

Breitung Township Fire Dept. Report

2/14/22

We have 2 new applications for membership on the BTFD. First is Afton Leigh Bailey and second is Megan Rose Preston. Fire Dept officers have spoken with both and recommend that they be hired as Probationary Fire Fighters. Megan would initially be assigned to Station 3 while Afton would be assigned to Station 2.

Other Fire Department organization items include the filling of some of the Officer Positions that are currently open. These include positions that have been unfilled and also on that is open because an individual feels that they need to step down based on what is currently going on in their life and family.

Station#1: Lieutenant Position – While we have 2 Lieutenant positions currently open, we are looking at filling one of them now. The recommendation is that FF Ryan Sanders be promoted to fill this critical position. Ryan has been an active member of the Fire Dept both on the fire ground and in many of the non-emergency activities.

Station#2: Asst. Chief position. Rob Blazier contacted me to let me know he has decided to step down as Assistant Chief due to his current Work and Family time commitments. He will remain on the Department as a Fire Fighter. Along with his recommendation, we are recommending that Ryan Cousineau, currently the Captain at Station 2 be moved up to Assistant Chief. Along with this it is recommended that Jeremiah Jacobson, currently a Lieutenant, be moved up to Captain. Fire Fighter Chris Gardner is being recommended to fill one of the two open Lieutenant's position. All three of these individuals bring knowledge and experience to the positions.

Station#3: Lieutenant position - Again we have 2 positions open and we are looking at filling one at this time. The recommendation is that FF Montgomery Marshall be promoted to Lieutenant at Station 3. He does have the training and experience necessary to fill this position.

BTFD has been working with other surrounding fire departments on implementation of the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) agreement and the development of our Box Alarm cards. This is something that will be ongoing as we move forward.

In January our call volume was down (5) compared to the last couple of months with a slight uptick in the first week or so of February.

On January 18th during our monthly training meeting, we removed our old SCBA from all apparatus and placed the new SCBA in service at all three stations. Additional training was conducted.

On January 19th the remaining fire fighters we measured for the new Turnout Gear. All new gear was ordered by January 23rd.

I have been working with Denny Olson and Steve Mulka on planning a recognition dinner for our Fire Fighters. Tentative planning is for early April.

WE have had a couple of our Fire Fighters express interest in participating with the MI Fire Safe program through the State Fire Marshalls Office. This is a program that provides Smoke Detectors / Alarms and Carbon Monoxide (CO) Detectors at no cost. They do have some availability of alarms for

disabled or handicapped individuals. We may be able to partner with the Iron Mountain Fire Department and the Red Cross in this program, Free detectors/Alarms are provided by the State, we will have to install them and document the installations.

The Dickinson County LEPC/ Emergency Management will be participating in a “virtual” drill involving the National Guard and US Forest Service this spring. This will be a planning type exercise with more details to follow. At this time, it is expected that BTFD and IMFD Chiefs will be asked to participate.

I will be attending a program for New Fire Chiefs, sponsored by the State Fire Marshall’s Office and the MFFTC, on Feb. 19-20th at the Spalding Twp Fire Dept. in Powers.

Respectfully Submitted

Jim Rose