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Fire Chief's Report

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As I draft this report, I will advise you at the beginning that the report will be brief. Since the offices will not be open prior to New Year's and my staff cannot provide information because we have not come to the year end, we will provide a more in depth report.

As the board is well aware, we have been working feverishly over the past few months making preparations for our Civilian Paramedic Program. To date, two individuals have been hired and have completed pre-employment requirements. These individuals will be starting employment the second week of January. In addition, we have reposted the position opening and Chief Allen has received additional applications through this process. We have interviews scheduled with three additional candidates the second week of January. After completing some preliminary trainings and affiliation work, the new personnel should hit the streets the end of January.

Our fire staff has been working on year end projects and beginning preparation of the year end reports. As it stands right now, it looks like we will be around the 5,000 run mark this year.

Our fire staff is currently working on information for a Federal grant program where we will most likely write for new SCBA's for the department. As you may be aware, we had money in the budget for a down payment for new packs, but we decided that we would wait for the packs to go out of service before writing the grant so that we would get a favorable recommendation. If for some reason the packs are not a priority in the grant program, we will write the grant for some remaining portable radios that still need to be replaced next year.

In closing, I would like to recognize two different groups for going above and beyond expectations. First, I would like to recognize Trustee Hodson and his team that planned and executed the recent township Christmas party. I think that everyone that attended enjoyed themselves and appreciated all of the effort that went into the party. In addition, yesterday, Chief Allen received a letter from IU West thanking several of our personnel for assistance that they gave to the emergency room staff last week. The included Alan Perry, Bob Reffett, Jeff Petri, Doug Phillips, Steve Whicker, DJ Wilson, Mark Sanders, Todd Gordon, Preston Aspeslet, Rich Lau, Mark Miller, Joe Coffman, Keith Cox and Nick Kane. Thanks to all of you for your hard work and dedication!