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Chief's Monthly Report for December 2024

Merry Xmas to all as the New Year approaches. December ended the year with a flurry of EMS calls, another big storm, and a variety of others calls.

As busy as it seemed, we realize it still comes in spurts, then we spend a few days of playing catchup. At times it was tough to keep up with the calls. The limited manpower during the storm had 3 of us running for 24 hours, with no help from the on-call members. With the new building underway, and with more room, it's definitely time to address the lack of crew availability.

The addition is coming along nicely, we had a couple of weather-related delays, but we hope to see the cement floor poured by the first week in January. Electrical work has started, the heat is now on, and progress should move forward quickly. We have also spent a lot on volunteer hours running the IT/Alarm wiring to retrofit the old building, which is now complete. When we can enter the new building, we will undertake that as well. We hope to save over \$8,000 by pulling all these strands ourselves.

As stated earlier, manpower is still terrible with few, to no, on-call members coming back on calls. The 2 per-diem people have started taking some extras shifts but it would be very nice to find some more.

Burn permits are available at the station, everyday 9:00AM-6:00PM (**permits over the phone has now been terminated**). IN ADDITION, permits are also available online and are now FREE OF CHARGE. Please read the permit for the restriction and do not burn if it is windy.

<https://www13.informe.org/burnpermit/public/index.html>

In December, the D/L F.D. responded to 36 requests for service, and is as follows.

EMS	12	Building Fire	1
Tree down in the road	14	Power Line Down	3
Motor Vehicle Accident	1	M/A MVA w/entrapment	1
Gas Spill	1	Traffic Control, assist PD	1
Propane Leak	1	CO Alarm	1
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