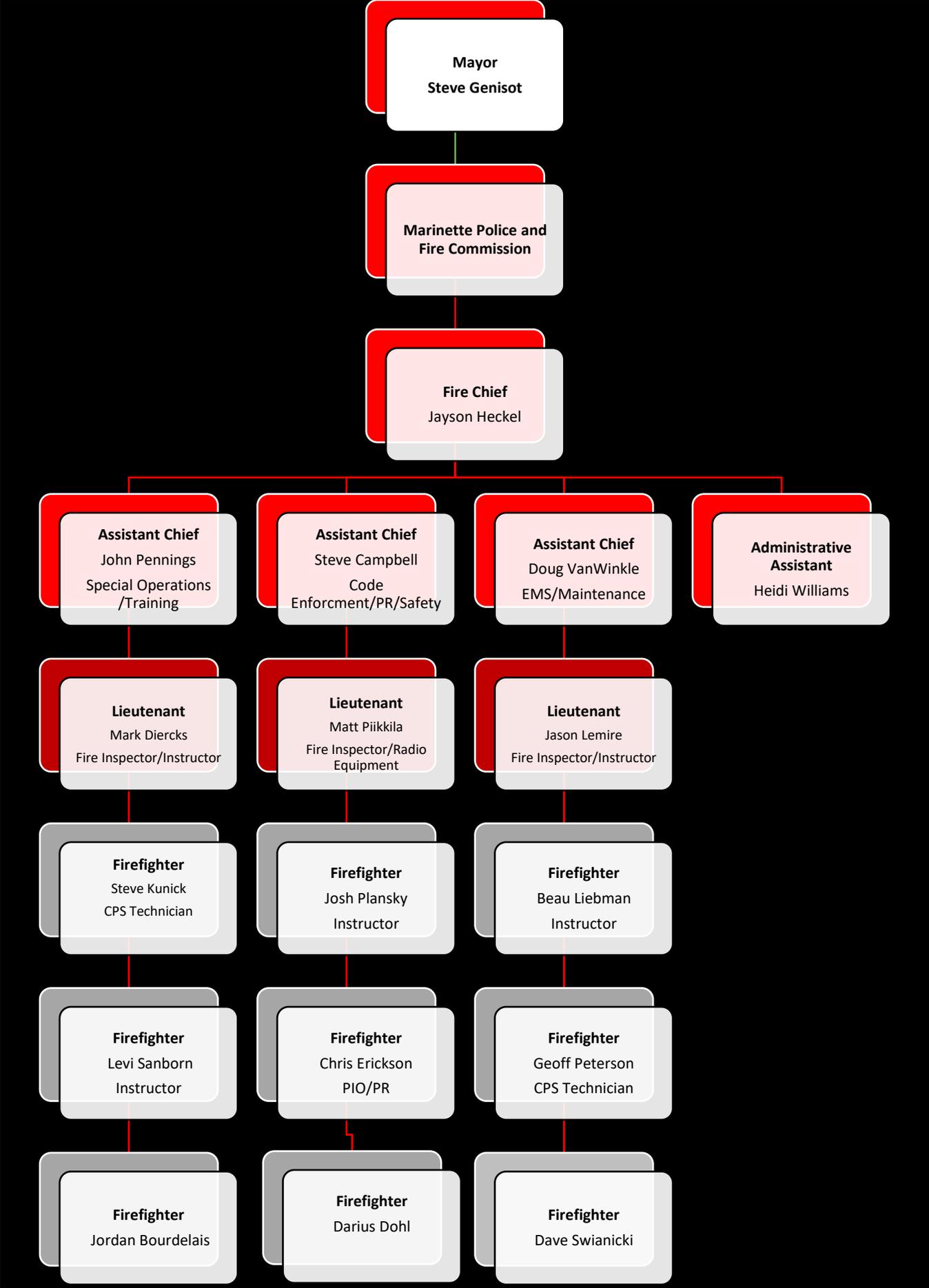
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Grants and Funding

The Marinette Fire Department received the following grants and funding in 2024 for training and equipment purchases:

W.E.M. Training Grants:

Through assistance from Marinette County Emergency Management, the department received training grants from Wisconsin Emergency Management (W.E.M.) to conduct the following training:

- Annual Confined Space Rescue Refresher-**\$995.00**
- Annual Hazardous Materials Technician Refresher-**\$990.00**
- Shipboard Fire Fighting training-**\$12,853.00.**

Marinette County Emergency Management applies for these grants annually because the Marinette Fire Department is Marinette County's Hazmat and Special Rescue asset.

Marinette and Oconto County Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act (E.P.C.R.A.) Computer/Hazmat Grants:

- Marinette County Computer/Hazmat Grant-**\$6,019.43**
- Oconto County Computer/Hazmat Grant-**\$6,019.43**

The team awards are used each year to purchase Hazardous Materials Response equipment and supplies.

Hazardous Materials Response Contract-Oconto County:

- The department received **\$3,500.00** for contracted Hazmat Response to Oconto County.

Wisconsin Hazardous Materials Response System (W.H.M.R.S):

- Wisconsin Hazardous Materials Response System Type III Team annual disbursement-**\$16,625.00**
- Wisconsin Hazardous Materials Response System Type III Hazmat Regional Emergency Response (HRER) Grant-**\$15,363.0**

As a Wisconsin Hazardous Materials Response System Type III Hazmat Team, the department receives an annual disbursement of **\$16,625.24** from the Wisconsin Department of Military Affairs.

Funding is disbursed quarterly and used for training and equipment purchases.



Total of Grants and Funding: \$62,364.00

***The Marinette Fire Department would like to thank Marinette and Oconto County Emergency Management Coordinator/Directors Jessica Demler and John Spice for their work in securing these very important grant funds for our department.*

Calls for Service by Type

Fire Calls	32
Over Pressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat	3
Emergency Medical/Rescue	479
Hazardous Condition	95
Service Calls	59
Good intent Calls	82
False Alarms/False Calls	134
Severe Weather/Natural Disaster	6
Special Incidents	3
<i>Total Calls</i>	893

Automatic Aid given to Menominee Fire Dept.	99
<u>Automatic Aid received from Menominee Fire Dept.</u>	<u>124</u>
<i>Total Automatic Aid Calls with Menominee Fire</i>	223

Mutual Aid Given	3
Mutual Aid Received	2
<u>Other Aid Given</u>	<u>2</u>
<i>Total Mutual Aid Calls</i>	7

<i>Total All Aid Calls</i>	230
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Totals Per Year:	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Total Calls	782	861	854	893
Call-In Hours	581.5	620.37	210.0	547.75
Fill-In Hours	483.75	247.08	1404.0	743.25



OPERATIONS

On a daily basis Marinette Fire Department personnel perform the following duties and activities:

DAILY/WEEKLY:

- Morning shift change equipment check by riding position
- Daily cleaning of kitchen, restrooms, offices/classroom, apparatus floor
- Daily crew meeting
- Building and Apparatus maintenance as required
- Weekly SCBA checks
- Meter calibration
- Apparatus battery checks
- Small engine checks
- Daily training/P.R.
- Yard work – spring, summer, fall months
- Snow/ice removal – winter months
- Clean apparatus & fitness room floors
- Wash apparatus and station windows
- Wash apparatus
- Fire Inspections
- Physical Fitness training
- Professional development & continuing education

Monthly Duties and Activities:

Along with daily duties listed, personnel conduct required maintenance on apparatus, equipment, and facilities as well as responses.

- Meet with Department Chaplin
- First of the month apparatus checks
- First of the month equipment battery check
- Monthly defibrillator checks
- Monthly reports

Annual Testing and Inspection:

- Annual Ground Ladder and Aerial Platform inspection
- Annual Station Inventory
- Annual Hose Testing
- Annual Gear/PPE Inspection
- Annual Face Piece Fit Testing
- Annual SCBA Flow Testing
- Annual Pump Testing
- Annual Fire Extinguisher Inspections
- Annual Station Fire Alarm System Inspection
- Annual Kitchen Hood System Inspection
- Annual DOT Apparatus Inspections

Training

The Marinette Fire Department had a total of 4,066 training hours in 2024 in the following areas:

- Acquired Structure training-RIT, search and rescue
- Active Threat/RTF
- Air monitoring – Metering equipment utilized in hazard identification
- Building Tours and Fire Safety Inspections
- Boom Deployment training
- Confined Space Rescue – Rescue and recovery operations
- CPR and Defibrillator – Emergency Medical Responses
- Dive Training
- DNR Wildland refresher
- Driver/Operator Training – Engine and Aerial Operations training
- EMS Training – EMS skills review and continuing education
- Equipment– Location of equipment on apparatus and proper use
- Fire Inspection – Review of codes, inspection guidelines, and procedures
- Fire Investigation – Procedures for fire origin and cause investigations
- Ground Ladders – Proper selection, deployment, and operations
- Haz-Mat Refresher – Incident response and equipment use

- High/Low Angle Rope Rescue – Operations involving rope rescue
- Hose/Fire Streams training – Hose selection, deployment, and operation
- Ice/Cold Water Rescue – Cold water and thru the ice rescue training
- Incident Command – Fire and emergency scene management LCS Fire Drills – Fire drills on board the LCS at Fincantieri Marinette Marine
- MABAS Boat Training
- New Equipment Training – Specialized training on new equipment
- Officer Education – State certified fire officer courses
- Preplan Training – Review of fire preplans of new and existing buildings
- Rescue Airboat Training
- RIT Training – Training for rescuing lost or trapped fire fighters
- RTF-Rescue Task Force training
- SCBA – familiarization, use, care, and maintenance
- Street Training – Street and response route familiarization
- Search and Rescue – Techniques for locating trapped victims
- Sprinkler and Standpipe Operations – Use fire protection systems
- Vehicle Extrication – Gaining access to persons trapped vehicles
- Water Supply and Hydrant training – Working off city hydrant system



Special Operations & Training Activities

The Marinette Fire Department received Wisconsin Emergency Management training grants totaling **\$1,985.00**, to conduct annual *Confined Space, Haz-Mat Technician Refresher*.

F.I.R.E. LLC provided the instruction for our annual Confined Space and HAZWOPER Technician refresher training. Marinette and Menominee Fire Departments conducted practical evolutions at Fincantieri Marinette Marine aboard one of the MMSC under construction.

The 2024 *HAZWOPER Technician refresher* was held at the Marinette Community REC Center. Training consisted of lecture and discussion on ammonia refrigeration systems and electric vehicle emergencies followed by practical exercises for air monitoring, and incident mitigation of hazardous material releases. The training involved personnel from Marinette, Menominee, Town of Peshtigo, City of Peshtigo, Grover/Porterfield, Wagner and Oconto Fire Departments as well as REC Center personnel and Technicians from Bassett Mechanical.

Assistant Chief John Pennings and Firefighter Beau Liebman continue to receive training from WI-TF-1 at the REACT Center at Volk Field. Each has completed training in Confined Space Rescue, Structural Collapse Rescue and Trench Rescue. As part of TF-1 both Pennings and Liebman were deployed to the Republican National Convention in Milwaukee, WI.

The Marinette Fire Department would like to thank Emergency Management Coordinator Jessica Demler for their hard work in securing these very important grant funds for our department. And to Fincantieri Marinette Marine and the Community REC Center for allowing training at their locations.



The Marinette Fire Department would like to thank the following for their support of our trainings:

- Bassett Mechanical
- Brown County Sheriff's Office
- Fincantieri Marinette Marine/U.S. Navy
- F.I.R.E. LLC
- Green Bay Metro Fire Department
- Grover/Porterfield Fire Department
- Kimberly Clark
- Marinette County Emergency Management
- Marinette County Sheriff's Office
- Marinette Police Department
- Marinette REC Center
- Marinette High School
- M&M YMCA
- Menominee Fire Department
- Milwaukee Fire Department
- Oconto County Emergency Management
- R.E.A.C.T. training center
- Rite-Way Auto Body
- Town of Peshtigo Fire Department
- WE Energies
- William Becker-Retired Assistant Chief, Marinette
- Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
- Wisconsin Emergency Management



Inspection / Code Enforcement Division Activities

The Inspection and Code Enforcement Division of the Marinette Fire Department respectfully submits the following list of activities completed during the year 2024.

All Inspectors' Fire Inspection/Correction Order sheets have been turned in, signifying all required inspections have been completed.

All inspectors have had training in the following areas:

- Changes/updates to the Marinette City Code of Ordinances
- (MCCO's) Standard protocol for noting violations
- SOG (Standard Operating Guidelines) changes
- New NFPA 1 and 101 Life Safety Codes
- Duties of Assistant Chief (A.C.) as they pertain to the following:
 - Inspection oversight
 - Citations
 - Safety committee
 - Service billing/false alarm billing

Fire Code Inspections:

The State of Wisconsin Inspection Law: Section 101.14 (2) (b).

“The chief of every fire department shall provide for the inspection of every public building and place of employment to determine and cause to be eliminated any fire hazard or any violation of any laws relating to fire hazards or to the prevention of fires.”

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| ➤ Fire Code Inspections Conducted | 1,206 |
| ➤ Violations Recorded | 348 |
| ➤ Violations Corrected | 298 |

The Marinette Fire Department Inspection and Code Enforcement follows the latest NFPA and Department of Safety and Professional Services code reference materials, updated to the latest versions.

Safety Committee:

The Marinette Fire Department Safety Committee held two meetings in 2024. The topics discussed and action taken were:

- Review of water rescue/dive operations pertaining to limitations of surface activities-snorkeling/free diving
- Discussion on options for a repeated fireground channel
- Continued discussion on apparatus floor sound issues with current alerting system speakers-looking at options to improve sound quality

Assistant Chief Campbell would like to acknowledge the personnel on the safety committee: Lt. Matt Piikkila, Lt. Mark Diercks and Lt. Jason Lemire. "These men did an outstanding job on the committee."



EMS Operations and Maintenance

EMS Operations:

Practices and procedures for EMS responses remained based on COVID-19 in an attempt to reduce the exposure of personnel to the COVID-19 virus and other respiratory illnesses.

An adequate supply of PPE such as glasses, gloves, gowns, face shields, and masks remains after receiving two shipments of medical PPE from the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) in 2022. Emergency orders allowed for the use of the “expired” PPE from the SNS until supply chains could be restored. The Marinette Fire Department has received the response equipment purchased with EMS FLEX grant. The grant funds were used to purchase a LUCAS CPR Assist Device, two AEDs and two powered suction devices.

Apparatus and Facility Maintenance:

The following is a list of maintenance and testing conducted on apparatus and facilities:

- Annual DOT inspections and fluid & filter changes done by Red Power Diesel
- Annual testing and maintenance of the station’s emergency generator
- Annual ground ladder and aerial ladder inspection and load testing by Great Lakes Ladder Testing
- Annual pump testing and certification of all apparatus mounted fire pumps by Pomasl Fire Equipment
- Annual Hurst Tool’s maintenance checks performed by McQueen (formerly 5-Alarm Fire and Safety Equipment)

- Annual self-contained breathing apparatus and individual face piece flow testing done by McQueen (formerly 5-Alarm Fire and Safety Equipment)
- Annual maintenance and service of our breathing air compressor done along with the quarterly air sampling tested by McQueen (formerly 5-Alarm Fire and Safety Equipment) and X-Zam Laboratories
- Ahern Fire Protection re-wired the station fire alarm system
- Annual inspection and service check of the station fire alarm system, hood system and fire extinguishers performed by Aladdin Fire Services LLC
- Station range hood cleaning
- All the fire hoses had their annual pressure tests done by the firefighters, along with all of Marinette Marine hoses located in their fire boxes

New Equipment:

- Six sets of Lakeland turnout gear purchased with “2% Dues” money the department receives annually for conducting fire inspections
- 2024 Pierce Saber Rescue Pumper
- New multi-band Motorola APX8000 portable radio purchased with Computer/Hazmat Equipment grant money
- Apparatus Floor Makeup Air Unit



PUBLIC RELATIONS & FIRE PREVENTION ACTIVITIES

The Marinette Fire Department Fire Chaplin

The fire department Chaplain program continues to grow. Father Terry LaCombe meets monthly with each crew throughout the year. He provides an outlet for members' mental and spiritual support while having a cup of coffee with crew or meeting one-on-one. Father Terry participates in Critical Incident Debriefings and provides support for families and personnel at emergency scenes. He also fills the role of Chaplain for the Marinette County Fire Association, City of Menominee Fire Department, and works with the Marinette County Law Enforcement Chaplain Archer Leup.

Fire Safety and Prevention Education:

Fire safety and prevention is a critical function any fire department. By statute, the State of Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services mandates that fire departments provide fire safety inspections, prevention and public education in order to receive 2% Dues funding from the state.

The Marinette Fire Department has a passionate and dedicated group that works hard to present fire prevention and safety program messaging to a broad group of people in new and innovative ways.



Each year during Fire Prevention Week activities, educational materials are handed out to students to review with their families. To encourage students to bring our fire safety message home to their families, a Fire Safety Poster and Smoke Detector Contracts contests are held. Winners of these contests win bikes and helmets, gift cards and a ride to school with firefighters in the fire truck.

Our Public Fire Education program relies on donations and contributions from local businesses and industry to purchase materials and present our fire safety message. The Marinette Fire Department sincerely thanks these sponsors for helping make our program a success. All educational materials and prizes were made possible by generous donations from area business and industry (recognized in our yearly calendar).

Public Relations and Educational Events:

- Career day at Marinette High School
- Career Day Presentation at UW- Green Bay Marinette Campus
- Career Day for Wausaukee Schools
- Chili contest judging at STAA
- Fire Education presentation at the Renaissance
- Job Shadow program
- Station tours
- Car seat Installations
- Cub Scout station tour
- Fox Valley Technical College job shadow for Fire Inspector Course
- Attended Marinette County Safe Kids Coalition Bike Rodeo at NWTC- Fire safety house, 30-35 children
- Attended the annual Law Enforcement Memorial
- Attended the Memorial Day Ceremony
- Crew attended the K-9 walk at Rec Center
- Attended the Walmart Car Show-Inflatable Fire Safety House
- Conducted fire extinguisher training for KS Large Bore employees
- Duty crew filled loggers' pond at Logging and Heritage Festival
- Crew stood by for Logging and Heritage Festival fireworks
- Honor Guard and apparatus in Logging and Heritage Festival Parade

- Water patrol for Logging and Heritage Festival Parade
- Marinette County Dispatcher MABAS training and ride along
- Duty crew and off-duty personnel bagged groceries for the Faith Lutheran RDC fundraiser
- Assisted at Marinette County Sheriff's Office fundraiser event
- Crew and off duty personnel attended National Night Out at Rec Center
- City of Marinette Kid's Day- open house at station
- All crews participated in the Annual MDA Fill the Boot campaign
- Held 3rd annual retirees' picnic
- Began Community Risk Reduction Smoke Detector campaign-more than 50 detectors installed
- Duty crews raised the Stars and Stripes at MHS Varsity football game
- Crew attended PR event at Bridges to Recovery
- Attended the Marinette County/City Health Fair
- FF Kunick attended Car Seat installation event
- Fire Prevention Week presentations at Marinette Primary, Secondary, Head Start, Trinity Lutheran schools, and Faith Lutheran and Kids R Us daycares
- Members participated in the 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb at Lambeau Field
- Staffed a table at the Marinette Wellness Fair with a fire prevention quiz and prizes
- Crew participated in Delivering Fire Prevention with Marinette County
- Crew inspection Faith Lutheran
- Personnel attended the annual breast cancer awareness luncheon
- Participated in the annual Downtown trick or treat
- Duty crew escorted the STAA/Lena football back in town from State
- Ride to school and bike giveaway from October's fire education program
- Crew participated in Christmas parade with Engine 109, Quint 120, and Engine 101

Special Mention:

Marinette Fire Department members raised \$34,000.00 for the 2024 Fill-the-Boot Campaign. At the annual MDA Boot Camp event, members learned they ranked #1 in the nation for donations raised per member at \$2,750.00! This is the second year in a row the department was honored for this achievement. An amazing accomplishment for which we would like to thank the hundreds of people who donated to this worthy cause, THANK YOU!!!!



Annual Retiree Luncheon

The third annual retiree cookout was held, honoring and thanking those who served before us. Department personnel put together a picnic lunch for former department members and spouses. It was an opportunity for everyone to gather to reminisce and tell “war stories.” Mayor Genisot took time out of his very busy schedule to stop by and say thank you. Thank you to those who helped with the event and to those who attended. See you in 2025!



Apparatus Roster

Car 100

Car 100- Chief's vehicle.
2014 Ford Explorer Interceptor purchased from
Marinette PD in 2017 at a cost of \$9,000.00.
Current Mileage: 139,746
Maintenance costs in 2024: \$187.83
Year to date Maintenance Costs: \$7,379.19



Engine 101-RETIRED

Engine 101 -1997 Pierce Saber
Rescue/Pumper
Purchased at a cost of \$243,000
ISO Status-Reserve Engine
Replacement date-2027*
Current Mileage: 65,748
Running hours: 6,170
Maintenance costs in 2023:
\$2,574.74
Year to date Maintenance costs: \$97,803.05



Engine 101

Engine 101-2024 Pierce Saber Recue/Pumper
Purchased at a cost of \$875,000
ISO Status-Frontline Engine





Equipment Truck 102

Equipment 102-Utility/Rehab unit. It carries our cold-water rescue and dive gear, and serves as one of our tow vehicles for our rescue boats and Hazmat/rescue trailers. ISO Status-In Service Purchased in 1993 at a cost \$31,780 Current Mileage: 8,434 Running hours: 244.9 Maintenance costs for 2024:

\$2,177.48

Year to date maintenance costs: \$22,895.35

Service Truck 105

Service 105-2016 Ford Explorer Interceptor purchased from the Marinette Police Department. This vehicle is used while conducting their fire inspections. It is also used to transport personnel to and from trainings and conferences.

Current Mileage: 124,208

Maintenance costs for 2024: \$1,223.62

Year to date maintenance costs: \$2,849.14



Service Truck 106

Service 106 -2017 Ford F-350 Turbo Diesel purchased at a cost of \$43,281. The primary tow vehicle for our 33-foot Hazmat Response Trailer and our Collapse Rescue trailer. Also used to transport contaminated equipment from fire scenes.

Current mileage: 8,642

Maintenance for 2024: \$722.97

Year to date maintenance costs: \$2,344.22

Engine 109

Engine 109-2009 Pierce PUC Contender.
Purchased in 2009 at a cost of \$326,848.
Engine 109 has undergone numerous repairs including new frame rails, body roll issues, suspension repairs, engine and cooling system repairs.
ISO Status-Reserve Engine
Projected Replacement date-2034*
Current mileage: 57,022
Running hours: 7,276.1
Maintenance costs for 2024: \$14,638.82
Year to date maintenance costs: \$193,152.06



Squad 110

Squad 110-Spartan MetroStar Heavy Rescue by Marion Body Works. Squad 110 is a rolling toolbox, carrying confined space equipment, collapse rescue equipment, mobile command center, weather station, hydraulic rescue tools, a 6,000-psi cascade breathing air system and our hazmat diking and containment supplies. It was purchase in 2005 entirely with a U.S. Department of Homeland Security Grant from Marion body Works at a cost of \$310,000.
ISO Status-Frontline
Current mileage: 4,378



Running hours: 744.3
Maintenance costs for 2024: \$2,324.05
Year to date maintenance costs: \$17,583.34

Quint 120

Quint 120 - Pierce Arrow XT 100-foot aerial ladder platform.
Purchased in 2011 at a cost of \$936,515.
ISO Status-Frontline
Projected Replacement date-2041*
Current mileage: 12,307
Running hours: 1,706.3
Aerial hours: 579.3
Maintenance costs for 2024: \$9,902.49
Year to date maintenance costs: \$77,238.38



Rescue 1

Rescue 1 is a 2022 1000 Island Airboats 24-foot rescue airboat. The purchase of the craft was made through funds from City of Marinette and contributions from Marinette County, Waupaca Foundry, Marinette Lions Club, JCI, FMM, and the M&M Yacht Club. Private donations were made from Dave Olsen, Dale and Christine Pecard, Randy and Kelly Pecard, the Herman Shoemaker family and the Lon Harrand family. Raffle event prizes provided by XL Power Sports, MJB Ind., Samuel Pressure Vessel, and Nerat Merchandising. The Marinette Moose Lodge provided raffle event facilities.
Total Purchase Price: \$236,000.00



Rescue 2

Rescue 2 is a 1984 SmokerCraft Alaskan 16-foot rescue boat with a 40 HP Mercury Marine outboard motor purchased in 1984 for \$2,600.
Maintenance Costs for 2024: \$0.00
Year to date maintenance costs: \$1,241.82

Haz-mat Response Trailer

This 33-foot trailer is used to carry our Hazardous Materials Response Equipment. This trailer was purchased in 2015 from RC Trailer for \$13,450 plus \$1,766 spent on outfitting.

Collapse Rescue Trailer

The Collapse Rescue trailer contains building collapse and trench rescue equipment and was purchased in 2006 for \$6,277 with a U.S. Department Homeland Security grant. The trailer carries various sizes of lumber, trench panels, hand tools, ladders, and timber and Paratech shoring equipment.

Rapid Deployment Craft (R.D.C.)

The Rapid Deployment Craft is an air inflated rescue boat especially designed for cold water/ ice rescue situations. The department purchased the R.D.C. with donated funds from various organizations and fund-raising programs. A 2024 fundraising program by Faith Lutheran Church raised enough funding to purchase a replacement RDC and one ice/water rescue suit.



Edgewater 22.5' Patrol/Rescue Boat

The Edgewater Patrol/Rescue boat is owned by Marinette County Sheriff's Office that is housed and utilized by the Marinette Fire Department under a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Marinette and Marinette County.



Fire department personnel, trained by Sheriff's Office Recreational Patrol Officers, operate the boat for emergency rescue calls on the Bay of Green Bay. Under the MOU, Fire Department performs basic maintenance and upkeep on the boat, shares in fuel costs and keeps it available for the Sheriff's Office personnel at a moment's notice. This has been a great partnership and has

resulted in numerous successful rescue missions.
Maintenance costs for 2023: \$846.74

ISO Status is based on the classification assigned to the unit at time of ISO PPR Review.

*NFPA replacement schedule for Frontline Apparatus=25 years, Reserve Apparatus=30 years, Ladder/Aerial Platform=30 years.



Marinette Fire Department-Looking Ahead



As the City of Marinette continues to grow population wise and with the addition of housing units and businesses, it will become necessary to consider relocation of the Marinette Fire Station to a more central location. A more centrally located station will improve response times and allow us to improve upon our current Class 3 Public Protection Rating.

While station relocation is a long-term goal, we must continue investing in Capital Improvements to our current building to maintain functionality of the facility built in 1964 at a cost of \$179,000 (\$1,736,300.00 in today's dollars). Our station is aging gracefully with dedicated maintenance and repairs.

Updates to the HVAC and living spaces have been done as well as asbestos abatement and removal, but more improvements are needed. Replacement of apparatus bay doors and openers, along with our new apparatus floor heating system, completed in 2023, will help with energy costs. Other needs include replacement of the 20-year-old emergency generator; changes to the reception area to improve work flow and make it more secure are also needed.

Another area of consideration is the addition of staff. We currently operate a three-platoon (shift) system with five personnel per shift on a 24/48 rotation,

providing 24/7/365 response capabilities. When calls come in, personnel acknowledge the alarm and are on the truck and out the door with 45-60 seconds (national standard is 45-60 seconds, 85% of the time). Calls for service have steadily increased over the years as have the properties inspected, respond to and protected. Automatic and mutual aid agreements have enhanced our abilities to perform **most** critical fireground operations but others, such as RIT and vertical ventilation are often delayed until call back personnel or mutual aid arrives (in some case 20-30 minutes into the incident).



Looking long term, the following high cost equipment replacements must be planned for now:

- SCBA's (Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus or air-packs) will be due for replacement between 2028 and 2030. Replacement of our 22 SCBA has been accomplished through the AFG (Assistance to Firefighters Grant) grant the past three replacement cycles. However, recent pauses to this program by the federal government, leave this option in question.

- Quint 120, the department's 2011 Pierce Arrow 100-foot aerial platform truck, will reach its 30-year service life in 2041. This truck is a crucial piece of equipment given the number of multi-story structures in and around the city. At this time, it is difficult to determine even an approximate cost of replacement making early planning imperative
- Engine 109, now in reserve will be due for replacement in 2039.



Finally, and most importantly, we *will* maintain our focus on safety of our personnel, training, and ways to improve service delivery to our customers.



Acknowledgements

I would like to acknowledge our department members and support staff for their professionalism and dedication to providing emergency services and protecting our great community.

Thank you to our Fire Inspectors and the members of our Safety, Training and Public Education committees. These committees provide input and guidance to ensure safe operating conditions, providing department training and continuing education of members and bring fire safety messages to the community.

Thank you to the City of Menominee Fire Chief and department members for helping protect our city through our Automatic Aid Agreement and joint training sessions. I also want to thank the member departments of Marinette County MABAS Division 144 who have provided us with mutual aid support.

Special thanks to the Marinette Police Department, Marinette Department of Public Works, Marinette Water and Waste Water Utilities, Marinette County Sheriff's Office, Marinette County Dispatch, Bay Area Medical Center Paramedics, and the Emergency Rescue Squad Incorporated, thank you all for your service and assistance during emergency operations. And finally to Marinette County Emergency Management, Eric Burmeister and Jessica Demler, for their work securing grant funding and development off-site planning for the Marinette County Haz-mat team.

Thank you,

Chief Jay Heckel

