

# Town of Beloit Fire Department Monthly Newsletter



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## Town of Beloit Celebrates Grand Opening of New Station #2 and Town Hall



The Town of Beloit proudly celebrated the grand opening of its new Fire Station and Town Hall, marking a significant milestone for the community. This state-of-the-art facility enhances emergency response capabilities and provides a modern space for town operations, ensuring continued service to residents.

This project was made possible thanks in part to a \$7,675,000 grant from Governor Evers' Neighborhood Investment Fund Program, administered by the Wisconsin Department of Administration. The funding, provided through the American Rescue Plan Act from the U.S. Department of the Treasury, helped turn this vision into reality.

The new fire station is equipped with upgraded apparatus bays, improved living quarters for firefighters, and enhanced training areas, allowing for greater efficiency in emergency response. The town hall offers an accessible and functional space for municipal operations, fostering engagement between local government and the community.

The Town of Beloit thanks all those involved in making this project a success, including state and local officials, firefighters, town staff, and community members. This facility represents a commitment to public safety and the future growth of the Town of Beloit.



No Work Anniversaries in March



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## **Town of Beloit-Recent Fires**

In February, Town of Beloit Fire Department responded to several fires ranging from Building fires to trash fires to vehicle fires. Town of Beloit firefighters have once again demonstrated the highest levels of professionalism and dedication. Their commitment to our mission—responding quickly and effectively to the needs of the community—was evident as they worked tirelessly to ensure the safety and well-being of all involved. Their focused efforts highlight the skill and teamwork that define our department, and we are proud to have such dedicated individuals serving our community.



(Pictured is the Alter recycling fire in South Beloit)

## **In Memory– Pastor William Wagner**



On February 24th, we bid farewell to Chaplain William “Bill” Wagner, who dedicated years of service to the Town of Beloit Fire and Police Departments. A compassionate presence in times of crisis, he provided comfort to grieving families and support to first responders facing difficult moments.

Chaplain Wagner was always there when called upon—offering invocations at Fire Department events, blessing our stations and apparatus, and lending a helping hand with a warm smile. He played a key role in establishing the Stateline Firefighter’s Memorial Ceremony, uniting departments in remembrance and support.

His passion for emergency services was unwavering, especially in advocating for mental health and PTSD awareness. He shared his knowledge widely, speaking at Chief’s Conferences and guiding many through challenging times. Bill’s legacy of kindness and dedication will not be forgotten.

## **Town of Beloit Firefighters Join Students for Lunch at Powers School**

Town of Beloit firefighters took a break from their duties to share lunch with students at Powers School, building connections with the community’s youngest members. Firefighters sat with students, answered questions about their jobs, and enjoyed conversations about fire safety, teamwork, and life at the fire station.

These visits provide a great opportunity for students to interact with first responders in a relaxed setting, reinforcing the importance of community relationships. The firefighters appreciate the warm welcome and look forward to more visits in the future!

## Ice Water Rescue Training

Acting Lieutenant Moeller from the City of Beloit hosted Ice water rescue training on the Rock River. This training provided Town of Beloit firefighters with the skills and knowledge needed to perform rescues safely and effectively in dangerous, cold-water environments.

Training focuses on recognizing ice conditions, using rescue equipment, and practicing self-rescue techniques. Firefighters learn how to quickly and efficiently remove victims from the water while minimizing risk to both the victim and rescuers.

These realistic scenarios help build confidence and ensure personnel are ready to respond when seconds matter. Ice water rescue training is an essential part of the department's commitment to protecting the community year-round.



## Strategy and Tactics Training



Battalion Chief Bill Hyde, led a strategy and tactics training session with members of the Town of Beloit and City of Beloit fire departments. This training focused on command decision-making, fireground strategy, and tactical operations. Strategy involves the overall plan to achieve the desired outcome, such as extinguishing a fire, protecting property, or saving lives. Tactics are the specific actions taken to carry out that plan, like deploying hose lines, conducting searches, or ventilating a structure.

With both departments frequently working alongside one another, joint training helps strengthen communication, improve operational efficiency, and ensure a coordinated response during emergencies.

## Safety Reminder: Prevent Slips, Trips, and Falls

Slips, trips, and falls are a leading cause of firefighter injuries. Keep walkways clear, be mindful of wet or icy surfaces, wear proper footwear, and use handrails on stairs. Report poor lighting and fix hazards before they cause an accident.

Staying aware of your surroundings helps prevent injuries. Take a few extra seconds to move safely, watch out for each other, and keep safety a priority.





## South Beloit Stats

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Incidents By Category		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	To-	Jan		Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	To-								
Fire										2	1	3	6	1		1											2								
Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Over-										0	0	0	0	1		0							1												
Rescue & Emergency Medical Ser-										39	68	54	161	63		65							128												
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)										1	0	1	2	1		0							1												
Service Call										7	13	7	27	11		4							15												
Good Intent Call										4	3	3	10	2		3							5												
False Alarm & False Call										2	1	5	8	9		3							12												
Special Incident										0	1	0	1	1		0							1												
Monthly Total:																		55	87	73	215	89		76	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	165	
As of Total:										55	142	215	89		165	165	165	165	165	165	16	165	165	165	165										
Mutual Aid Given/Received		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	To-	Jan		Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	To-								
Automatic Aid Given										0	0	0	0	0		0											0								
Automatic Aid Received										1			1	1		0					1														
Mutual Aid Given										2			2	2		5					7														
Mutual Aid Received										2			2	10		2					12														

## T.O.B. Monthly Statistics

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