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1 REPORT

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A major challenge of 2010 was the need to cut training due to a shrinking budget. The State of Iowa mandates firefighters maintain 24 hours of continuous training. The department continues to examine opportunities that will allow members to stay in compliance with state law and operate during these times of tight budgets.

The department lost a friend and former member at the end of the year. Captain Mark Whaley had retired in 2008. Mark fought a year long battle with brain cancer. He maintained a positive attitude throughout but passed away in December. He was honored with a traditional firefighter's funeral.

A donation from the Webster City Firefighters Association along with the proceeds from the sale of the Naden rescue boat we were able to purchase two ice water rescue suits. Some of our members have already taken ice water rescue training and we plan on training the rest of the department in 2011.

I wish to express our appreciation to Electrolux Home Products for donating an oversize washer and dryer to the department. The units will be used to clean firefighter's turnout gear. Keeping turnout gear clean extends its effectiveness. Turnout gear cost in excess of \$1200 per set. Extending its life helps lower the budget. Special thanks to volunteer Chip Hildebrand, an Electrolux employee, who was instrumental in obtaining the units.

The city appointed a Bond Issue Committee to recommend what projects should be pursued thru the issuance of general obligation bonds. We were fortunate to receive the recommendation of the committee and support of the city council to proceed with specifications for a 75 foot ladder / pumper combination fire truck.

I am proud to report 4 members Zach Williams, Don Prew, Chad Kuebler, Jared Ruby became Firefighter I certified and 5 members Bob Smith, Todd Madsen, Andy Sowle, Dana Casey, Kenric Weinschenk became certified at the Firefighter II level. All members who took the classes were certified which is a testament to the instructors, Captain Brandon Hayes and Firefighter Scott Ely.

During the city's Boone Bash River Dash activities Bob Smith and Jared Ruby provided water rescue standby. Don Zehner, Ron Holst, Kevin Sandy and Don Prew provided standby at the fireworks display.

Seven members again took part in the "Gun's vs. Hoses" Special Olympics fund raiser.

(Andy Sowle, Jeromy Estlund, Phil Jessen, Bob Smith, Dana Casey, Zach Williams and Chad Kuebler) Although they were not fortunate to win this year, I applaud their effort and appreciate their willingness to represent the fire department.

The department held an open house during fire prevention week. This event is held every other year and again it was a great success. An estimated 500 people attended with the children participating in many fire safety training events.

Members also participated in the Warm Hearts / Warm Home Project. (Ron Holst, Kendall Doolittle, Don Prew, Chad Kuebler and Andy Sowle) Their participation along with the other events mentioned above projected a positive image on behalf of the Webster City Fire Department.

Staffing numbers stayed the same. On August 9th volunteer firefighter Brett Cranston resigned. Brett was a member for three years. He left town to pursue another job opportunity. On June 14th Dave Ely was appointed to the department as a volunteer firefighter. Dave is a mechanic for Hamilton County's Secondary Roads Department.

Firefighter of the Year for 2010 is Andy Sowle. He has been a member since 2006 and appointed to a full-time position in 2008. Andy became a certified Fire Instructor I in 2010 and maintains the department's attendance and training records. He also serves as Secretary for the Webster City Firefighters Association.

As I do each year, I feel it is important to recognize and thank the following businesses for allowing our volunteer firefighters to respond to emergencies during their work day.

Doolittle Oil Company	Trash Man
Electrolux Home Products	Van Diest Medical Center
Estlund Heating & Air Conditioning	W.C. Custom Meats
Hagie Manufacturing Company	W.C. Inspection Department
Hamilton Co. Social Services	W.C. Line Department
Holst Electric	W.C. Meter Department
Iowa Central Community College	W.C. Police Department
My Med Mart	W.C. R.V.
Neibergall Construction	W.C. Street Department
Stewart Electric	

Respectfully,



Michael W. Lund
Fire Chief

FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL - DECEMBER 31, 2010

Position	Promotion to position	Appointed to Department
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FULLTIME MEMBERS

Chief		
Mike Lund	Jan.1, 1998	Aug. 25, 1973
Captains		
Don Zehner	Feb. 1, 1998	Aug. 5, 1974
Brandon Hayes	Dec. 17, 2000	May 14, 1991
Firefighter		
Andy Sowle	Sept. 15, 2008	Feb. 27, 2006

VOLUNTEER MEMBERS

Lieutenants		
Mick Neibergall	Feb. 1, 1998	Jan. 1, 1985
Don Wills	Sept. 23, 2002	June 1, 1993

Firefighters		
Ron Holst	-	Feb. 12, 1973
Tom Madole	-	Feb. 12, 1973
Earl Stewart	-	Feb. 12, 1973
Gordon Hildebrand	-	Apr. 14, 1976
Kevin Huntington	-	Sept. 1, 1992
Kendall Doolittle	-	Jan. 5, 1995
Tom Rosenbloom	-	Apr. 2, 1998
Mark Ferguson	-	Apr. 15, 1999
Paul Tolle	-	Jan. 12, 2000
Jeromy Estlund	-	May 14, 2001
Scot Ely	-	Jan. 24, 2002
John Fowler	-	June 3, 2003
Kevin Sande	-	June 23, 2003
Phil Jessen	-	May 25, 2004
Bob Smith	-	May 6, 2005
Todd Madsen	-	Nov. 28, 2005
Zach Williams	-	June 11, 2007
Dana Casey	-	Oct. 26, 2007
Don Prew	-	Oct. 31, 2007
Kenric Weinschenk	-	Oct. 31, 2007
Chad Kuebler	-	Nov. 24, 2008
Jared Ruby	-	Nov. 24, 2008
Dave Ely	-	June 14, 2010

RETIREMENTS

	None	
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APPOINTMENTS

Dave Ely	Volunteer - Firefighter	6/14/10
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RESIGNATIONS

Brett Cranston	Volunteer - Firefighter	5/10/07 – 8/9/10
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EMERGENCY RESPONSE REPORT

1.	Total number of alarms	101
2.	Number of City alarms	83
3.	Number of Rural alarms	18
4.	Number of Automatic Alarms	13
5.	Average personnel responding to a 911 page	20.3
6.	Average personnel responding to a special duty page	2.7
7.	Number of times mutual aid received	3
8.	Number of times mutual aid given	4
9.	Number of civilian fire injuries	0
10.	Number of firefighter injuries	0

ALARMS RECEIVED BY

1.	E-911	72
2.	Business phone line	27
3.	Reported in person	1
4.	Fire Radio	1

EQUIPMENT USED

1.	Number of times Engine 33 responded	69
2.	Number of times Engine 32 responded	32
3.	Number of times Engine 34 responded	14
4.	Number of times Rescue 35 responded	40
5.	Number of times Attack 36 responded	12
6.	Number of times Attack 41 responded	1
7.	Number of times Rescue Boat responded	3
8.	Number of times Booster lines used	12
9.	Number of feet of 1 1/2" hose used	5000
10.	Number of feet of 2 1/2" hose used	75
11.	Number of feet of 4" hose used	2600
12.	Number of times dump tanks used	5
13.	Number of ladders used	22
14.	Number of times positive pressure fan used	11
15.	Number of times smoke ejector fan used	10
16.	Number of portable extinguishers used	9
17.	Number of air mask used	81
18.	Number of gallons of water used	31,250
19.	Number of times hydrants used	7
20.	Number of times Jaws-of-Life used	2
21.	Number of times chain saw used.	3
22.	Number of times 4-Gas Monitor used.	8
23.	Number of times Thermal Imaging Camera used.	20

Alarms By Day

	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	TOTAL
JAN	1	1	4	4		1	1	12
FEB	1	1	1	2		1		6
MAR		1		1		1	1	4
APR	2	1			5		2	10
MAY	1	1	1		1	2	1	7
JUNE	2	1				1	3	7
JULY			2	2	1	5	1	11
AUG	1		2	3	1	1	3	11
SEPT		2	1	1	1	1	3	9
OCT		1	2	1	1	1	3	9
NOV		2	1	2	2	1	1	9
DEC		1	1	2	1	1		6
TOTAL	8	12	15	18	13	16	19	101

Alarms By Hour

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
0001-0100								1	2				3
0101-0200													0
0201-0300													0
0301-0400	1												1
0401-0500						1							1
0501-0600												1	1
0601-0700											1		1
0701-0800		1						2					3
0801-0900	1				1		1	1	1				5
0901-1000										2			2
1001-1100	1			1			1			2		1	6
1101-1200				1							1		2
1201-1300	2					1	1	1		1			8
1301-1400	1	2	2	1			2				1		9
1401-1500		1				1		1					3
1501-1600		1		1		2			1				5
1601-1700	1			1	2				2	1			7
1701-1800	3			1	1		2	1			1	2	11
1801-1900		1		1			1	1		2	2	1	9
1901-2000											1		2
2001-2100	1		1	1		1	1			1	1	1	8
2101-2200				2	1		2	1					6
2201-2300									3				3
2301-2400	1					1		2			1		5
TOTAL	12	6	4	10	7	7	11	11	9	9	9	6	101

Causes By Occupancy

Building	Ambulance Assist	Appliance Defect	Auto. Alarm Malfunction	Burned Food	Carbon Monoxide Investi.	Child Playing with Lighter	Combustibles Near Heat Source	Discarded Embers	Extraction	False Alarm or Cancelled Enroute	Illegal Burning	Inadequate Control of Open Fire	Intentional Fire – Vandalism	Light Ballast	Lightning Strike	Mutual Aid Assist	Natural Gas/ Propane/ CO Leak	No Fire – Equipment Failure	Part Failure (Fire)	Police Assist	River Rescue	Smoke, Gas, Fuel Odor Invest.	Spill Cleanup – Vehicle Fluids	Standby – Meth Lab Cleanup	Undetermined	Wiring - Fault	Total
Apartment				1	1	1	1					1															4
Church			1																								1
Dwelling– Single Family		5	2	1	2	1	1						2				3					2			5	24	
Electric Booster Station		1																									1
Hog Confinement					1																						1
Hospital / Nursing Home / Assisted Living			1							1												2					4
Kiln – dry wood		1																									1
Manufacturing			1																								1
Mobile Home																									1	1	
Office Building																						1					1
Recreation Center		1																							1	2	
Retail			1									1										1					4
Storage Shed		1														1						1					2
Garage																						1					2
Vacant School House												1															1
Warehouse			2																								2
Still																											
Automobile																		1					1				2
Combine																1											1
Dumpster								1																1			2
Grass/Leaves/Field/Timber								1			3	2				1								4			11
Outside Area							1				1										3	2					7
Power Pole																									1		1
Propane Tank														1			1										2
Special Duty																				1							2
Vehicle Accident	2							2		2													8				14
Vehicle Fire							3																		3		7
Total	2	8	9	2	3	2	6	2	2	3	4	3	2	2	1	3	4	1	3	1	3	9	9	1	6	10	101

Training

- Confined Space
- Drafting Water Operations
- EMS Classes
- Firefighting I & II Class
- Fire Extinguisher Operation
- Fire Foam
- Fire Pump Operations
- Foam Application
- HAZ MAT Operations Class
- Instructor I Class
- Ladder Practice
- Live vehicle fire training.
- Northwestern Area Training Academy - Fort Dodge, IA.
- Power Tool Operations
- Rescue Boat Operations
- Respiratory Protection Program
- Search & Rescue
- Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus training
- Severe Weather Spotter Class
- Tour Van Diest Medical Center
- Trench Rescue Equipment
- Vehicle Extrication
- Vehicle Stabilization with Res-Q-Jacks
- Water application – fire hose & nozzles.

Total Training (Man Hours) - 1004

Training Photos



Handling salvage tarp.



Creating a water or salvage shut.



Rope and knot tying practice.



Foam Pro operation.

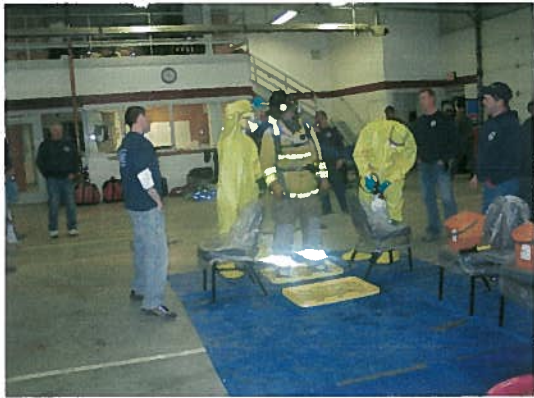


K-12 saw practice.



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Hazardous Material Decontamination Class





Going above and beyond for the team
Firefighter Bob Smith



Firefighter Zach Williams



Air bags application.



Portable pump operation.



Fire extinguisher class.



Fire extinguisher practice.



Four man ladder carry.



Ladder safety training.



Working off a ladder.



Practice extinguishing a vehicle fire.





Practicing with trench rescue equipment.



Working with pneumatic struts.



Changing out SCBA tank.



Using playground equipment as prop.

ANCILLARY SERVICES

Number of Inspections	35
Number of times assisted city departments	24
Public use of the training room	31
Stand-by for confined space entries.	3
Talks given to schools, churches and clubs	4
Tours given of the fire station	14
Water tanks filled for private business	26

PUBLIC SERVICE EVENTS Provided Service

- Water Rescue Standby at Boone Bash River Dash
- Standby for Fire Works at Boone Bash Celebration
- American Legion's Flag Burning Ceremony
- Standby for Fire Works at "Relay for Life"
- Stanhope Parade
- Hamilton Co. Fair Parade
- Fire Station Open House
- Homecoming Parade
- Warm Hearts / Warm Home Project

Open House

Oct. 5, 2010



Stay low and crawl to escape smoke.



The end of the darkened maze.



Future fire fighter leaning nozzle operation.



Fast leaner and off to the races.



Seasoned professional in action.



200 children visited the smoke house.



Emergency exit from smoke filled house.



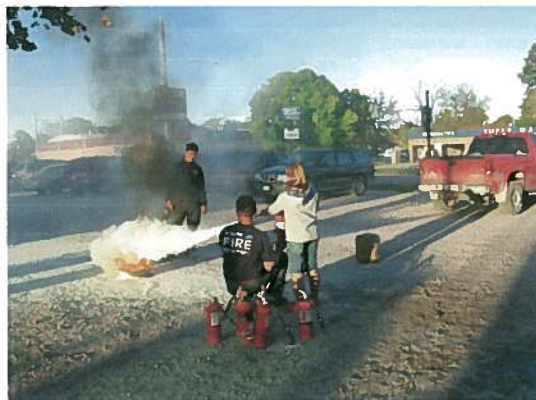
Pictured as a fire fighter.



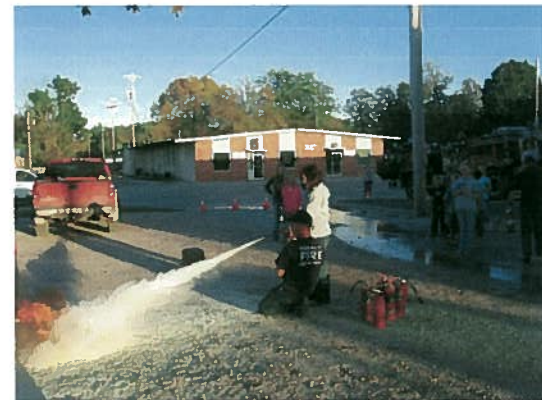
Showing stop, drop and roll skills.



Fire fighter teaches to cover face and roll.



Hands on practice with a fire extinguisher.



Over forty extinguishers used.



Trucks on display.



Enjoyed by parents and children alike.



Haz Mat, extrication & confined space equipment on display.



500 hotdogs consumed at the free lunch.



Big lines for smoke house and fire hose operation.



Water rescue boat on display.

Vehicle Inventory



2002	Kenworth	Heavy Rescue
1999	Pierce Saber	1500 GPM Pumper
1991	Pierce Dash	1250 GPM Pumper
1981	Ford General	1250 GPM Pumper
1964	American LaFrance	1000 GPM Pumper
1995	Chevrolet 4x4 Pickup	Grass Truck
1964	Dodge 4x4 Power Wagon	Grass Truck
2004	Dodge 4x4 Pickup	Chief's Truck
2009	Zodiac Inflatable Boat	Water Rescue