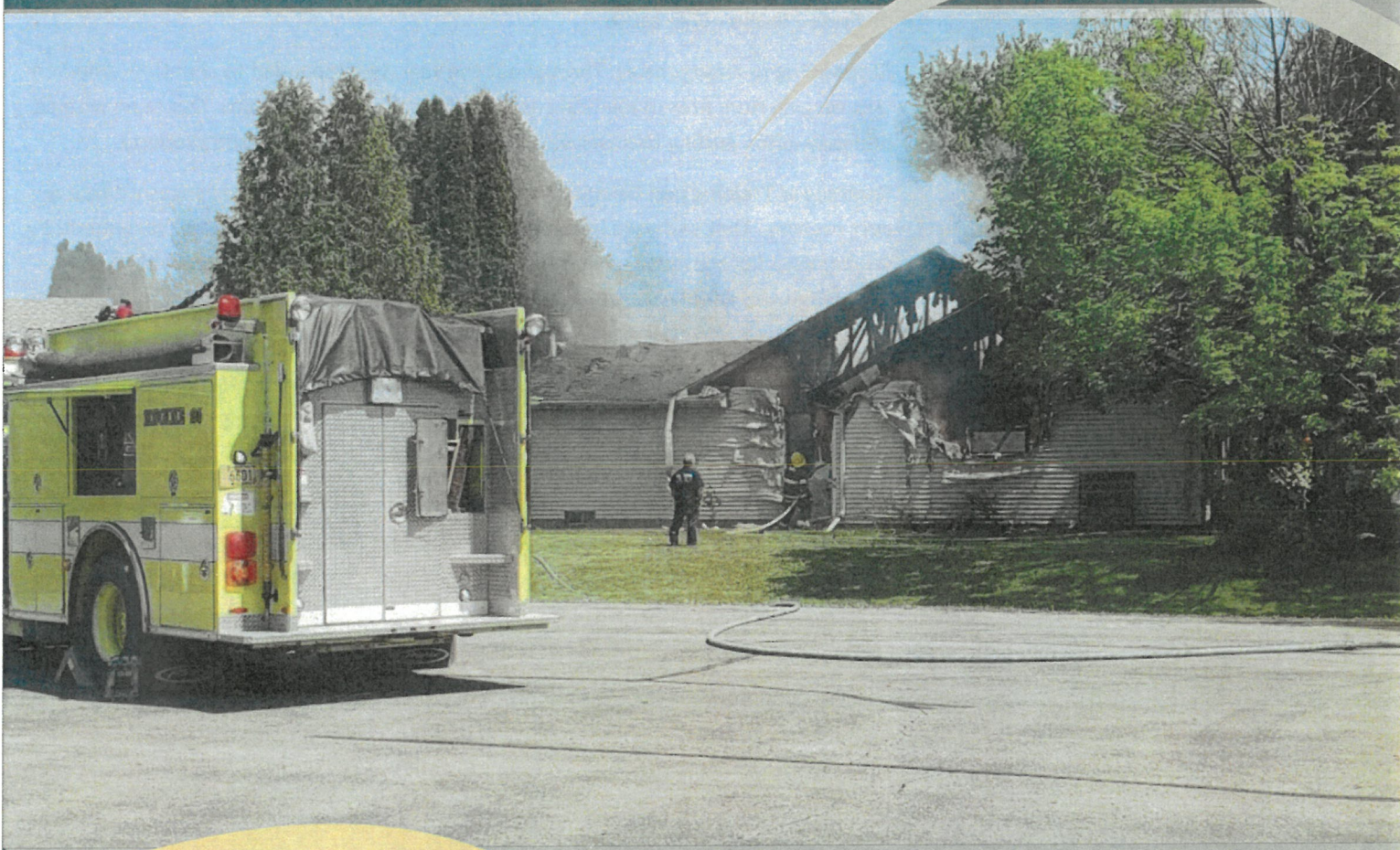


Town of Oshkosh Fire Department 2023 Annual Report



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Message from the Chief

Dear Residents of the Town of Oshkosh,

As Fire Chief of the Town of Oshkosh Fire Department, it is with great pride that I share with you our annual report for 2023, reflecting on the dedication and achievements of our department over the past year.

Our Commitment to You: At the heart of our mission lies a steadfast commitment to ensuring the safety and well-being of our community. Every member of our department is dedicated to this noble cause.

Responding to Emergencies: Throughout the year, we responded to countless emergencies, ranging from fires to medical crises and motor vehicle accidents. Our team worked tirelessly, often putting themselves in harm's way to protect lives and property.

Continuous Training and Development: We understand that the challenges we face are ever evolving. That's why we invest heavily in training and professional development. By staying ahead of the curve, we ensure that our responders are equipped with the knowledge and skills necessary to tackle any situation.

Engagement and Outreach: Community engagement is fundamental to our success. We believe in fostering strong relationships with the people we serve. Through educational programs, public events, and collaborative initiatives, we aim to empower our community to become partners in safety.

Maintaining Readiness: Maintaining state-of-the-art equipment and infrastructure is paramount. We take pride in our resources, ensuring they are well-maintained and ready for action at a moment's notice.

Gratitude and Appreciation: To our dedicated team of firefighters, I extend my deepest gratitude. Your unwavering dedication and selflessness are what make our department truly exceptional, and I am truly honored to lead with you. I also want to thank the residents of the Town of Oshkosh for your ongoing support and trust.

Looking Ahead: As we look to the future, we remain committed to continuous improvement. We will continue to adapt, innovate, and collaborate to better serve our community and meet the challenges that lie ahead.

In closing, I want to reassure you that the Town of Oshkosh Fire Department is here for you, always ready to answer the call. If you ever find yourself in need, don't hesitate to reach out. Together, we will continue to build a safer, stronger, and more resilient community.

Sincerely,

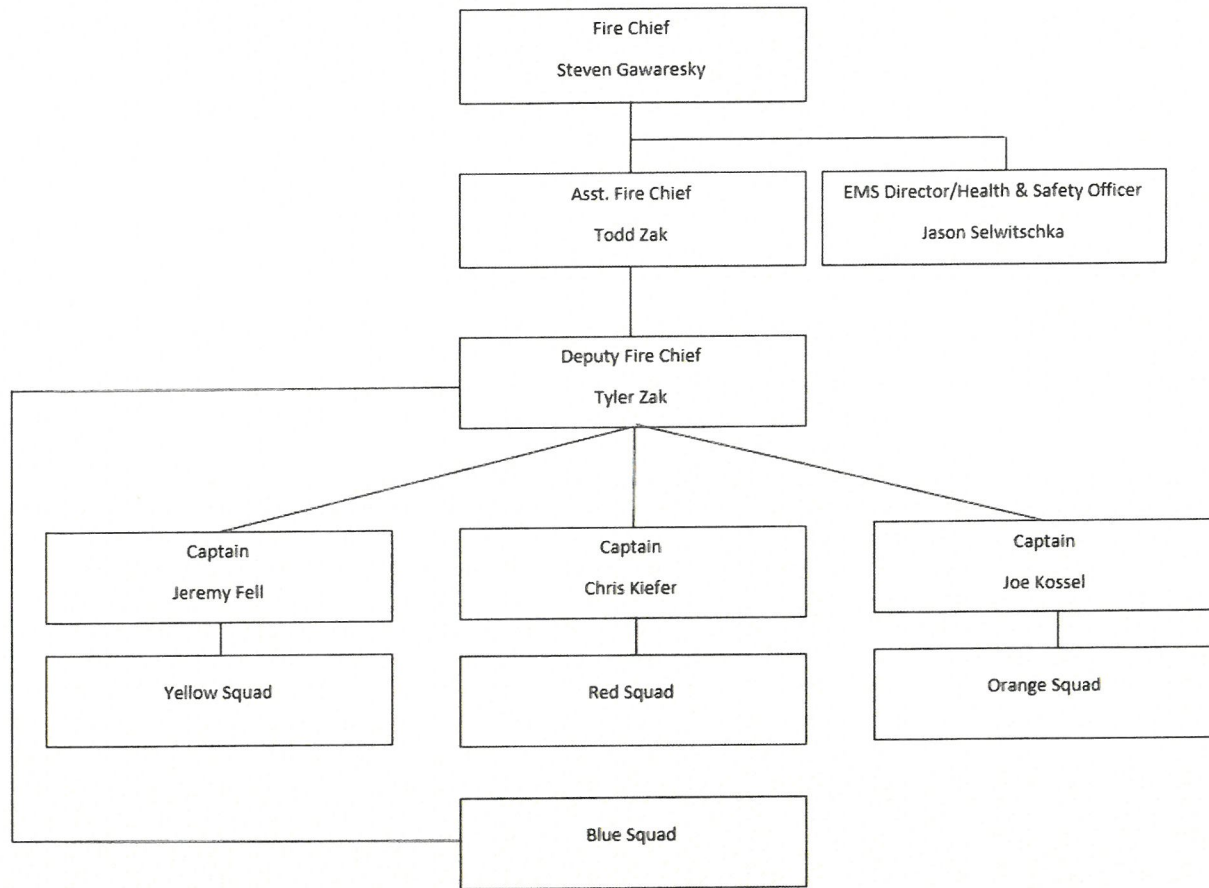
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I'm here for you

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

To serve the Town of Oshkosh and to protect and preserve life, property and the environment in a professional manner

Through **S.P.I.R.I.T.** The Town of Oshkosh Fire Department will embrace these core values.

Service **P**rofessionalism **I**ntegrity **R**espect **I**nnovation **T**rust

2023 Run Statistics

Fires

Structure Fire	10
Vehicle Fire	5
Rubbish Fire	3
Vegetation Fire	3
	21

Rescue and Emergency Service Incidents

Vehicle Accident w/ Injuries	9
Vehicle Accident w/o Injuries	5
Water/Ice Rescue	1
	15

Hazardous Conditions (No Fire)

Chemical Hazard	1
CO Investigation	3
Power Lines Down	1
	5

Service Call

Alarm Activation	3
EMS Assist	2
Smoke Investigation	1
Animal Rescue	1
Public Service Assist	2
	9

Good Intent Call

Controlled Burn	8
Steam/Vapor/Dust/Fog Thought to be Smoke	2
Lock Out	1
	11

Total Runs for 2023

61

2023 Accomplishments

- 3 members completed Fire Fighter 2 course through FVTC
- 3 members completed state certified Driver Operator/Engine course
- One Officer attended 47 hours of training in Milwaukee and is now Certified through the International Association of Arson Investigators as a Fire Investigation Technician
- 2 members completed 3 day ICS-300 certification
- Recruited 3 new members
- Fire department members trained for 693 hours in 2023
- Awarded donation from Paul Davis Restoration for \$250
- Awarded donation from Oshkosh Area Women's Association for \$1500.00
- Received donation from Country Financial for \$1500.00
- Donation received from Kyle Weber (Managing Partner) Modern Woodmen of America for \$1000.00
- New RAM XD Portable Firefighting Monitor, UTV Wildland Skid Pump, Rescue 42 Struts, Milwaukee Portable Light and Drill/Driver Kit, Pi-Lit Emergency Roadway Flares, and multiple pails of Class A PFAS free Firefighting Foam were purchased with donation/fundraising money to a total of \$16,877.94. No taxpayer money was utilized for the purchase of this equipment.

Apparatus Updates

2023 was a very exciting year for the fire department. In joint project between the first responders and the fire department, two new apparatus were purchased using a combination of grants from the State of Wisconsin, as well as a donation from the Carol Waters Estate. A 2023 Chevrolet Silverado, now called Utility 25, and a 2023 Can-Am Defender, now called UTV 25 joined our fleet. These two apparatus are vehicles we have never had at our disposal before. Utility 25 will serve as a towing platform for the UTV, as well as an EMS response vehicle for fires and car accidents and a general utility vehicle for the fire department. UTV 25 will serve as a brush fire unit during the warm weather months, with a firefighting skid on the back and in the cold months, as an EMS off road vehicle, with a dedicated EMS skid. At all times both skids carry a stokes basket and can move patients from difficult to reach places like the Wiouwash Trail or farm fields.



Community Outreach and Events

- Attended Clayton Fire touch a truck event
- Fire prevention presentation and show and tell at a local day care
- Touch a truck at Lifest
- Hosted multiple cub scout groups helping them obtain safety merit badge
- PFFW charitable foundation donated smoke detectors and multiple have been installed throughout the township by the fire department free of charge. If you are interested in this service please reach out to Chief Gawarensky.

Want to schedule a visit?

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In Remembrance



Steve Karow was a proud and dedicated member of the Town of Oshkosh Fire Department for 42 years, retiring in 2021. He also served as our equipment officer, spending many hours making sure both our equipment and apparatus were maintained and ready to serve the residents of the Town of Oshkosh. Steve Passed away this past year at the age of 79. Even after passing, Steve is still supporting the department, requesting that donations be made towards the department's new engine in lieu of flowers. \$1,908.25 was donated in his honor towards the new engine.

