



NORTHWEST REGIONAL FIRE TRAINING CENTER

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This report is being submitted to the Board of Directors of the Northwest Regional Fire Training Center to give an overview of the activities held at the Training Center for the fiscal year October 1, 2014 to September 30 2015.

Financially this year was better than last. All instructors etc. were paid on time and the remainder of my previous years wage was completed. After all that we are looking OK on money.

For this fiscal year we received \$11,854.25 from the State of Michigan for instructor fees and expenses. For fiscal year 2015-2016 we are allocated \$8,500.00. I have applied for funding for all classes eligible for the next fiscal year focusing on the first classes held to speed up the payments from the State.

The Board of Directors did review the fee schedule and did not see any need for change this year.

I applied for no Tribal Grant this year.

I applied for a PARR grant for another electronic lock which was turned down.

Our Firefighter I & II class this year was a nice size. We started with 19 students and finished with 19. This is a first since I have been here to have everyone finish. All students passed.

We held all six of the Company Officer I & II prerequisites. We had a total of 55 students. Some took more than one class. We offer the six topics with 6 different instructors to give a variety of styles and experience to help make it more interesting and beneficial to the students.

We held the Company Officer I & II class this year with 14 students. We had some issues with the text we chose and have since changed.

We held two Driver Training classes this year with a total of 16 students. We offer one in the fall before the Firefighter class starts then one in the spring after class ends

We held Haz-Mat Operations as part of the Firefighter I & II class and had one additional student attend.

We offered Vehicle Extrication and Advanced Stabilization on a three day weekend. We hold that along with the firefighter class and had not extra students.

Pump Operations was held after the Firefighter I & II class on two weekends. It was well attended and the students received good training.

We held the four Fire Officer III classes. We had a total attendance of 38. We will not hold them this year due to the small class sizes. The plan right now is to offer them every other year.

We did not hold a medical CEU class this year. Medical Control asked us not to hold this class since they would be holding them.

I continue to try and recruit instructors for additional classes. We have offered many in the past and have people asking about them again. I am not having much luck in finding additional classes but will keep trying.

We did have the Great Lake Maritime Academy rent the Training Center again this year for their fire extinguisher training.

Law enforcement agencies continue to use the Training Center. They do both ERT training and the K9 teams.

The State of Michigan changed to a new on line management system. There are still some bugs to work out but is coming along nicely. They did hold one training class here in June.

The Fair Board held their annual meeting here the first Thurs. of Nov.

We did have a few area departments hold trainings at the Training Center for their own departments. It is good to see it used for this.

I did have some help over the summer trying to do some maintenance and repairs around the grounds. We filled a 30 yard dumpster with scrap material and did several needed repairs. We also removed two large trees. One was dyeing and the other was causing issues with the shingles on the roof.

Did not get a fuel cell for the pump. Just not the money for that yet.

The fire engine did not get repaired this year either. Too many things going on and ran out of time.

Our Board of Directors met on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm with the exception of July when we did not have a meeting. Our meetings average about a half hour in length and are normally attended by two to five board members. We occasionally have a visitor interested in the business of the Training Center.

We had the drain repaired from the auxiliary classroom to the septic tank. This was dug up, repaired and insulated so we should not have any more problems.

We did some improving to the classroom. Installed a desk top computer and work desk for instructors. Up graded to direct line for internet for quicker speed.

Our current Board Chairman is Chief Jim Tuller of the Traverse City Fire Department. Vic-Chairman is Chief John Hanmer of the Benzonia Township Fire Department.

Chief Weber has been working with lawyers on updating our membership documents.

Current active Board Members are: Chief Theo Weber of the Grand Traverse Rural Fire Department, Chief Keith Tampa of the Elmwood Township Fire Department and Chief Pat Parker (Capt. Mark Shaul) of the Grand Traverse Metro Fire Department.

I look forward to this next year and continuing to grow our class sizes. I hope our finances keep improving and we can continue to provide the best training for the firefighters of Michigan.

Respectfully submitted,

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