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Monthly Report for November 2021

Personnel: The department has recruited 4 new members. Each of these folks bring very different skill sets to our department which continues to strengthen the department and broaden our service capabilities.

I just want to thank all the members of the department for their continued support and responses, day and night, minor call or major call, our members are turning out and rolling the trucks that are needed. This is a tremendous benefit to the community saving the cost of per diem, parttime or fulltime staffing.

Apparatus: The department's 30 year old reserve apparatus has a broken unit within the transfer case that has put the truck out of service. Our mechanic and pump service specialist searched diligently nationwide for a replacement. One was not found and I recommended to the Manager to permanently take the truck out of service. We have placed the truck up for bid and are awaiting the bid results.

Buildings: The stations have been prepped for winter, including heating system servicing.

Activities: In person training classes are coming back after Covid and many members are taking advantage of the classes. The department continues to train at least twice a month with an additional Wednesday night for station, truck and equipment checks and maintenance and one Wednesday night for an officers meeting. In December we will be scheduling our annual flow testing on our SCBA air packs to meet BOLS standards.

Respectfully submitted,
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