



Colin Hennessey

PARIS FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

The year 2022 was a year of change and re-evaluation for the Paris Fire & Rescue Department. The year started with the retirement of longtime paid on call Chief Roland Iwen. With Chief Iwen's retirement, the Town Board placed Assistant Chief Rich Perkins and Colin Hennessey in charge of the department. The two, along with the other officers quickly started to re-evaluate the department on how things were being run, what its needs were and the condition of the equipment it had.

The first change that went into effect was the change of the logo. The department felt that a fresh look would help with morale and would represent positive change. The department had two new logos designed by the Towns Deputy Clerk Leah Edquist. The first logo was to be traditional and would represent the department professionally as its primary logo. The second logo was designed as a department's mascot logo. The mascot logo was designed based on the history of the town discovering the remains of two mammoths.

The second change was for the staff's needs based on many requests to change our living space. The Town Board approved a change of living space for a temporary resolution to accommodate the staff's request. This involved taking the living space from one room to two rooms.

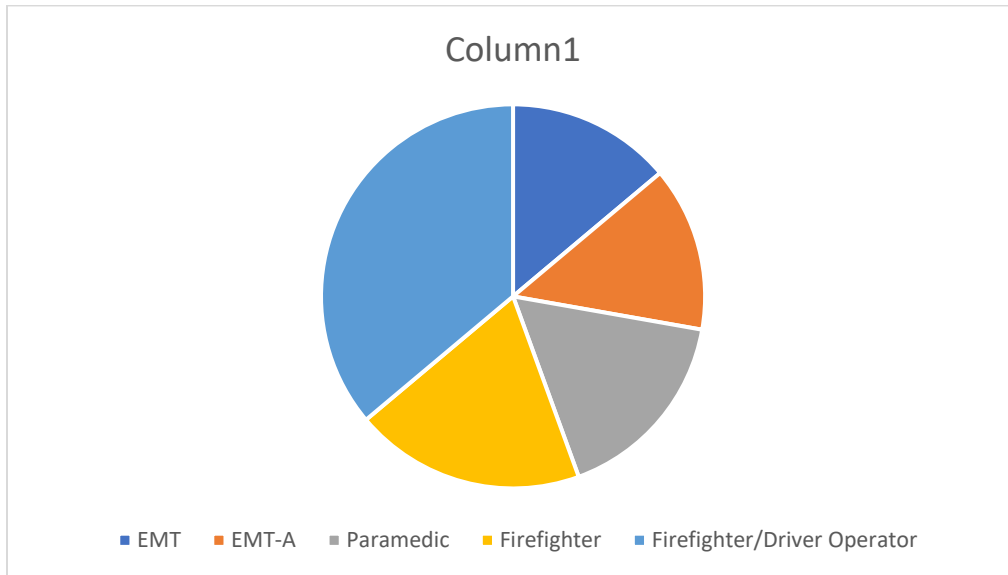
The third major change that occurred was in October when the Town Board voted to hire the town's first full-time Fire Chief. The town decided to hire and promote Assistant Chief Colin Hennessey to the position of Full-time Fire Chief. The idea of this change came from the need to help with employment recruitment and to improve the relationships between Paris and the surrounding communities.



PERSONNEL AND STAFFING

Staffing and levels of certifications

The department ended the year with 29 active employees on the roster. These employees range from Part-time, paid on call and now full-time. Of the 35 employees there were 5 with EMT certifications, 5 with EMT-A certifications, 6 with Paramedic certifications, 7 Firefighter certifications and 13 with Firefighter/Driver Operator certifications.



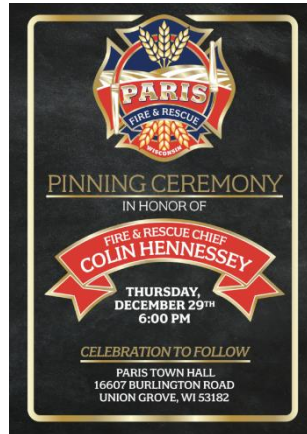
Department milestones

In 2022 the Paris Fire and Rescue department family grew larger with the birth of Meadow Giese, the daughter of Lieutenant Zack Giese and his wife Maddi. Meadow was born healthy on Dec. 10th 2022 weighing 6lbs 6oz.



Department Promotions

In October the Town board voted to hire the town's first full-time Fire Chief. The decision was made to promote Assistant Chief Colin Hennessey to the rank of Fire Chief. With this promotion started a new tradition of having all promotions celebrated with a swearing-in ceremony where they would give an oath and be pinned by a loved one.



Department Retirements

In February Chief Roland Iwen retired after 10 plus years of service. He was given a proclamation by Kenosha County Executive Samantha Kirkman and Town Chairman John Holloway.



APPARATUS AND STATION

2022 year ended with the department having two Engines, one Tender, two Med Units, one Brush Truck and a new purchase of a command car.

Apparatus

5512 a 1996 2000-gallon pumper tanker



5515 a 2007 1500-gallon engine



5542 a 2002 med unit on an International chassis



5543 a 2015 med unit on a Ford F650



5565 a 2019 Freightliner 3000-gallon Tender



5572 2008 Chevy 4500 with a 400-gallon water tank



5599 a 2022 Ram Power Wagon



TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT

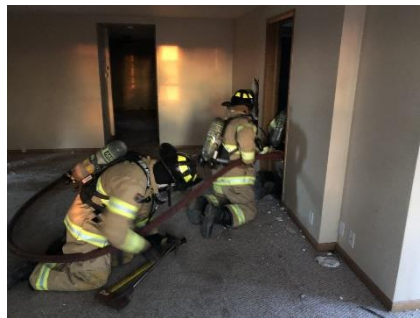
Equipment

Paris Fire & Rescue Department updated and added new equipment in 2022. One of the biggest updates made was the firefighter air packs were replaced with new Interspiro packs. These new packs allowed the department to update the bottles to the new standards along with allowing each firefighter to wear the same air pack each time they had to put one on. The department also purchased a new Hurst combination extrication tool. This piece of equipment allows for quick extrication without having to use hydraulic lines. The new Hurst tool was placed on 5572 to allow for all employees to be able to get it to an accident when needed.



Training

Along with the normally required training done for both EMS and Fire the department also was donated a house to use by the Whitley family. This was a home that was vacant that the department was able to use for all types of training. An opportunity like this brings trainings to a more real-life event since it allows scenario trainings in their true environments. This house provided the department opportunities to train in mental health and trauma scenarios for EMS and firefighter search and rescue, hose line advancements in a smoke-filled environment along with vertical ventilation to mention a few.



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND FIRE PREVENTION

Fire Prevention

Fire prevention during the month of October was held at the Little Bear Academy at St. Johns Church and at the Paris School. Students at Little bear Academy were educated on basic fire prevention and fire safety, got to tour the fire truck and ambulance and then were provided goody bags filled with fun fire safety activities for young children. At the Paris School we were given the opportunity to talk with all ages from kindergarten to 8th grade. In the grades K-2 we discussed what a firefighter wears and how they sound on air. We discussed not being afraid of firefighters and how they should never hide in their room from a firefighter. We also discussed basic fire prevention. In the grades 3-5 we reviewed fire safety and went into detail about the importance of sleeping with their bedroom door closed. Grades 6-8 we also discussed and showed a video on the importance of sleeping with a door closed. We went over types of fire extinguishers, how to use them and what to do in case of a fire if home alone or babysitting. All grades were asked to talk with their family about how they should get out of their house in case of a fire and where their family meeting place would be.



Community Involvement

The Paris Fire & Rescue Department participated in the community by sending members and apparatus to the Picnic in Paris, Kenosha County Fair, and the Paris School Spaghetti Dinner. A fundraising event was held at the Paris School and the winning students were awarded a ride to school in a Paris fire engine.

Fire Department Family Fun Day

This was the second year we held a family fun day to thank the members and their families for everything they do for the town and the department. This event was made very special for the members and their families because all they had to do was show up and enjoy each other's company. All the food was donated by Dennis Vignieri and Birchwood Foods. We often thank the first responders for what they do and not think about the impact their job can have on their families. This fun event filled with great food, fire truck rides, games and a tour of the station allowed us to show our appreciation to all of them. The Coughlin family donated and set up a bouncy house for everyone to use and Chairman Holloway helped with set-up and delivering of the food. All the active employees were also awarded plaques for their years of service.



2022 Calls for Service

The Paris Fire & Rescue Department responded to a total of 210 calls for service in 2022. These calls were broken down into the following categories: Medical, Fire, MVA (motor vehicle accidents), Fire Alarm, and Other. The “Other” categories consist of special operations such as calls related to special teams, mass casualty drills, or standby for events. Fire calls do not just include structure fires but also investigations, carbon monoxide problems, and brush fires.

Below is a summary of the calls for service in each category:

FIRE	56
MEDICAL	103
MVA	37
FIRE ALARM	5

STANDBY	2
SEARCH	1
SRT	1
DRILL	1
DIVE	4

Paris provides as well as receives mutual aid from surrounding fire departments. Paris also has automatic response agreements with surrounding agencies to provide better service to those in need of fire or emergency medical services. Below is a breakdown of mutual aid provided or received:

RECEIVED	27
PROVIDED	33
ARA	19

