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Fire Chief's Report

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The month of April was busy with trainings and moving. As I stated in last month's report, we have had several personnel attending trainings over the past month. Chief Carpenter attended an ATF course in Alabama, and upon return, told me that it was one of the most informative classes that he had ever taken part in. The course was a post blast investigation class. In addition, I had the opportunity to attend the EFO Graduate Symposium at the National Fire Academy. Over the past several years, I have been a member of the planning committee for the conference, and plan to continue that effort into the future. As I also stated last month, the Fire Department Instructors Conference was in town last week, and several of our personnel attended HOT (Hands On Trainings) as well as many classroom trainings over the week long conference. During the conference, I also had the opportunity to expose one of our chaplains, Dave Hatfield, to the classes and displays. Again, we appreciate Chief Shafer's work with FDIC since his work enables our personnel to attend the conference for free, which would otherwise cost us between \$750-\$1,500.00 per attendee.

Chief Allen and Dr. Nossett continue to work on the protocols and trainings needed for us to begin our Ultrasound use on EMS runs. We also continue to work with Cyberian to identify the best solution for our training broadcast system that we plan to install at headquarters and the stations. We hope to have this project completed by the end of the first half of the year.

Last week, I ordered a new battalion vehicle which is due for replacement this year. The dealer advised me that the truck will be delivered sometime at the first of July. One of our ambulances is slated to be re-mounted this year, and it will go into the shop at the end of May so that the work can be done by late July.

As we reported at last month's meeting, we also completed our move to the new building just prior to that meeting. Since that time, much additional work has been completed as we unpacked boxes and got things situated in their new homes. One of the most difficult projects that had to be completed moving the WPE equipment. So in closing, I would like to recognize Lt. Jerry Bessler and Lt. Joe East for their hard work getting the new space ready, as well as working with many others to get the new area configured and constructed. Thanks Jerry and Joe!