2015 Year in Review

Excelsior Fire District
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24100 Smithtown Road
Shorewood, MN. 55331

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Excelsior Fire District Board
Excelsior Fire District Operating Committee
Customers of the Excelsior Fire District

I am submitting the Annual Report of the Excelsior Fire District for the year 2015. This year in review attempts to provide a review of the past year and compare with previous years in some specific situations. Excelsior Fire District continues to be committed to protecting and enhancing the quality of life to those that live, work, and play in our community. Fire departments across the nation and the State of Minnesota are no longer just responding to fires and the Excelsior Fire District is no exception. Fire Service activities include:

- **Community Risk Reduction** – working with the community as a whole to reduce or eliminate hazards.
  - **Fire Code Prevention/Enforcement** – Adoption, Inspection, Plan Review, Education, Enforcement
  - **Public Education** – Working with children, schools, homeowners, elderly, business owners
  - **Public Relations** – Parades, Open Houses, Night to Unite, Citizens Assist


- **Investigations** – Fire Cause and Origin, Arson Investigation

- **Emergency Management / Planning** – Emergency Preparedness, Health Emergencies, Anti-Terrorism, Special Events

I would like to express my utmost thanks to the members of the Fire District. It is these members that carry out the dedicated and effective service delivery day and night for our Fire District. The members provide unselfish and dedicated prevention, training and response 24 hours a day. It is the efforts of this group combined with the efforts of others that have allowed us to meet our accomplishments noted within.

I would also like to express my thanks to our Administrative Specialist, Ana Fatturi for dedicated and remarkable administrative efforts that are often “behind the scenes” and may go unnoticed by the customers of the Fire District. I cannot emphasize enough that her efforts have helped and will continue to make the District what it is today.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to the members of the Fire District Board, Fire District Operating Committee, City Councils, and all city staff who have been so supportive and assist the members of the Fire District in our accomplishments.

I would like to also express my thanks to the City of Deephaven and their staff for the coordination of our fiscal agent tasks and responsibilities. The management of our finances is a cornerstone to our effective service delivery.
The Fire District continues to face increasing challenges today and into the future. Firefighter staffing, retention and recruitment of firefighters, response times, financial stability, all-hazard preparedness and training, and increasing training requirements/responsibilities continue to be issues.

The Fire District continues to place a strong emphasis on community risk reduction and specifically fire prevention. Inspection continues to be a focus of the Fire District. Through the efforts of our Fire Inspector Kellie Murphy-Ringate, effective fire and life safety inspections, pre-planning, plan review, public education, and public relations has been and continues to be conducted throughout the Excelsior Fire District. I also want to acknowledge our part-time Fire Inspector Shawn Johnson for his efforts with Special Event inspections.

Training also continues to be a focus of the Fire District. Through the efforts of our Battalion Chief of Training, Pat McCarthy, and our Training Captain, Kim Stern, highly skilled firefighters service the Excelsior Fire District. Our training covers firefighting, all types of rescue, medical, hazardous materials, and other special skills. The members and officers of the department devote much additional time and effort in developing firefighting, medical, leadership, and management skills to more effectively lead the Fire District.

I would like to also express my thanks to Larry Baier, District photographer for the many images that are included in this report. Larry’s efforts and images allow us to continue to improve from lessons learned and capture special moments in our history.

A review of 2015 is broke down in the following categories:

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The personnel of the Fire District continue to perform their duties with the highest regard, striving to create and sustain excellence. Continuing dedication by the personnel to prevention, training, and emergency response provides the highest quality emergency services for the citizens that live, work, and play in the Excelsior Fire District.

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott M. Gerber  
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Fire Chief
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Excelsior Fire District Demographics

- Population: 18,000
- Square Miles: 14 square miles
- Community Parks: 13
- Total Housing Units: 6,218
  - Deephaven – 1,417
  - Excelsior – 1,250
  - Greenwood - 303
  - Shorewood – 2,597
  - Tonka Bay – 651
- Unique Areas/Businesses: Lake Minnetonka
  - Charter Boats
  - Regional Trail – Light Rail Transit
  - Old Log Theatre
  - Street Car
  - Multiple Special Events
  - Historical Society (Houses, Buildings, Minnehaha steam vessel)
  - Adult Care Facilities

- Total Schools: 12
  - Public
    - Deephaven Elementary
    - Excelsior Elementary
    - Minnewashta Elementary
  - Private
    - St. John’s
    - St. Therese
    - Our Savior’s
    - Grace School
    - ECFE
    - Deephaven Academy
    - Minnetonka Montessori
    - Mt. Calvary
    - New Horizon
    - Excelsior Covenant

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Suppression

- Responded to fires, fire alarms, gas leaks, gas line breaks, smoke, and wires down/arcing - the data for call responses is listed below:

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**Rescue**

- Responded to medicals and crashes
- Provided personnel to ride along with ambulance to the hospital due to critical patients
- Responded to situations that required technical rescue and provided limited technical rescue
- Responded to assist police departments where additional personnel were needed to provide lift assist to citizens
- Responded to mental health incidents
- The data for call responses is listed below:

![Image of rescue operation]

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Special Response

- Responded to water and ice incidents
- Provided weather stand-by at the Fire District stations and responded for incidents resulting from severe weather
  - Severe Weather event in July with over 40 responses in 24 hours.
- Responded to missing persons and animal rescues
- Responded to hazmat incidents, including gas spills and Carbon Monoxide alarms
- Responded to Auto/Mutual Aid calls for assistance
- Received Auto/Mutual Aid assistance from:
  - Notable Auto/Mutual Aid to assist the Excelsior Fire District with incidents in 2015 included assistance from Chanhassen, St. Louis Park, Minnetonka, Eden Prairie, and Wayzata
- The data for call responses is listed below:

![2014 to 2015 Special Calls Diagram](image-url)
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Overall Response Breakdown

2011 to 2015 Total Call Comparison

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Firefighter Turnout Time

2012 - 2015 Average Turnout / Inservice Times

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Firefighter Compensated Hours

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Firefighter Volunteer Hours

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Fire Prevention Volunteer Hours

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<th>Year</th>
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<th>Total Citizen Hours</th>
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<td>2014</td>
<td>167</td>
<td>72</td>
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Special Events

- Developed and utilized special events plans for the special events that needed greater detail planning
- Participated in the following special events in 2015
  - ALARC Ice Dive (Polar Plunge on Lake Minnetonka)
  - Pond Hockey Tournament
  - Apple Days
  - 4th of July
  - Arctic Fever
  - Minnesota’s Night to Unite (National Night out)
  - Parades
    - Memorial Day
    - 4th of July
      - Excelsior
      - Deephaven - Cottagewood
    - Halloween Parade
  - Art on the Lake
  - Cottagewood Grill Night for the Neighborhood
  - Fire Prevention VIP Event
  - Fire Prevention Day at the State Fair
  - Kids Free Movie
  - Races
    - Luck O the Lake
    - Wells Fargo Half Marathon
    - 4th of July
    - Tour de Tonka
    - Lake Minnetonka Triathlon
  - South Lake Safety Camp
  - Fund Raisers for neighboring fire departments
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Special Events

- Participated in the following special events in 2015 (continued)
  - EFD Fire Prevention Open House and Safety Fair
  - Minnetonka High School Senior Serve Day
  - Mrs. M’s Camps and Event Hero Encounter
  - A.E.D. Orientation for Lay Persons
  - 911 Shadow Box Presentation Event – Excelsior Paint and Design
  - Giving Tree Project
  - Knewton Health Group Event
  - Salvation Army Bell ringer Program
  - Minnetonka Homecoming Parade
  - Our Savior’s Easter Egg Hunt
  - United Firefighters
  - MN Fire Service Foundation Annual Firefighter Memorial
    - Provided coordination for the event and attended the event
  - Provided stand-by coverage to other departments for their special events
    - Victoria, Long Lake, Wayzata
  - South Lake Minnetonka Police Citizens Academy
  - Bagging for Tips at Cub Foods Minnetonka for the ICA Food Shelf
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Training

- Developed and implemented a training plan for the District
- Planned and conducted a weekly drill for twelve months
- Attended conferences and sectional schools to enhance firefighter, leadership and technical rescue skills and abilities
- Coordinated and sent firefighters to Firefighter 1 (FFI) Training
- Coordinated and sent firefighters to Hazmat Operations Training
- Coordinated and sent firefighters to Firefighter 2 (FFII) Training
- Coordinated and sent firefighters to Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Training
- Conducted Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) refresher training
- Conducted Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) transition testing
- Conducted active shooter skills training drill with South Lake Minnetonka PD
- Developed and conducted specific fire officer training
- Developed and conducted communications and leadership training
- Conducted annual medical surveillance and fit testing for all firefighters
- Conducted hazmat, blood borne pathogens and confined space awareness training
- Conducted Firehouse software training
- Researched, coordinated and conducted live burn training in residential structures
- Conducted pumps training
- Continued to enhance station 2 driver program
- Participated in Hennepin County Life Safety Unit (LSU) trainings
- Participated in alcohol awareness training for utilization with the annual relief association dance
- Conducted driving drills to maintain and enhance emergency vehicle operations
- Participated in Incident Management Team (IMT) training
- Private dry hydrants and well hydrants evaluation and testing
- Conducted training in Blue Card – Hazard Zone Incident Management
- Developed and conducted MCI Disaster Exercise
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Training

2015 Drill Topics

- Ice Rescue
- Officer Training
- Ice Rescue/Cold Weather
- Practice Burn/Mutual Aid
- Overhaul
- Boat Operations
- Fitness Testing
- Firefighter Safety
- Water Supply/Streams
- Accountability
- On-scene Arrival
- Hose Testing
- Auto Extrication
- Police Operations

- Mule (ATV) Operations
- Building Construction
- Ventilation
- Fitness
- Pumping/Driving
- Water Rescue/Warm Weather
- Tanker Operations
- Hydrant Operations
- Confined Space
- Hazardous Materials
- Equipment Use/Location
- Gear Donning/Timed
- Medical Tools

- EMT-Basic
- Radio Use/Communications
- Ladder Use and Safety
- RIT Equipment
- Bloodbourne/Right-to-know
- Hose Operations
- Emergency Driving
- Fire Alarms/Sprinklers
- CPR/Airway Treatment
- Command
- Fire Behavior / Smoke Reading
- ICS – Blue Card
- Live Burn Training
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Community Risk Reduction / Prevention

- Coordinated and held a successful Open House and Safety Fair
- Coordinated and conducted training in the schools
- Coordinated and conducted tours at our stations
- Conducted public education AED and CPR classes
- Conducted fire investigations
- Conducted Port of Excelsior Refueling Briefing session
- Provided fire extinguisher training for the public and businesses
- Provided the following life safety classes
  - Boy and Girl Scout Badges, tours, rescue boat
  - Ice/Water safety
  - Fire Safety
    - Senior Fire Safety
    - Parents Fire Safety
    - Neighborhood Fire Safety
  - First Aid
- Conducted business/industry fire and life safety inspections
- Conducted special event fire and life safety inspections
  - Conducted food truck, food trailer, and food tent inspections
- Conducted residential fire and life safety inspections
- Continued the development of a pre-plan system for the Fire District
- Provided updates to maps for all fire hydrants in the Fire District area
- Provided fire code review for business/industry
- Provided fire suppression system plan review for business/industry
- Participated with the MN Fire Prevention Group
- Participated in the Minnesota State Fire Chiefs Public Education Group
- Participated in the Minnesota State Fire Chiefs Fire Safety Trailers Committee
- Conducted Minnesota State Fire Chiefs Kitchen Trailers training for Minnesota Fire Departments
- Participated with the Governor’s Fire Prevention Day at the Fair Committee
- Conducted the Deephaven and Excelsior Elementary Explorers Fire Safety Class
- Conducted fire safety tours for children/adults with special needs/autism spectrum
- Participated in school, apartment building, and business fire drills
- Chaska Fire Prevention open house
- Bring a Firefighter to Show and Tell
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Stations

Station #1
24100 Smithtown Road, Shorewood, MN. 55331

- Coordinated specific repair projects
  - Conducted floor sealing at both stations
  - Upgraded and replaced TV’s in identified rooms

- Utilized the fitness room for firefighter health and safety
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Stations

- Maintained and repaired Station 1 and Station 2. Maintenance includes the following:
  - Overall facility maintenance
  - Light maintenance
  - HVAC maintenance
  - Garbage / Recycling
  - Cleaning
  - Generators maintenance and repair
  - Snow removal
  - Outside facility maintenance
  - Sprinklers at Station 1 – winterize and prepare in the spring
  - Fire Alarm and Fire Sprinkler maintenance and repair
  - Sweeping parking lots and apparatus bays
  - Provide keys and codes to new recruits
  - Gear and towel laundering
  - Shovel grates
  - Landscaping light maintenance - pulling weeds
  - Lighting replacing and debugging

Station #2
20227 Cottagewood Road, Deephaven, MN. 55331
Maintained and repaired the apparatus fleet for the Excelsior Fire District:

- Engines
  - Engine 11, Engine 21, Engine 22
- Aerial
  - Aerial 11
- Tanker
  - Tanker 11
- Rescues
  - Rescue 11, Rescue 12, Rescue 21
- Utility
  - Utility 11
- Inspector Vehicle
- Duty Vehicle
- Chief Vehicle
- Boats
  - Boat 11, Boat 12, Boat 21
- ATV’s
  - Utility 12, Utility 21
- Hazmat/LSU Trailer
The data below represents the time apparatus were used in emergency/non-emergency response calls and special events. The data does not represent overall apparatus utilization.

Additional factors need to be factored in for an overall look at apparatus utilization. The factors include:

- Emergency/Non-emergency operations – operational time on scene including pumping, lighting, equipment utilization, and idle time.
- Training events – weekly drill, special training sessions, individual training, training at other locations
- Special events – operational time on scene, special operations
- Special details – picking up a firefighter that may have rode in with the ambulance
- Administrative and Operational use – daily use inside and outside of the district
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**Equipment**

- Maintained, repaired, and conducted monthly checks of the following equipment:
  - Air Monitors
  - Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA’s)
  - Automatic External Defibrillators (AED’s)
  - Extrication Tools
  - K-12 Saw and Chainsaws
  - Small Engines
  - Float-o Pump
  - SCBA Fill Station and Compressor
  - Hose Dryer and Hose Tester
  - Thermal Imaging Cameras
- Conducted annual hose testing for all District hose on all apparatus and spare hose
  - Purchased new hose to replace aging hose and hose that failed the testing
- Coordinated and conducted annual ladder testing for all District ladders on all apparatus
- Conducted monthly checks of all firefighter personal protective equipment
- Purchased 8 new sets of turn-out gear
- Purchased 23 new helmets for firefighters to replace helmets that were aging
- Purchased 2 new cold water rescue suits
- Maintained and coordinated repairs for cold water rescue suits
- Provided maintenance, filling and repair for oxygen bottles for the Fire District, South Lake Police and Deephaven Police
- Continued utilization of SCBA’s
- Continued utilization of AutoPulse CPR device
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Administration

- Conducted twelve business meetings with EFD personnel
- Conducted monthly Operating Committee meetings
- Conducted nine regularly scheduled EFD Board meetings and work sessions
- Enhanced the working relationships, interaction, and operations of the Board and Fire District
- Developed and operated within the 2015 Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Program
  - Received designated and undesignated donations for the District
- Developed, presented, and approved the 2016 Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Program
- Utilized the Cost Recovery Policy and plan for the Fire District
  - Successfully obtained approximately $4,867.8 for the District through the policy in 2015
  - Special Event inspections received approximately $3,930 for the District through the policy in 2015
- Updated the Fire District maps and the mutual aid area maps to enhance response
- Coordinated and assisted with enhancements to the response areas and protocols for Lake Minnetonka
- Researched, evaluated, and dealt with personnel issues
- Enhanced ongoing part-time administrative support
- Updated and implemented updates to the SOP/SOG’s for the Excelsior Fire District
- Conducted effective recruitment for firefighters for both stations
  - Developed a plan and implemented the plan
  - Successfully recruited 2 new firefighters for the District
- Developed a plan to look at and implement alternate staffing for EFD.
- Participated in multiple community meetings – including the cities, businesses, schools, hospitals, clinics, and community associations
- Coordinated and participated in multiple public safety meetings with area fire, police, EMS, public works
- Participated in Fire and Emergency Management associations - the specific associations are listed below:
  - Hennepin County Fire Chiefs
  - SW Joint Operations Fire Association
  - Metro Fire Chiefs
  - Lake Region
  - United Firefighters
  - Minnesota State Fire Chief’s Association (MSFCA)
  - Minnesota Fire Departments Association (MSFDA)
  - Lakes Region Emergency Management Group
  - Association of Minnesota Emergency Mangers (AMEM)
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Administration (cont.)

- Provided development and delivery of training with the Hennepin County Fire Chief’s Association
- Participated in Hennepin County Life Safety Unit (LSU) meetings and equipment upgrades
- Reviewed mutual aid agreements with the local, regional, state and national areas
- Provided coordination and direction to review the mutual aid systems locally, regionally and state-wide
- Continued enhanced Communications within and outside of the Excelsior Fire District
  - Utilized a weekly e-mail update to the firefighters
  - Conducted monthly officer meetings
  - Conducted monthly inspections staff meetings
- Continued to problem solve and develop operational improvements for the District computer systems
  - Improvements in the areas of:
    - Software
    - Firehouse Software
    - Network the stations
    - Scheduling Software
  - Conducted ongoing coordination of the Mobile Data Computers (MDC) project with Hennepin County
  - Continued use of MDC’s in three apparatus
    - Chief vehicle, Duty vehicle, Engine 22
  - Implemented the use of IPAD’s for operational sue in the stations and apparatus
    - Inspector, Aerial 11, Engine 11, Engine 21, Station 1, Station 2
- Attended funerals for retired EFD firefighters, retired firefighter family members, and community officials
- Assisted other agencies with recruitment and promotional process
- Provided job shadow for high school and college students interested in the fire and public safety vocation
- Hosted Senior Serve Day for Minnetonka High School
- Coordinated the use of a photographer for EFD
- Conducted recognition event for firefighters
- Participated in meetings with the JPA for SCBA’s and other public safety equipment
- Continued contract with provider for health surveillance with EFD
- Conducted Probationary Recognition Event
- Conducted Promotion Recognition Event
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Communications

- Coordinated with Hennepin County communications for effective dispatch services
  - Participated on the User Advisory Board for Hennepin County
  - Chaired the Hennepin County Fire Chief’s Association Standard Operating Procedures (SOP’s) Group
- Continued use of MDC’s in three apparatus
  - Chief vehicle
  - Duty vehicle
  - Engine 22
- Implemented IPAD use for operational areas
  - Aerial 11
  - Engine 11
  - Engine 21
  - Station 1
  - Station 2
- Enhanced the station technology with new monitors and the use of response software (Active 911)
- Purchased 6 new pagers
- Maintained radios
- Maintained and improved overall Fire District communications including the use of
  - Phones – landline and cellular
  - Pagers and Radios
  - E-mail
  - Postings at fire stations
  - Computers
- Web site – maintained the use of website. Special thanks to Ana Fatturi for her dedication and persistence to utilize and update this site.
- Social Media – utilize Facebook and Twitter in appropriate emergency and non-emergency situations to share information. Special thanks to Ana Fatturi for her dedication and persistence to utilize social media.
- Provided coordination and assistance with the 800 mhz radio fleetmaps set-up, programming, and training for EFD, area fire departments, public works departments and other public safety areas.
- Enhanced the relationships with neighboring fire departments, police departments, ambulance services and public works agencies
- Special Thanks to Larry Baier for his efforts with photographic and video documentation for the District.
Activities

- Members of EFD participated in the Firefighters Boot Hockey Tournament coordinated by Pat McCarthy and Charlie Blumhoefer held at the hockey rink in Chaska.

- Members of EFD participated in the New Germany softball tournament
- Members of EFD participated in regular Monday night softball
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Emergency Management

- Participated in meetings of the Lake Area Emergency Management Group

- Participated with South Lake Police and Deephaven Police in a coordinator role for the area emergency management program

- Continued the assessment and completion of an effective Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Operations
  - Conducted ongoing testing of operations in the EOC
  - Conducted training - coordinated and conducted awareness training for administrators and public works staff on EOC set-up and operations.
  - Coordinated one table-top scenario

- Coordinated and Conducted a Full-Scale Exercise simulating an active shooter event with a school district facility. Exercise involved regional and local police, fire, EMS, emergency management, school district and community personnel.
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Relief Association

- Coordinated, and conducted the annual fundraiser - the Excelsior Fire Relief Association Dance
- Conducted monthly Relief Association board meetings
- Conducted annual Relief Association membership meeting
- Conducted training session for Relief Board of Directors specific to relief operations and management
- Implemented and continued monitoring the new Investment Policy
- Reviewed, analyzed, and terminated the contract/relationship with the Parr McKnight group
- Finalized discussions with the Fire Board regarding long term pension planning and benefit level funding. Resolution passed

- Provided fiscal management for the special and general relief association funds
  - The Special Fund lost 0.26% with SBI in 2015, and slightly more with Parr McKnight. As a result, the Relief Board elected to transfer all its assets back into SBI. Fortunately, the 2% state aid received was slightly larger than investment losses so that, at the Special fund grew by about $17,000 during 2015.
  - Special Fund continued its performance of over $5,000,000 in 2015

- Coordinated and conducted the Holiday Party for firefighter kids and adults
- Coordinated and conducted the firefighter spouse appreciation event
- Provided updates to the Excelsior Fire District Board and membership at their respective meetings
2015 Year in Review
March, 2016
Volunteer / Reserve

➢ Researched and created updated fire hydrant locations

➢ Updated the map book including up to date street names and locations, fire hydrant locations and mutual aid community maps

➢ Continued gathering the data for business/industry pre-plans in our Fire District

➢ Provided the coordination of the Mobile Data Computer (MDC) program for the Excelsior Fire District
   ➢ Provided MDC program assistance with neighboring fire departments

➢ Provided guidance and coordination to Hennepin County Fire Chief’s Association and various regional fire departments in relation to technology (MDC’s, Active 911, IPAD’s, tablets, etc.)

➢ Provided assistance with truck and equipment maintenance

➢ Conducted countless hours of “Gopher Work”

➢ Provided updates to the EFD patch collection

➢ Provided documentation for history preservation of the Excelsior Fire District

➢ Provided assistance with maintenance for pagers and radios

➢ Provided staffing and multiple areas of assistance at the Fire Relief Association Dance

➢ Provided staffing and multiple areas of assistance at the Fire Department Open House and Safety Fair

➢ Provided general work around the stations

➢ Participated in Fire District drills and business meetings

➢ Provided assistance at the Fire Stations or at fire scenes during times of emergency incidents

➢ Special thanks to Dave Cole, Brian Kuhnly, and Skip Sweeney for their efforts!
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Auxiliary

- Conducted meetings to review activities and events
- Provided staffing at the Fire Relief Association Dance
- Provided staffing at the Fire District Open House and Safety Fair
- Provided staffing for feeding/food preparation for emergency events
- Provided monthly birthday cakes for recognition of member birthdays
- Conducted fundraising events to raise funds to help support the firefighter.
- Provided funding and coordination to purchase coffee machines at both fire stations.
- Special thanks to Dawn Roufs, Helen Heiland, Anita Lugowski, and Molly Stern for their coordination efforts!