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**WEBSTER CITY, IA.**

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Two veteran firefighters retired in 2008. Fulltime firefighter Captain Mark Whaley retired on September 30<sup>th</sup> after 30 years of service. Volunteer firefighter Ted Hayes retired December 31<sup>st</sup> after 40 years of service. Both members were strong supporters of the department and their contributions will be missed.

Andy Sowle was hired September 15 as a fulltime firefighter. Andy has been with the department as a volunteer for two years.

Two city employees, Chad Kuebler with the street department and Jared Ruby, city inspector joined the department.

Volunteer firefighter Phil Jessen was named Firefighter of the Year for 2008. Phil is in charge of maintenance for W.C. Custom Meats. He has been a member for 4 ½ years in which time has taken many classes at regional fire training schools. Phil is well liked and an excellent firefighter of the year representative.

The following is a summary of events the department was involved in over the last year.

**January** – Started the New Year with an apartment fire early that morning. The occupant fell asleep while cooking but was able to escape safely. Unfortunately all the apartments' residents had to find other accommodations that cold early morning. At the end of the month a house fire south of town required tanker support from the Kamrar, Stanhope and Stratford Fire Departments.

Captain Hayes started teaching a Firefighter I class for our new members. The course is more than sixty hours of instruction.

**February** – The fire department in collaboration with the other county departments installed an additional radio frequency. Four antennas were installed at the outskirts of the county to improve the radio signal in areas that were experiencing reception problems.

**April** – The department began the annual testing of fire hose. Each year more than 4400 feet of fire hose is tested to ensure it will standup to the pressures required.

**May** – Responded to a mobile home fire, fully involved upon arrival. The alarm provided the opportunity for some of our less experienced firefighters to make the initial attack.

The four firefighters taking the Firefighter I course attended “Live Fire Skills” class at the fire service training bureau in Ames.

**June** - The department assisted with flood control efforts. High water at Linn Street, River Street and Union Street kept the department busy issuing sandbags.

With the river at flood stage, joined with other agencies in the rescue of two men who had tipped over in their canoe.

The department hosted the Hamilton County Firemen’s Association meeting. The speaker was a representative of the Iowa Department of Labor, OSHA Division.

Captain Whaley submitted his retirement notice effective September 30, 2008.

**August** - Conducted written, physical testing and oral interviews to thirteen applicants for the fulltime firefighter position.

**September** – Hosted the city’s retirement party to honor Captain Mark Whaley’s thirty years of service.

**October** – Held an Open House during fire prevention week. Activities aimed for young children included stop/drop/roll, stay low and crawl maze, fire extinguisher practice, escape routes from a smoke house, garden hose water application, truck displays, plastic fire hats, gifts and a free lunch.

A late evening house fire on Prospect Street provided valuable experience in overhaul procedures. The attic was full of cellulose insulation and a large portion had to be removed.

A vehicle accident east of Webster City was the only accident of the year that required extrication equipment.

At the end of the month the department conducted agility testing and oral interviews for volunteer firefighter applicants.

**November** – Eleven members attended training in Fort Dodge at ICCC North Central Area Training Academy.

A house fire on Maple Avenue started in the basement and travel upwards to the first floor. Extinguishing a basement fire and entering a smoke filled structure with portions of the first floor burned through provided some anxious moments but valuable experience.

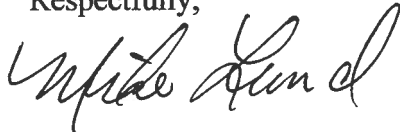
Black Hills Energy put on a class showing how fire departments should handle natural gas emergencies.

**December** – I conducted a table top exercise testing the city’s Emergency Operation Plan for city administrative personnel.

I wish to recognize the volunteer firefighter’s employers for supporting our members’ in their contribution to the community.

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

Respectfully,



Michael W. Lund  
Fire Chief





**Picture taken 6/16/07 when then Senator Obama and staff was starting his presidential campaign.**

## FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL - DECEMBER 31, 2008

Position	Promotion to position	Appointed to Department
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### FULLTIME MEMBERS

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

### VOLUNTEER MEMBERS

<b>Lieutenants</b>		
Mick Neibergall	Feb. 1, 1998	Jan. 1, 1985
Don Wills	Sept. 23, 2002	June 1, 1993
<b>Firefighters</b>		
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
Brett Cranston	-	May 10, 2007
Wendy Rouse	-	May 14, 2007
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

### RETIREMENTS

Mary Whaley	Full Time – Captain	Sept. 30
Ted Hayes	Volunteer – Firefighter	Dec. 31

### APPOINTMENTS

Andy Sowle	Full Time – Firefighter	Sept. 15
Chad Kuebler	Volunteer – Firefighter	Nov. 24
Jared Ruby	Volunteer – Firefighter	Nov. 24

### RESIGNATIONS

	None	
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### EMERGENCY RESPONSE REPORT

1.	Total number of alarms	104
2.	Number of City alarms	89
3.	Number of Rural alarms	15
4.	Number of Automatic Alarms	14
5.	Average personnel responding to a 911 page	21
6.	Average personnel responding to a special duty page	3
7.	Number of times mutual aid received	1
8.	Number of civilian fire injuries	0
9.	Number of firefighter injuries	0

### ALARMS RECEIVED BY

1.	E-911	55
2.	Business phone line	43
3.	Reported in person	4
4.	Fire Radio	2

### EQUIPMENT USED

1.	Number of times Engine 33 responded	58
2.	Number of times Engine 32 responded	22
3.	Number of times Engine 34 responded	6
4.	Number of times Rescue 35 responded	41
5.	Number of times Attack 36 responded	15
6.	Number of times Booster lines used	5
7.	Number of feet of 1 1/2" hose used	3250
8.	Number of feet of 2 1/2" hose used	0
9.	Number of feet of 4" hose used	1500
10.	Number of ladders used	9
11.	Number of times positive pressure fan used	9
12.	Number of times smoke ejector fan used	11
13.	Number of portable extinguishers used	4
14.	Number of air mask used	42
15.	Number of gallons of water used	13,285
16.	Number of times hydrants used	6
17.	Number of times Jaws-of-Life used	1
18.	Number of times chain saw used.	1
19.	Number of times 4-Gas Monitor used.	5
20.	Number of times Thermal Imaging Camera used.	14

## Alarms By Day

	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	TOTAL
JAN		1	3	2		3		9
FEB		1			1		1	3
MAR		3		2		1		6
APR			1		2	1		4
MAY		3	1	2	2	2	1	11
JUNE	6	2	1	2	4	3	2	20
JULY		1	3	1	1	1	2	9
AUG	2			1			2	5
SEPT			2	2	3	1		8
OCT	1		3	2	5	2	1	14
NOV	1	2	2			1	1	7
DEC		2	2	3		1		8
TOTAL	10	15	18	17	18	16	10	104

# Alarms By Hour

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
0001-0100	1		1				1			2			5
0101-0200						1	1						2
0201-0300						2							2
0301-0400	1												1
0401-0500													
0501-0600						1		1					2
0601-0700										2			2
0701-0800	1												1
0801-0900	1	1				1				1			4
0901-1000					2					1			3
1001-1100			1		2				2	1		2	8
1101-1200					1					1	1		3
1201-1300	1					1		1					3
1301-1400	2		1		2	2			1		1		9
1401-1500	1		1		1	1		1		1			6
1501-1600				1	1	3	1	1	2	1	1	2	13
1601-1700					1	1	2	1		1		1	6
1701-1800					1	1	1				1		3
1801-1900				1			2		1	1	1	2	8
1901-2000		1	1	2	1	2	1		1	1	1		11
2001-2100	1		1			1						1	4
2101-2200						2			1				3
2201-2300		1			1	1				1			4
2301-2400											1		1
<b>TOTAL</b>	9	3	6	4	11	20	9	5	8	14	7	8	104

# Cause By Occupancy

Building	Auto. Alarm Malfunction	Carbon Monoxide Investigation	Chemical Fumes	Child Playing With Matches	Clean blood from street	Combustibles Near Heat Source	Cooking	Down or Arching Power Line	Extrication / Rescue	False Alarm or Cancelled Enroute	Flood Control	Good Intent Call - No Emergency	Illegal Burning	Inadequate Control of Open Fire	Lightning Strike	Natural Gas/ Propane/ CO2 Leak	No Fire - Equipment Failure	Part Failure (Fire)	River Search for Victims	Smoke, Gas, Fuel Odor	Spill Cleanup - Vehicle Fluids	Storm Watch	Undetermined	Wiring - Faulty	Total
Apartment							3											1		1					5
Co-op													1					1		1					3
Church	1																1								2
Dwelling- Single Family	1	1	1	1			1					2		1	2	1	1	1		2			3		18
Gas Station			1																		4				5
Hospital / Nursing Home / Assisted Living	1						1		2																4
Mobile Home							2																		2
Motel	1								1																2
Office Building												1		1											2
Residential Garage														1						1					2
Retail	1							1																	2
School	1																1			1					3
Storage Building / Warehouse	1					1																			2
Water Plant												1													1
<b>Still</b>																									
Demolitions														3											3
Dumpster/Can																							1		1
Grass/Leaves/Field				1										2									1		4
Outside Area											1	1	2								9	8			13
Special Duty																		1							9
Trailer																		1					1		2
Vehicle Accident					1				1												13				15
Vehicle Fire						1												1					2		4
<b>Total</b>	7	1	2	2	1	2	7	1	1	3	1	5	2	8	2	2	3	5	1	5	26	8	5	4	104

## **Training**

- **Confined Space**
- **Drafting Water Operations**
- **Driving Course**
- **EMS Classes**
- **Firefighter I Class**
- **Fire Pump Operations**
- **HAZ MAT Operations Class**
- **Incident Command System - ICS 300**
- **Ladder Training**
- **Northwestern Area Training Academy at Fort Dodge**
- **Power Tool Operations**
- **Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus training**
- **Ropes – Knots & Rigging**
- **Tour Middle School & High School**
- **Tour Qwest Phone Company**
- **Trench Rescue Class**
- **Vehicle Stabilization with Res-Q-Jacks**
- **Ventilation Techniques**
- **4-Gas Air Monitor Orientation**

**Total Training (Man Hours) - 1465**

## TRAINING PHOTOS



Driving Course – Backing into a Dock



Serpentine – Forward, Backwards



Diminished Clearance



Confined Space Equipment



Air Bags Vehicle Lift



Air Chisel Cut



**Small Engine Practice**



**Trench Rescue Equipment**



**Drafting Procedures**



**Portable Pump Operation**



**Vehicle Stabilization Practice**



**Extrication Equipment**



**SCBA Donning Procedures**



**Forcible Entry Tools**



**Ladder Practice**



**Ropes & Knots**

## ANCILLARY SERVICES

Air tanks filled for area fire departments -----	5
Electrolux -----	6
Scuba tanks filled for individuals -----	6
Number of Inspections -----	9
Number of times assisted city departments -----	20
Public use of the training room -----	24
Stand-by for confined space entries. -----	16
Talks given to schools, churches and clubs -----	5
Tours given of the fire station -----	7
Water tanks filled for private business -----	2

## PUBLIC SERVICE EVENTS Provided Service

- Escorted state wrestling qualifiers out of town for state meet.
- American Legion's Flag Burning Ceremony
- Fire Works Standby for 4<sup>th</sup> July Celebration
- Williams Parade
- Stratford Parade
- Stanhope Parade
- Hamilton Co. Fair Parade
- Fire Works Standby for "Relay for Life"
- Homecoming Parade
- Fire Station Open House

**OPEN HOUSE**  
**10/7/08**



**Stop / Drop / Roll**



**Water Application**



**Fire Extinguisher Practice**



**Fire Extinguisher Practice**



**Stay Low and Crawl**



**Using Fire Escapes**



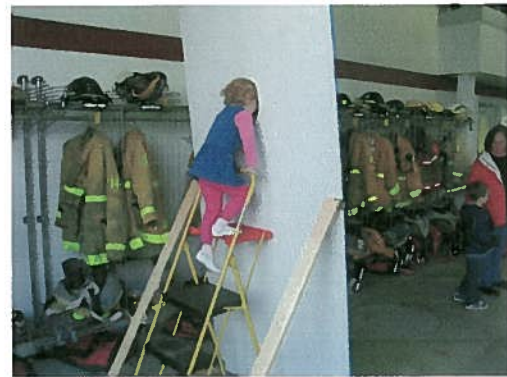
Maze Setup



Fire Prevention Tattoos



Fire Apparatus Display



Firefighter Picture Stand



Firefighter Photo



Free Hot Dogs & Chips Lunch

## 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
1969	Naden Boat	Water Rescue