

TOWN OF PESHTIGO FIRE DEPARTMENT



ANNUAL REPORT 2025

From the Fire Chief's Desk



I am pleased to once again present this annual report to our town supervisors, residents 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. Our dedicated group of trained volunteers not only responds to emergency calls, but we also spend significant amounts of time training and preparing for such responses. We also provide comprehensive public education programs and routinely conduct fund raising to keep our operations going.

I would like to thank our fire commission, as well as both our current and previous town supervisors, for approving the purchase and committing the necessary funds towards the purchase our new fire engine that was finally delivered on December 26, 2025. And I would be remiss if I did not thank the eight members of our truck committee who poured their heart and soul into the specifications, design and build of this truck to ensure that we received a final product that is anticipated to meet our needs for the next thirty years. The process to build and purchase this truck was lengthy, but well worth the effort. We now have a new engine with enhanced safety features, much more room to carry all the tools and equipment we need, and greater pumping capacity than ever before.

Even though we lost several volunteers this year, we still have a solid staff of well trained and experienced firefighters. This year, two of our firefighters left to join a nearby career fire department and another was hired elsewhere as a full-time firefighter/EMT but has managed to remain with us during his off-shift time. Several others left us for personal reasons after they just could not commit the time needed to remain active. I am thankful for the time each of these individuals served as volunteers and proud to lead such a dedicated team. I take pride in seeing them excel in their skills, abilities, and knowledge as firefighters. Whatever a person's background and interest, we will always find a place for those willing to serve and make the most of their abilities.

We continue to face many challenges and 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 Fire Department 2025 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** and commitment to **Excellence** in everything we do.

We value the **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 to maintain, and potentially improve the Town's ISO rating of class 6/10.

Cover Photo:



Members of our truck committee conducting a final inspection of our new fire engine, on the Blue Floor at Pierce Manufacturing in Appleton. After an almost four-year process, this truck was finally delivered in late December 2025.

Pictured left to right:

Chief Mike Folgert, FF Adam Staszak, Asst. Chief Rich Seils, FF Chris Callies, Capt. Ryan Kass, Lt. Joe Paoli, Lt. Gabe Aschbacher, FF Jordan DeForge. (Jim Meyer missing)

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**Town of Peshtigo Officials
2025**

Town Board of Supervisors

Clarence Coble, Supervisor 1
Jimmer Wortner, Supervisor 2
Jennifer Friday, Chairperson
Tim Bergeson, Supervisor 3
Daryl Joy, Supervisor 4

Fire Commission

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

Town Clerk

Kayla Okins

Deputy Clerk

Kathy Brandt

Town Treasurer

Jodi Maney

Town Constable

Amber Lynwood

Town Road Foreman

Keith Swallow

**Town of Peshtigo Fire Department Officers
2025**

Fire Chief

Michael Folgert
Appointed Chief in January 2010

Safety Officer

James Matthews
Appointed in July 2024

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 2025
(with year hired)**

Gabe Aschbacher - 2018
Nick Baldwin - 2024
Chris Callies – 1997
Clarence Coble – 1974
Jordan DeForge - 2022
Mike Folgert - 1986
Andrew Glasz - 2025
Max Heckel - 2023
Chad Jacobson - 2024
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

Welcoming One New Firefighter in 2025



Andrew Glasz joined the department in September after recently graduating from UW-Platteville and moving to the area. Andrew works at Marinette Marine, is originally from the Slinger area, and now resides in the city of Peshtigo. He has already completed his Entry Level Firefighter training and is looking forward to soon enrolling in certified firefighter training.

Five Firefighter Departures

Lindsay Bloc left the department in April for personal reasons that prevented her from being more active. Lindsay was with us for almost two years.

Jed Buechler left the department in October for personal reasons after serving as a volunteer and valued member of our team for over 17 years.

Justin Couillard had been with us for over seven years but resigned in October 2025 after he was hired as a full-time firefighter with the City of Marinette Fire Department.

Mike Dobson had recently joined the department in October 2024 as a conditional firefighter, but found that with his new “retirement” job he did not have the time or availability to volunteer as he had hoped.

Cienna Grawey joined the department in March of 2024 while commuting to Fox Valley Technical College in Appleton to pursue a degree in Fire Protection. She was a very active volunteer firefighter until January 2025, when she was hired as a full-time firefighter with the City of Marinette.

Celebrating Twenty Years of Service



Jim Meyer was recognized for achieving 20 years of service at our annual banquet in November. Jim joined our department as a volunteer firefighter in 2005 and has also served as a Lieutenant and Secretary-Treasurer for the department.

2025 Firefighter of the Year



Jordan DeForge was recognized at the annual banquet in November as 2025 firefighter of the year in recognition of his active participation, dedication and numerous accomplishments.

Advanced Training and Certifications Achieved

Nick Baldwin completed training and state certification testing for Firefighter Level 2 while attending school at Fox valley Technical College.

Nick Baldwin and Max Heckel both completed Driver-Operator training courses.

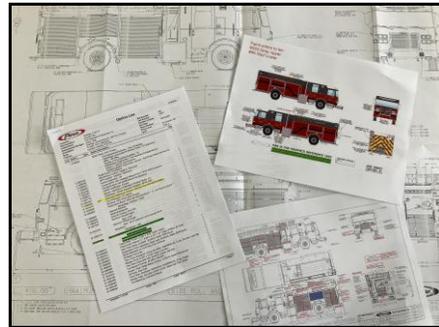
Jordan DeForge completed Fire Officer 1 training through NWTC.

Eight of our firefighters completed 20 hours of training for Marine Firefighter 1. These included **Jordan DeForge, Mike Folgert, Hax Heckel, Chad Jacobson, Joe Paoli, Rich Seils, Adam Staszak, and Justin Walk.**

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 to maintain and further develop our skills. Currently, seventeen, of our 20 firefighters are state certified firefighters.

Special Thanks to our New Truck Purchasing Committee

In January, 2022, we recognized the need to start planning to replace an engine that was approaching 30-years old. A group of eight firefighters stepped forward to begin this process including **Gabe Aschbacher, Chris Callies, Jordan DeForge, Ryan Kass, Jim Meyer, Joe Paoli, Rich Seils** and **Adam Staszak**. Over the past four years, these individuals have spent hundreds of hours, attended numerous meetings, and visited several fire truck manufacturing plants to plan and design a new engine, review and approve bid specifications, work with our sales representatives and follow-up with inspections to see the new engine through to completion. The effort these individuals put forth and how well they worked as a team is truly extraordinary. Their work has finally come to fruition with the delivery of our new engine on December 26th, 2025.



After a long wait, and much planning, our new engine finally went into production in September, 2025 at the Pierce Manufacturing plant in Appleton, WI. The final inspection was completed on December 15th with the truck completed and delivered on December 26th. The final purchase price of this truck was \$740,703.28 with payments made over three years. The truck is currently valued at over \$1.2 million, not including the equipment that will be carried on the truck.

Current Fire Apparatus and Equipment

The New Engine 205



This 2025 engine was delivered in late December and is currently being outfitted prior to being placed into service. It was custom built by Pierce Manufacturing in Appleton, WI and features a five-person cab, PUC pump capable of pumping 1,500 gpm, 1,000-gallon water tank, Husky foam system and state-of-the-art safety features.

Old Engine 205



This 1994 pumper will be 32 years old in April and will be replaced when our new fire engine is placed into service in early 2026. It holds 1,000 gallons of water, is rated to pump 1,000 gallons per minute and is equipped with a compressed air foam system. Although the body is beginning to rust in several places and some valves are sticking, the truck still passes its annual pump tests and is in relatively good shape.

The only repair needed this year was a tire repair conducted at a cost of \$136. Annual DOT inspection preventative maintenance and pump testing costs totaled \$881.74

Engine 207



This 2010 rescue pumper was built by Rosenbauer America on a commercial Freightliner chassis. This pumper is approaching 16 years of age, carries 1,000 gallons of water and is capable of pumping 1,250 gallons per minute. This truck also carries our extrication equipment, commonly known as the “Jaws of Life.

This has served as our primary first due engine but will be relegated to second due when our new engine is placed into service.

Repairs this year included battery replacement at a cost of \$748.22, replacement of a bar graph display unit for the Kussmaul auto charge unit at \$171.02 and major repairs to the water pump and gear box totaling \$14,117.72. Annual DOT inspection and preventative maintenance cost \$456.82 and annual pump testing cost \$430.

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 tool compartments and a 225-gallon water tank with an 18 hp mounted Darley pump. This apparatus is the primary response vehicle for grass and brush fires and provides support at other incidents. No repairs needed this year. Annual DOT inspections and preventative maintenance costs totaled \$257.09.

Brush 2



This is a 2017 F-350 four-wheel drive pick-up that is outfitted with a skid unit that can be removed in winter months when not needed for grass fires. It is used primarily for wildland fires, EMS calls, incident support and for firefighters to attend training. It also pulls the trailer with our fire/rescue UTV and our ice rescue trailer.

Repairs conducted this year included battery replacement for \$199.95 and some body repair work due to a backing incident that was covered by insurance. An annual DOT inspection was completed for \$71.48

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 were limited to the replacement of a number of emergency flasher lenses at a cost of \$554.48. Annual DOT inspections and routine preventative maintenance totaled \$452.55.

Tender 235



This is a 3,200-gallon vacuum tanker. Built on a 2016 commercial Freightliner chassis, this apparatus is used as our primary water shuttling apparatus. This year, a vacuum pump coupling failed and had to be replaced at a cost of \$348.31. Annual DOT inspection costs were \$452.71.

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 platform 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. One drive belt was purchased this year at a cost of \$152.99.

Cold Water Rescue Trailer and RDC



This fully enclosed cargo trailer was purchased in 2008 and outfitted with our cold-water rescue equipment. Contents include two inflatable Rapid Deployment Crafts (RDC), seven cold water rescue suits, rescue ropes, throw bags and various supplies needed to implement a safe water or ice rescue.

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. This year, a Humminbird side-scanning sonar graph along with two display unit covers were donated and installed by Lakeside Powersports and A&K Bait & Tackle. A new support arm to secure the outboard motor was also purchased using donation funds at a cost of \$171.97

Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA)

Over five years ago, we recognized the need to begin replacing our old SCBA with newer, higher-pressure packs since many were over 20 years old and beginning to fail. Additionally, all of our lightweight, carbon-fiber breathing air cylinders began to reach the end of their DOT mandated 15-year lifespan. By 2024, all of our remaining 2,216 psi carbon-fiber air cylinders reached their mandatory expiration date and were taken out of service. As a result, we had to revert to using older, and much heavier aluminum cylinders on our older air packs until new, higher capacity air packs could be purchased.

Beginning in 2020, we took steps to reduce our inventory of SCBA and, at the same time, began to purchase a few new Scott X3-Pro 4,500 psi air packs each year at a cost of over \$9,000 each using capital funds. In 2025, we purchased three more packs, one of which was funded entirely through donations. We now have 14 new air packs with higher pressure (4,500 psi), the latest safety features, and extended life (30-year) cylinders. Two older air packs remain in our inventory for training and use as spares.

Maintenance, Inspection and Testing Completed

HURST extrication equipment maintenance – McQueen Emergency	\$1,495.00
NFPA ladder testing completed by Great Lakes Testing Inc.	\$412.00
NFPA hose testing of all discharge hoses – In-house	Conducted in-house
NFPA pump testing on both engines – Jefferson Fire & Safety	\$860.00
DOT commercial vehicle inspections & PM’s – Franks Repair	(see current apparatus)
Face piece fit testing for 16 firefighters – Fire Safety Consulting Services	\$480.00
Pre-employment medical testing of 1 new firefighter	\$819.00
DOT Hydrostatic and Eddy testing of breathing air cylinders (19)	\$665.00
Reprogramming of Kenwood Portable Radios – Nielsen Communications	\$870.00

Fire Station Repairs and General Maintenance

Overhead Door Opener	\$2,095.00
Maytag Washer/Extractor - ACU Control Unit replaced	\$482.00
Dryer for the Air Compressor Replaced	\$1,875.00
Annual HVAC maintenance, repairs & inspection	\$65.70
Air Make-Up Unit Switch Repair	\$187.50

New Equipment Purchased During 2025

A number of items were purchased to either replace old equipment or to be used on our new engine. Purchases were made both using budgeted funds, grant funds and through donations:

Scott X-3 Pro Air Packs (2)	\$19,248.00
Scott X-3 Pro Air Packs (1)*	\$9,624.00
Mobile Radio for new engine, Kenwood Multi-band	\$5,887.34
Intake Valves (2) for new engine*	\$4,224.00
Fire Hose, Large Diameter Supply Hose (400 feet)	\$3,180.00
Haix Structural Firefighting Boots (6 pair)	\$2,790.00
SEEK Fire Pro Thermal Imaging Cameras (2)	\$2,339.00
Particulate Blocking Hoods (25)*	\$2,014.77
Minitor 6 pagers with desktop chargers and cases (2)	\$999.00
Gated Wyes (3) for new engine*	\$869.79
Handlights, Vulcan Clutch (4) for new engine*	\$851.92
Refrigerator, 12 V for new engine*	\$399.00
Rescue Gloves (6)	\$376.50
Storz Adapter for new engine*	\$260.80
Ladder, 14 ft. Multi position – Gorilla for new engine	\$199.00
Hi-Viz Traffic Vests	\$179.80

****Items purchased entirely through grants or donations totaled \$19,944.28.***

Fund-Raising Events

A number of fund-raising events were conducted throughout the year that brought in over \$8,200 to fund equipment purchases for our new engine. These events included:

- Fall Sports Raffle - \$4,233
- Lenten Fish Fry at The Moose Lodge - \$2,010.67
- Summer Concert Series Cookout at the Forgotten Fire Winery - \$911.71
- Steel Mill Tavern Event donation - \$1,126



War in the Woods Promotions donated \$6,000 towards the purchase of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus.

Monetary Donations Received (over \$100)

War in the Woods Promotions - \$6,000 Lou Ann Seils - \$500
JCI On-Line Giving - \$4,525 Great Lakes Custom Tool - \$250
The Motor Company - \$900 The Windjammer - \$200
Cans for Kids – Peshtigo - -\$500 Karen Sylvester - \$100
Jill Bedwell/Sheri Behnke Estate - \$500

We are thankful for the awesome community support and generosity of our local businesses and residents to organize and donate towards these efforts.

Grants Received

DNR Forest Fire Protection (FFP) Grant - \$1,700 reimbursement of expenditures for the purchase of two pagers and one multi-band mobile radio for our new engine.

Wisconsin Public Service Foundation - \$2,000 Rewarding Responders Grant for the purchase of particulate blocking hoods for each of our firefighters.

M & M Area Community Foundation Grant - \$952 towards the purchase of fire hose for our new engine.

2025 Fire Department Run Report

Summary of 2025 Calls:

40 Medical Assists
23 Vehicle Crashes
20 Powerlines Down or Arcing
15 Structure Fires
7 Grass/Brush Fires
6 Dispatched but Canceled Enroute
6 Trees Down / Other Hazardous Condition
5 Carbon Monoxide Incidents
4 Controlled Burn Complaints (Authorized)
3 Unauthorized Burns (Extinguished)
3 Vehicle Fires
3 No Incident Found
2 Smoke Alarm Activations
1 Confined Cooking Fire
1 Confined Mattress Fire
1 Electrical Fire
1 Natural Gas/Propane Leak
1 Smell of Gas / Odor in Residence
1 Law Enforcement Assist
1 Change of Quarters
144 **TOTAL RUNS**



Firefighters extinguishing a vehicle fire



Firefighters working at a structure fire in the Town of Porterfield

Medical (EMS) Assists

In recent years, we have been dispatched to an increasing number of calls to assist our EMS providers. These often involve calls to assist with lifting and moving patients, but can also involve calls for CPR, patient extrication or forcible entry to a residence. In 2025 we responded to 40 such calls, making this the number one call type we responded to.

Vehicle Crash Responses



Each year, the Town of Peshtigo Fire Department responds to a significant number of vehicle crashes. This year 23 calls, or almost 16% of all our incident calls, were made in response to 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 also assist law enforcement officers with traffic control as needed and requested. We follow uniform traffic control standards including the establishment of early warning, proper placement of apparatus and use of traffic control devices, 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.

Significant Fire Facts:

- No fire fatalities or civilian injuries resulting from fire
- No lost work time firefighter injuries.
- Four structure fires within the town:
 - April 11th – W2605 Kingston Ln., Tool Shed Fire – Total Loss
 - Sept. 23rd – W2580 Kingston Ln., Residential Structure Fire – Significant Loss
 - Oct. 9th – N1454 Keller Rd. – Residential Structure Fire – Total Loss
 - Oct. 25th – N1963 Hale Rd. – Garage Fire – Total Loss
- Mutual Aid received from other fire departments on four calls:
 - July 27th – U.S. Hwy 41 at Frontage Rd. S. of CTH T – Grass Fire – Auto Dispatch Assistance from City of Marinette
 - Sept. 23rd – W2580 Kingston Ln. - Residential Structure Fire – MABAS Assistance from City of Peshtigo and City of Marinette
 - Oct. 9th – N1454 Keller Rd. – Residential Structure Fire – MABAS Assistance from City of Marinette and Grover-Porterfield
 - Oct. 25th – N1963 Hale Rd. – Garage Fire – MABAS Assistance from City of Peshtigo
- Mutual Aid (MABAS) assistance provided on eleven occasions to other departments:
 - Jan. 11th – W4470 Schoenfeld Rd., Town of Grover - Residential Fire
 - Jan. 15th – 1617 14th Ave., Menominee, MI – Residential Fire
 - Jan. 23rd – 1815 Thomas St., Marinette – Residential Fire
 - July 29th – 1013 Carney Blvd., Marinette – Residential Fire
 - Aug. 9th – 2814 Harding St., Marinette - Commercial Structure Fire
 - Aug. 23rd – Change of Quarters to Marinette Fire Station – Water Rescue
 - Aug. 25th – 11 W. Hosmer St., Marinette – Residential Structure Fire
 - Sept. 9th – 144 1st St., Menominee, MI – Commercial Structure Fire
 - Sept. 12th – 920 Wells St., Marinette – Church Fire
 - Oct. 9th – N5649 STH 180, Town of Porterfield – Residential Structure Fire
 - Dec. 7th – W5140 County W, Town of Grover – Residential Fire
- The number of MABAS (Mutual Aid Box Alarm) calls for assistance outside the Town of Peshtigo has again increased. This results in increased call volume, longer distances travelled and longer response times as evidenced by calls into Menominee County, MI. However, MABAS also ensures that we can obtain any assistance as needed at any time and at no cost from many other departments.

Fire Department Response Times:

- **Turnout time or 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 the 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 2 minutes from receipt of alarm on one call while firefighters were already at the fire station.
- Average 8.75-minute response time for all structure fires within the town.
- Response times for all four structure fires within town was below the NFPA 1720 recommended time of 14 minutes with the longest response time being 10 minutes.
- Response times were 10 minutes or less on 36 of 74 emergency calls (48.6%). This excludes those calls cancelled while enroute and non-emergency responses.
- Average 10.6 -minute response time to all fires within the town (MABAS calls excluded).
- Average 11.7-minute response time to all emergency calls (MABAS calls to other jurisdictions excluded).

Fire Response Staffing Levels

- In spite of a roster that currently stands at 20, an average of 7.9 firefighters responded per call. This is a slight decrease from 2024 when an average of 8.7 firefighters responded to calls, but remains significantly higher than the low average of 6.7 firefighters per call encountered ten years ago.
 - Largest response turnout per call was 14 firefighters. This happened once for a grass fire.
 - Between 10-15 firefighters responded on 40 calls.
 - Between 6-9 firefighters responded on 74 calls.
 - Between 1-5 firefighters responded on 29 calls.
- Numbers of firefighters responding to structure fires within the town ranged from 8 to 13 with an average of 11.25 firefighters per structure fire.
- An average of 7.6 firefighters responded to eleven MABAS (mutual aid) calls outside the Town of Peshtigo. This includes those firefighters who responded to the station and stood by but did not respond directly to a scene. 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.



Extinguishing a Garage fire on Hale Rd.



Working on a brush fire off Madsen Road.

2025 Training Conducted

January	Fire Investigation Training	2 FFs
	Hazardous Materials Technician Refresher	5 FFs
	Ice Rescue Training	15 FFs
	Sensit Gold Multi-Gas Meter Service Training	1 FF
February	Air Bag Lifting Drill	13 FFs
March	DNR Annual Wildland Fire Refresher	14 FFs
	Marine Firefighter 1 – (20 hrs)	8 FFs
April	Acquired Structure Live Fire Evolutions (Grover)	6 FFs
	Driver Training Skills Course	12 FFs
May	Hose Testing – Station Hose Rolls	12 FFs
	Hose Testing – Engine Hose Beds & E205 Cross Lays	12 FFs
June	Hose Testing – Engine Hose Beds & E207 Cross Lays	9 FFs
	Hose Testing – Large Diameter Supply Hose	9 FFs
	WSFCA Convention	2 FFs
	Entry Level Driver-Operator NWTC Class (60 hrs)	1 FF
July	Engine Pump Operations and Master Streams	10 FFs

August	Water Rescue, Boat Operations and Navigation DSPS Fire Prevention, Safety & Health Training Dry Hydrant Ops / Tender Filling	14 FFs 4 FFs 8 FFs
September	Combined Evolutions – Fire Attack & Roof Ventilation	11 FFs
October	Vehicle Extrication & MCI Drill Fire Investigation Entry Level Firefighter – NWTC Class (60 Hrs.)	9 FFs 2 FFs 1 FF
November	Rapid Intervention – Emergency Air Supply	9 FFs
December	Ice Rescue and Cold Weather Operations	11 FFs

Fire Safety, Prevention and Education



Marinette Logging Fest Parade



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 in both Peshtigo and Marinette and participated in several parades. We teamed up with the Forgotten Fire Winery to put on a Fire Safety Day to kick off Fire Prevention Week. Two lucky students then had their names drawn to receive a ride to school in a fire truck during fire prevention week.

We continued to partner with the Professional Firefighters of Wisconsin Charitable Foundation to install smoke alarms for town residents at no charge. This program will continue until our existing supply of smoke alarms runs out.



Free Smoke Alarm Installations

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 most 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.
- 137 inspections were conducted during 2025, including follow-up inspections to ensure compliance with state fire codes.
- 99 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 \$22,123.78 in 2% insurance dues reimbursement from the state in return for conducting fire inspections and for performing fire prevention activities. This amount must be used to fund specific fire department initiatives.



Some common fire code violations encountered include failure to inspect and maintain fire extinguishers, improper use of extension cords and power taps and blocking of exit doors.

Other Department Activities

Monthly Business Meetings (12)	1 st Mondays
Work Details – (23)	3 rd & 4 th Mondays
Truck Committee Meetings / Inspections at Pierce (9)	
Safety Committee Meetings (2)	
Marinette County Fire Association Meetings (6)	Bi-monthly
MABAS Division 144 Meetings (4)	Bi-monthly
Bellin Health 5K Heart Run	May 3rd
Marinette Logging Fest Parade	July 13th
National Night Out – Badger Park	August 5th
Peshtigo Historical Days Parade	September 27 th
Family Fun Day at Forgotten Fire Winery	October 5th
Annual Recognition & Awards Banquet	November 2nd

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 20 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 will not 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.wi.gov