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Chief's Monthly Report for October 2024

October was a steady month for us with our call volume and we saw a big uptake in EMS calls. We continued our presence at the school with fire drills and sporting events.

Training nights have been weak with few members attending our weekly meetings. I believe this is another indication of the life style changes we are seeing these days, and people are choosing other options in life, besides spending time at the fire department. We continue to work on spreading the word of how much we need help, The results of the grant work is promising and have produced some quality work, but we have seen little results appear at the fire station.

Staffing continues to be TERRIBLE, we rely on the three full timers and myself for 90% of the workload, with occasionally 1-2 members coming back in on calls. It is VERY apparent the staffing model needs to be looked at and refined in the future. When our building addition is complete, we will be relying heavily on students and outside staffing to help us protect our community. I think it is also time to take a hard look at the coverage that we have, and further ways to increase our daily workforce.

October has seen us break ground on the station addition, the cement is poured for the footers, and hopefully this coming week we will see a good amount of progress continue with the walls. The good weather is a blessing and hopefully will be continuing next week.

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 October, the D/L F.D. responded to 24 requests for service, and is as follows.

EMS	15	M/A EMS Call	2
M/A Building Fire	2	M/A Station Coverage	1
Motor Vehicle Accident	2	Permitted Burn	2

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Fire Chief