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Chief's Monthly Report for September 2024

Fall is fast approaching and the cool evenings and mornings are a breath of fresh air. So much that we had our first chimney fore of the season.

Call volume remained steady, and manpower remains **VERY** low. Despite all our efforts NO ONE from town is coming in the door for our call staff. We are at the breaking point when most of the time we are lucky to get 1-2 people coming in for calls. We need to look really hard at our staffing model and develop a plan to get more people on calls.

We received some deliveries this month and the equipment for the new rescue has started to arrive. Some things will be put in service right away, as we have some room on the current rescue. The rest will be inventoried and logged for placement when the new rescue arrives.

Tentatively we are looking at Monday September 30th for ground breaking, if not then, it will be close by.

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 September, the D/L F.D. responded to 20 requests for service, and is as follows.

EMS	7	Chimney Fire	1
M/A Building Fire	3	Wildland Fire	1
Motor Vehicle Accident	1	Propane Leak	1
Fire Alarm Activation	1	Seasonal Burn Permit	1
School Fire Drill	4		

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