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Chief's Monthly Report for March 2024

March brought us a second winter and some crazy weather. Ice is out early and with a lot of heavy rain, the snow is now gone. The crazy weather had us out running quite a few storm related calls as well as our normal calls.

Staffing has now been filled and as of April 1st we will be up and running on our consistent 24 hour coverage. It's great to finally be at full staff, and now will be working on added some per-diem and call staff.

Training wise we are working through some projects and looking forward to spring. Our biggest project was working on our mandatory Haz-MAt operations refresher. It's a big undertaking, but important to get completed.

Manpower remains dangerously low, and we can't gain any traction with any new members coming from intown. We will continue to work on it and also trying to add to our per-diem staff. In April, we will be attending the EMCC Live-In students interviews, and will hope to be able to gain a live-in student again for the upcoming fall semester.

Burn permits are available at the station, everyday 8:00AM-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 March, the D/L F.D. responded to 24 requests for service, and is as follows.

EMS	9	Power Line Down	3
Motor Vehicle Accident	1	Tree Down in road	7
MVA with Entrapment	1	Permitted Burn Check	1
Flooded Basement	1	Smoke Investigation	1

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