ANNUAL REPORT

SUGAR CAMP FIRE DEPARTMENT

4059 CAMP FOUR ROAD

2015

Sugar Camp Fire Department Receives $2,000 Grant for Lifting Airbag Set

The Wisconsin Public Service Foundation awarded $2,000 to Sugar Camp Fire Department as part of the Foundation's **Safety: It's Worth The Energy** grant. The department used the money to buy a low-pressure lifting airbag set that includes two 36 inch by 24inch lifting bags, a carrying case for the air bags, two airline hoses, lifting controller, and air cylinder regulator with supply air hose. The lifting capacity of the airbag set is 14,758 pounds of lift for each bag. The equipment is expected to last approximately 10-20. The Sugar Camp Fire Department is a volunteer department consisting of approximately twenty-four members and covers approximately ninety-nine square miles. The Wisconsin Public Service Foundation is a private, charitable foundation funded by company shareholders and has no impact on electric and natural gas rates charged to customers.

Pictured from left to right with the new airbag lift system are Chief Jason Goeldner, Sugar Camp Fire Department, and Pete Wurl, Wisconsin Public Service.

Photo courtesy of: Leah Van Zile, Wisconsin Public Service

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Sugar Camp Fire Department

Mission Statement

"In service to the residents and visitors of the Town of Sugar Camp, we deliver fire suppression and rescue services within the capabilities of our training and resources, in a safe and efficient manner".

Purpose

"The purpose of the Sugar Camp Fire Department shall be for the prevention of fires, to safeguard the lives of people, protect property and effectively suppress fires and perform rescue operations to the best of our abilities".

Sugar Camp Fire Department

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April 19, 2016

Scott Holewinski, Town Chairman
Chris Rhode, Town Supervisor
Paul Sowinski, Town Supervisor

The Residents of the Town of Sugar Camp:

It is my privilege to submit the 2015 annual report to the Town of Sugar Camp. We responded to 47 calls for service including: carbon monoxide, snowmobile accidents, structure fires, vehicle accidents, weather related incidents, wildland fires and Medic XI assists. A breakdown of the incidents can be found on the 2015 activity report on page 16. The requirements of Wisconsin Department of Safety & Professional Services (DSPS) were again met with fire prevention efforts including a day at the Sugar Camp Elementary School and though fire inspections. Certification is required annually by the town clerk and fire chief of each municipality.

Additional activities this year include monthly fire department meetings and trainings. The fire department meets on the first Monday of each month to discuss previous month's responses, community events, and fire department activity. Monthly training is held this evening to maintain our competencies in firefighting strategies and tactics. The Chief also represents the fire department monthly by attending the bi-monthly Oneida County Chief's meeting & the bi-monthly MABAS Wisconsin 114 Association and through the North Central Fire Chief's Association.

The fire department received a grant through Wisconsin Public Service Foundation and awarded $2,000 as part of the Foundation's Safety: It's Worth The Energy grant. The department used the money to assist in purchasing low-pressure lifting airbag set that includes two 36 inch by 24inch lifting bags, a carrying case for the air bags, two airline hoses, lifting controller, and air cylinder regulator with supply air hose.

I would like to take this opportunity to again thank Chairman Scott Holewinski, Supervisor Rhode, and Supervisor Sowinski for their support of the fire department for 2015 and their commitment toward public safety for the town with the purchase a new fire apparatus which the department expects to be delivered in January 2017. This commitment has and will continue to prepare the Sugar Camp Fire Department to respond safely for calls for service in the Town of Sugar Camp and its neighboring communities while attempting to keep insurance rates for residential and commercial low.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jason R Goeldner
Chief, Jason R Goeldner
Sugar Camp Fire Department

2015

Sugar Camp Fire

Department Personnel

Fire Chief

Jason Goeldner

Assistant Fire Chief

Jeffrey McDonald

Captain

Stanley Nitzel

Lieutenant

Alex Kaphingst

Safety Officer

Jeremy Millard

Secretary / Treasurer

Missy Wick

Firefighters

Jacob Erickson

Mike Holewinski

Pat Holewinski

Scott Holewinski

Randy Ingram

Josh Joslin

Traci Kirkham

Glenn Kortenhof

Jared Kortenhof

Mike Kortenhof

Ron Millard

Kevin Olson

Randy Snyder

Dennis Strong

Daniel Wojcik

Glenn Woods

Susan Woods

James Zmek

Rob Zwettler

Apparatus

The Sugar Camp Fire Department fleet has not changed since last year. Currently, the fire department has two engines/pumpers. Engine 1 responds first out to all structure fires, wild land fires, motor vehicle accidents and fires and other hazardous conditions. Engine 2 operates as a non-emergency response apparatus.

The fleet also includes one Tender/Tanker which is an apparatus that carries 2,000 gallons of water to supply the engines at structure fires. Tender 1 also has a 1,000 gallon per minute pump which also allows this apparatus to have the capability of suppressing small fires.

Rescue 1 serves as a wildland response vehicle with and on-board pump and water supply, a tow vehicle for the all-terrain vehicle, boat, and snowmobile. The rescue also transports personnel to and from incidents and assists in traffic control on highway incidents.

The fire department recently changed all apparatus maintenance contracts with North Star Emergency Services, Inc. out of Woodruff, Wisconsin to provide annual apparatus maintenance as required by National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) and Wisconsin Department of Transportation for annual certification. Previously, North Star Emergency Services only provided annual pump testing and certification as required by the (NFPA). Great Lakes Ladders out of Green Bay continues to provide annual ladder testing as required by NFPA. In an effort to extend the service life of all fire apparatus, local and in-house service are also performed if within the capabilities of fire department members and local service centers.

Apparatus & Type	Vehicle Year	Estimated Date of Replacement
Engine One	**2008**	**2033**
Engine Two (reserve)	**1988**	**2017**
Tanker/Tender One	**2002**	**2027**
Rescue One	**2000**	**2025**

NFPA 1901 and 1911 recommends a 15-20 year life of frontline apparatus

Apparatus

Engine 1	Engine 2
2008 International / Pierce **1,250 Gallon/Minute Pump** **1,000 Gallon Tank**	**1988 GMC (Non-Emergency)** **1,000 Gallon/Minute Pump** **1,000 Gallon Tank** **Expected replacement 1/2017**

Tender 1	Rescue 1
2002 International **2,000 Gallon Tank** **1,000 Gallon/Minute Pump**	**2000 Ford Crew Cab** **250 Gallon Tank** **450 Gallon/Minute Portable Pump**

Sugar Camp Fire Department: Fire Prevention 2015

Chief: Jason Goeldner
Asst. Chief: Jeff McDonald

Assistant Fire Chief Jeff McDonald and Lieutenant Alex Kaphingst led the 2015 Fire Prevention Program for the Sugar Camp Elementary School. Several Fire Department members dedicate an entire day to help educate the children of the hazards of a fire and what to do in the event of an emergency.

All grade levels were given demonstrations of Stop, Drop, and Roll. Each class was given the opportunity to practice. Firefighters donned their turnout equipment to show the class what we look like when we respond to a fire. We discussed about the importance of checking your smoke detectors at least annually. We demonstrated how to get out of the house if there is a fire and discussed about having a safe meeting place to meet their other family members in case of a fire emergency. Each class was given a tour of the Fire Department and smoke house. Each class participated in exit drills. Sixth grade class was taught how to use a fire extinguisher and was given an opportunity to practice extinguishing a small controlled fire.

The following Fire Department members participated:

Jeff McDonald
Alex Kaphingst
Jeremy Millard
Sue Woods
Ron Millard
Jake Erickson
Jared Kortenhof

Respectfully Submitted,

Alex Kaphingst

Fire Inspections

Sugar Camp Fire Inspectors Ron Millard and Jake Nitzel conducted 42 fire inspections throughout the Town of Sugar Camp in 2015. Many of the occupancies are inspected twice a year while others are only inspected once. Inspection frequency is determined by the type/use of each establishment. All inspections are conducted in compliance with the current edition of the National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) 1, Uniform Fire Code (*2012 edition*). While the majority of violations are corrected immediately, others may require additional time to comply. The common violations found during the 2015 inspection cycle included; blocked exits or aisle, expired fire extinguishers or systems, exposed breakers/fuses in panels, access to electrical panels, improper storage of flammables, and use of electrical multipliers, extension cords, or non-rated power strips.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ronald Millard

Ronald Millard, Fire Inspector

2015 Fire Fighter of the Year

Fire Fighter Mike Kortenhof is the recipient of the 2015 Sugar Camp Fire Fighter of the Year. Mike received several votes from department members for his commitment to the fire department in his attendance to monthly meetings, trainings as well as responding to calls for service. Congratulations Mike.	

Sugar Camp Fire Department: Training Report 2015

Chief: Jason Goeldner
Asst. Chief: Jeff McDonald

January 5th: SCBA Training & Entanglement Course

February 2nd: Snowmobile Joint Training with Medic XI

March 3rd: SCBA Fit Testing

April 6th: Wildland Fire Training

May 4th: Vehicle Extrication with Medic XI

June 1st: Truck Operations & Pump Testing

July 6th: Medic XI Equipment Familiarization

August 3rd: Water Rescue with Chippewa Ranch Camp

September 14th: Hose Testing

October 5th: Vehicle Extrication and Vehicle Fire

November 2nd: CO Response & ERG

December 7th: Accident Scene Approach

Respectfully Submitted,

Alex Kaphingst

Wisconsin Department of Safety & Professional Services

Two - Percent Dues Payment

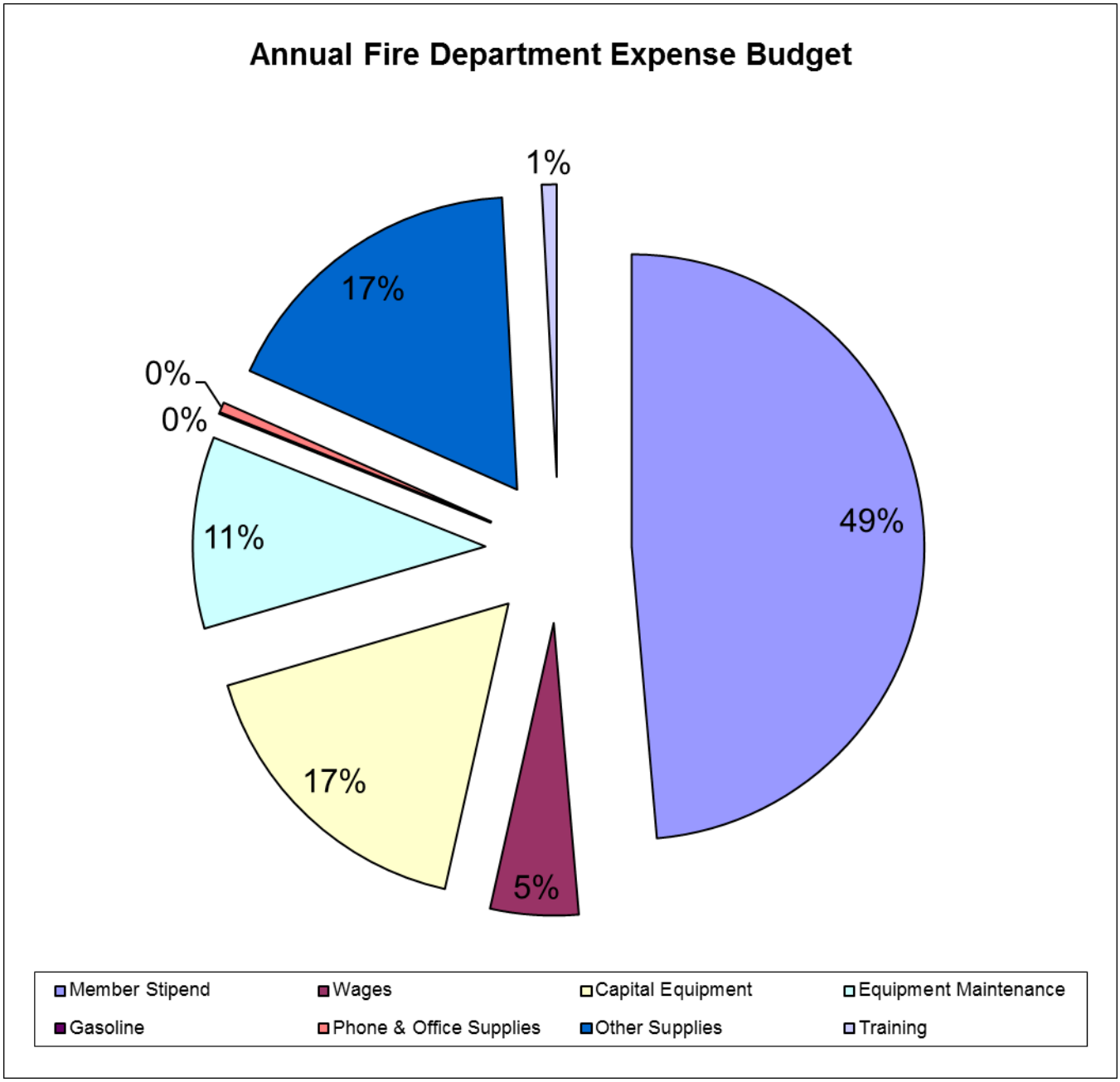
The Town of Sugar Camp again received funds for the 2015 Fire Dues Payment. The Town of Sugar Camp received $9,456.59 in funds for 2015, down from $9,955.14 the previous year by conducting fire inspections and public education programs. This decreased approximately $500 from 2014's two – percent dues payments.

The Fire Department Dues Fund is supported by fire insurance premiums paid in Wisconsin. The Insurance Commissioner's Office annually collects two percent of premiums for the Fire Department Dues Fund. Money in this fund is distributed to the municipalities to be used in one or more of four specific areas: 1) purchases fire protection equipment; 2) fire prevention inspection and public fire education; 3) training fire fighters and fire inspectors performing under s. 101.14 Wis. Stats; and 4) funding wholly or in part fire fighters' pension funds.

There are three key factors to consider in understanding the computation of fire dues payments and why the amounts may change for a municipality from year to year:

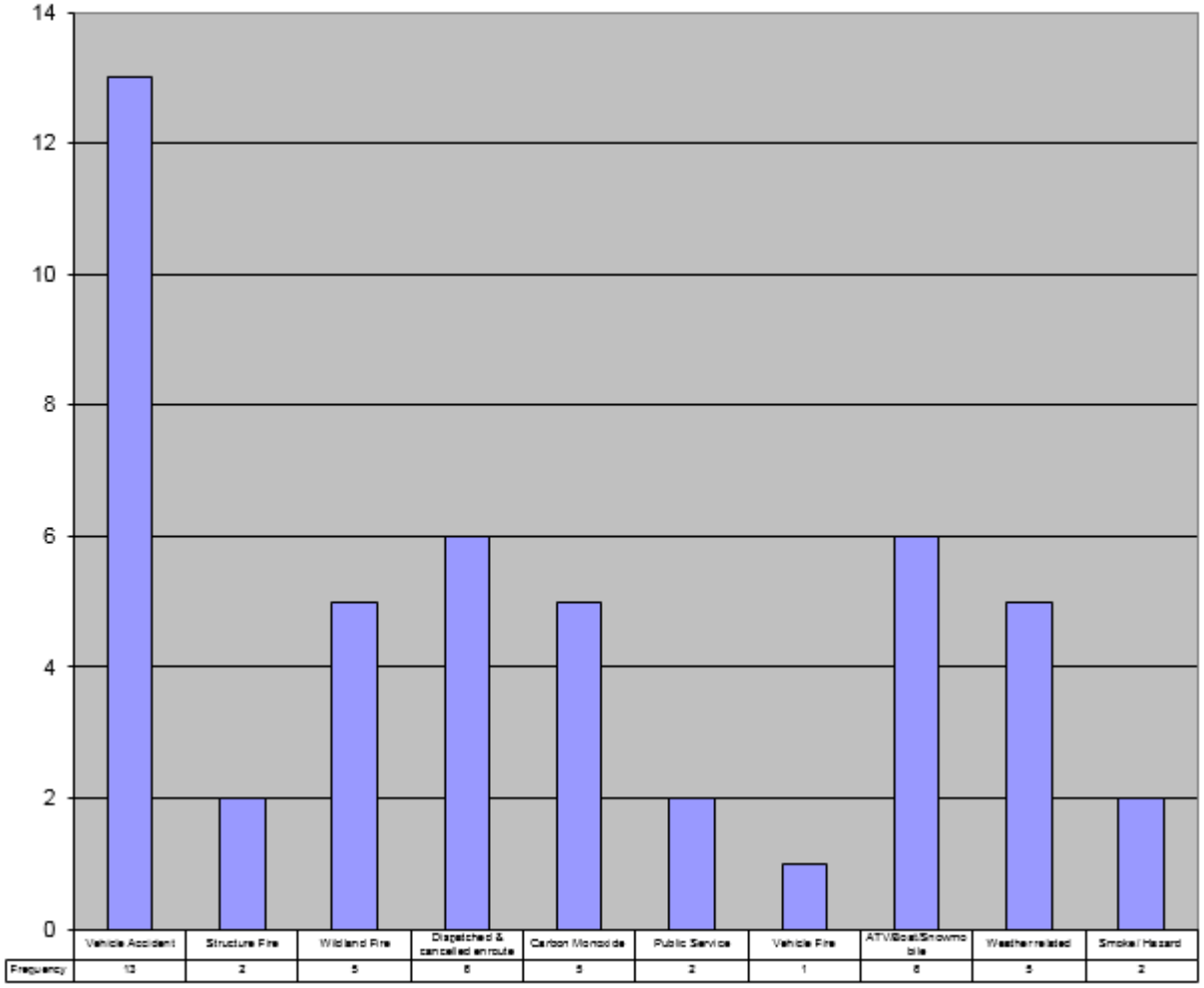
1. The Fire Dues fund amount is subject to change based upon the amount of fire insurance underwritten in Wisconsin in the year.
2. The percentage each municipality receives changes due to the relationship between the growth of the local community and the overall growth within the state.
3. The amount of disbursement is subject to change due to the hold-harmless provisions.

Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services website (2014). Retrieved from http://dsps.wi.gov/Documents/Industry%20Services/Forms/Fire%20Prevention/2%20percent/Fire%20Dues%20Distribution%20Roll%20PY%202015.pdf



Expense Category	Amount
Member Stipend	$21,610.00
Wages	$2,160.00
Capital Equipment	$7,547.00
Equipment Maintenance	$4,710.00
Gasoline	$13.00
Phone & Office Supplies	$248.00
Other Supplies	$7,785.00
Training	$365.00
Total	**$44,438.00**

2015 Fire Department Incident Activity Report



Incident Type	Frequency
Vehicle Accident	13
Structure Fire	2
Wildland Fire	5
Dispatched & cancelled enroute	6
Carbon Monoxide	5
Public Service	2
Vehicle Fire	1
ATV/Boat/Snowmobile	6
Weather related	5
Smoke/ Hazard	2
Total Calls/Incidents for 2015	**47**
Mutual Aid Summary	
Mutual Aid Received	1
Mutual Aid Given	8
Total Cancelled Enroute	5