



HOT TOPICS

Oshkosh Fire Department

CHIEF'S CORNER



One of the nine core values of the Oshkosh Fire Department is teamwork. The members of our department demonstrate this value every day by working together to respond to the needs of our community

On April 1, 2023, the Oshkosh Fire Department will be holding its annual recognition dinner.

This event is an opportunity to celebrate the many successes that we have had in the previous year. We will be recognizing our firefighters for their accomplishments both on and off-duty. Working together as a team, they went above and beyond the call of duty and took heroic action, many times jeopardizing themselves in the process. Because of their skill, courage, and compassion, people are alive today that otherwise would not be.

We will also be presenting awards to "Guardian Angels" in our community who acted selflessly to help alert occupants about building fires, or provided CPR to someone whom they found in cardiac arrest. Additionally, we will recognize other community partners and responders who have partnered with the Oshkosh Fire Department to make us an award winning team.

We are very grateful that we have the support of Country Financial that makes this possible by sponsoring this event every year. John C. Maxwell said, "The truth is that teamwork is at the heart of great achievement." The Oshkosh Fire Department has found this to be true and that is why we place so much value on it.

--Chief Mike Stanley



LADDER SAFETY MONTH

by John Holland, PubEd Specialist

Each year in the U.S., more than 100 people die and thousands more are injured from ladder-related falls. March is ladder safety month.

These safe ladder practices are key to preventing falls and other potential injuries.

- Read and follow all labels/markings on the ladder.
- Do not exceed the weight limit listed on the ladder (remember to include the weight of any tools you're using).
- Always inspect the ladder prior to using it.
- Never use a damaged ladder.
- Use a ladder only on a stable and level surface.
- Make sure the ladder is tall enough to do the job so you don't have to stretch or reach too much.
- Do not place a ladder on boxes, barrels, tarps or other unstable items.
- Avoid electrical hazards. Check for wires that you might come into contact with prior to placing the ladder.
- Never use a metal ladder near any wires or charged electrical equipment.

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- Never use a step ladder as a straight ladder. A step ladder must be completely opened up and locked to be safe.
- Never stand on the top step of a step ladder.
- Set up a straight or extension ladder at the proper angle. The base of the ladder should be placed one quarter of the working length of the ladder. For example, if the ladder is eight feet long the bottom of the ladder should be two feet from the wall.
- If using an extension or straight ladder make sure the ladder extends at least three feet above the roof.
- Make sure the locks on an extension ladder are properly engaged.
- Do not stand on the three top rungs of a straight or extension ladder.
- Always maintain a 3-point (two hands and a foot, or two feet and a hand) contact on a ladder when climbing. Keep your body near the middle of the step and always face the ladder while climbing.
- Do not move or shift a ladder while a person or equipment is on the ladder.

While some of these dos and don'ts may seem obvious, it's important to remember that most ladder-related injuries and fatalities are completely preventable.

It's up to you to take the proper steps.



WHAT'S NEW

Congratulations to the following individuals who received an Outstanding Service Award for their work on the Honor Wall located in the main hallway at Station 15. The recipients were nominated by Chief Stanley; the awards were presented by City Manager Mark Rohloff.

Picture 1:

L-R: Chief Mike Stanley, Battalion Chief Drew Jaeger, Lt. Tony Montag, City Manager Mark Rohloff, and Captain Craig Downs.



Picture 2:

L-R: Firefighter/Paramedic Ken Kiefer and Equipment Operator Chris Clark.



Picture 3: Firefighter/Paramedic Paul Friday



The 4th Annual Boots v. Badges Charity Basketball game took place on Saturday March 4th at the Oshkosh Arena. The Badges (blue) from the Winnebago Sheriff's Office defeated the OFD Boots (red). The goal of the event was to raise money to support both the Winnebago County K-9 unit and the OFD Dive team. Over \$800 was generated to support both programs.



FEBRUARY MONTHLY METRICS

Emergency Medical Services



635

Motor Vehicle Accidents



15

Structure Fires



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Falls



133

Inspections



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Overdoses



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