



Suamico Fire Department

Annual Report

2021

Our Mission...

The mission of the Suamico Fire Department (SFD) is to continually strive for the prevention of fires, injuries and accidents, while upholding standards for the quality of **SERVICE** we provide to the citizens, businesses and visitors with the utmost regard for the safety of the members of the department.

Our mission will be accomplished through quality **SERVICE delivery:**

SAFETY: for the community we protect and the personnel that protect it.

EDUCATION: through programs for our residents and youth.

RESPONSIVENESS: to the suggestions, influences, appeals or efforts of others.

VISION: from the past, to the present and into the future.

INSPECTIONS: investigations and pre-incident plans

COMMITMENT: to our community, our families, ourselves and each other.

EMPATHY: for all

Message from Chief Bertler

As the Suamico Fire Department (SFD) begins its 70th anniversary year in 2022, we want to take a moment to look back and reflect on a few of the milestones and achievements we experienced in 2021:

EMS Certification

In March, 2021 the SFD became an EMS licensed department, responding to Village of Suamico EMS calls by providing an engine company as first responders Monday through Friday, 8a.m. to 4p.m. Residents of the Suamico Fire District have requested this service to enhance the district's current private EMS provider, County Rescue. This change has more than doubled the call volume of the SFD and reduced the overall EMS response time in 2021.

Station 1 Change of Quarters

On March 20th, 2021 the SFD moved into its new state-of-the-art Station 1 at 3270 W. Deerfield Ave. in Suamico. In addition to increased space and room for future growth, the new station includes a training tower, decon room and showers, as well as a new training room that serves as the Suamico Emergency Operations Center (EOC).

COVID 19

Lastly, the continuing pandemic has proven to be a challenge for all departments across the country and world. Despite these challenges, the members of the SFD responded to whatever emergency presented itself, without hesitation or complaint.

As you review this annual report, I encourage you to contact me with any questions, comments or suggestions using the contact information provided below. **In case of emergency, dial 911.**

Sincerely,

Chief Joe Bertler

Fire Chief/Emergency Mgmt. Director

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Village of Suamico Officials

Village Board

President Pro Tempore: Sky Van Rossum

Trustee: Steve Andrews

Trustee: Michelle Eckert

Trustee: Daniel Roddan

Trustee: Michael Schneider

Trustee: Jason Ward

Trustee: Vacant

Fire Commission

President: Christopher Groth

Vice President: Eric Perra

Member: Randy Christopherson

Member: Timothy McNulty

Member: Chaplan Spejcher

Village Administrator

Alex Kaker

Personnel

The Suamico Fire Department is a combination department consisting of one full-time Chief, one full-time firefighter, two part-time firefighters, and 41 paid-on-call (POC) firefighters. In combination departments, a limited full-time staff is on duty from the hours of 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Organizational Chart

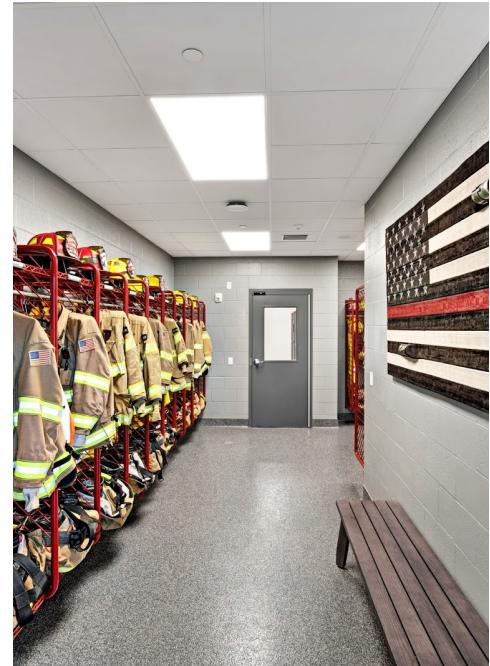
Name	Title	Years of Service
Joe Bertler	Chief	13
Samantha Jepson	FT Firefighter/EMT	1
Scott Legois	PT Firefighter/EMR	13
Josh Robak	PT Firefighter	2
Chris Gabryszek	POC Asst. Chief	18
Jerry VandenPlas	POC Asst. Chief	21
Bill Sturke	POC Captain St. 1	37
Robert Euclide	POC Captain St. 1	26
Jeremy Ebner	POC Lieutenant St. 1	6
Scott Polomis	POC Lieutenant St. 1	1
Brent Ward	POC Captain St. 2	15 Service Award
Scott Wesa	POC Safety Officer	30 Service Award
Randy Weytens	POC Lieutenant St. 2	10 Service Award
C.J. Brodbeck	POC Firefighter	13
Jim Kazik	POC Firefighter	11

Jason Rasmussen	POC Firefighter/EMR	10 Service Award
Deenah Quinn	POC Firefighter/EMR	8
Steve Wall	POC Firefighter/EMT	8
Nick Selissen	POC Firefighter	6
Ryan V.Langenberg	POC Firefighter	6
Bonnie Vanderlinden	POC Firefighter/EMT	6
Todd Wanta	POC Firefighter/EMR	6
Justin Collins	POC Firefighter	5 - Service Award
Brian Sorenson	POC Firefighter/EMR	5 - Service Award
Ryan Majeski	POC Firefighter/EMT	5 - Service Award
Ashley Vanderlinden	POC Firefighter/Medic	5 - Service Award
Bryan Berg	POC Firefighter	2
Ryan Gruber	POC Firefighter	2
Ben Lelinski	POC Firefighter/Medic	2
Mitch Lepak	POC Firefighter	2
Kurt Miller	POC Firefighter	2
Tracy Buzzell	POC Firefighter/EMR	1
Taylor Noe	POC Firefighter/EMT	1
Bradyn Polomis	POC Firefighter	1
Gabrielle Taylor	POC Firefighter	1
Tracy Zimmerman	POC Firefighter	1
Adam Groskreutz	POC Firefighter	8 Months
Brittany Baker	POC Firefighter	8 Months
Quinn Warner	POC Firefighter/Medic	8 Months

Trevor Korpi	POC Firefighter/AEMT	5 Months
Nebraska Thorson	Firefighter	3 Month

2021 New Hires

- May - Zach Mears (resigned)
- May - Spencer White (resigned)
- May - Quinn Warner
- May - Brittany Malloy-Baker
- May - Adam Groskreutz
- August - Kole Rentmeester (terminated)
- August - Trevor Korpi
- October - Nebraska Thorson



2021 Resigned

- Jason Andrews
- Connor Udelhoven
- Casey Breaker
- Tim Detrick
- Zach Mears
- Spencer White
- Tanner Perry
- Chantel Streblow

2021 Retired

- Troy Noe - Retired May

2021 Terminations

- Jeff Mayerl
- Kole Rentmeester

2021 Certifications Achieved

Firefighter 1/HazMat State Written & Practical

- Chantel Streblow
- Adam Groskreutz

Firefighter 2 State Written & Practical

- Tracy Buzzell
- Josh Robak
- Bradyn Polomis

National Registry EMR/EMT/Paramedic

- Brian Sorenson (EMR)
- Jason Rasmussen (EMR)
- Steve Wall (EMR)
- Todd Wanta (EMR)
- Ben Lelinski (Paramedic)
- Tracy Buzzell (EMR)

State Certified Driver/Operator

- Bradyn Polomis

Blue Card

- Samantha Jepson

Awards - Firefighter of the Year

- Tracy Buzzel

Grants/Donations

Received

- Capital Credit Union Elevate Communities Grant - Four AED's
- Ken's Sports - Yearly UTV Usage
- N.E.W. Landscape & Lawn care - Station 1 Landscaping
- CoVantage Credit Union - \$500 check

Given

- 6000 non-fitted surgical masks to the Howard Suamico School District (District office and all Village Elementary schools)



In The News

- [Change of Quarters FB Livestream](#) (3/15/21)
- [Soft Opening FB Livestream](#) (3/28/21)
- [WBAY Soft Opening](#) (3/28/21)
- [WLUK Soft Opening](#) (3/28/21)
- [Good Day Wisconsin](#) (4/6/21)
- [WBAY High Fire Danger](#) (5/26/21)
- [WFRV Grand Opening/Festival](#) (7/29/21)
- [WLUK Bus vs. Vehicle](#) (9/29/21)
- Social Media Channels
 - [Facebook](#)
 - [Twitter](#)



Public Education/Relations

Tours

During the first year of our station opening, Suamico Fire has given countless tours to members of the community looking forward to the build as well as curious passers-by along highway 41. Some tours are scheduled on a special request basis and are planned in advance, and some tours occur on the spot. The members of our department are all passionate about the quality and functionality of the building, and are always more than willing to educate the public on what happens inside and outside of the Suamico Fire Department Station 1 walls. Below are 2021s scheduled tours by date, event, and number of attendees.

DATE	EVENT	ATTENDEES
04/06/2021	Girl Scounts Station Tour	Children: 24 Adults: 4
06/02/2021	Tender Hearts Station Tour	Children: 15 Adults: 2
06/04/2021	Station Tour	Children: 1 Adults: 1
06/07/2021	Ride to School	Children: 50 Adults: 8
08/04/2021	Ride to School	Children: 2 Adults: 1
11/18/2021	Ride to School	Children: 100 Adults: 10
12/10/2021	Ride to School	Children: 1 Adults: 2
07/31/2021	Suamico Firefighter's Open House	Children: 1500 Adults: 1500

Public Education

EVENT TYPE	EVENT NAME	TOTAL
Elementary School	Fire Safety Education Suamico Elementary	66
	Fire Prevention with 1st Graders at Bay Harbor Elementary	46
	Bay Harbor Elementary Fire Prevention Week	64
Public Training	Fire Protection & Rescue at Windjammers Sailing Club	30
Grand Total:		206

Public Relations

EVENT TYPE	EVENT NAME	TOTAL
Car Seat Installation	Car Seat Installation x 4	4
Committee Meeting	Meeting w/ Councilmen & Breakfast	15
Open House	Suamico Firefighters Open House	3500
Parade	Community Parades x 4	1605
Requested Visit at Event	Requested at Local Events in Suamico x 2	290
Ride to School	Ride to School (Children, parents, classmates, and teachers included) x 4	174
	Girl Scouts Tree Planting	10
Special Request	Bay Harbor Elementary Field Day	180
	Hospice Patient Special Request	5
	Bay Port Graduation Event Ice Delivery	225
	BayPort Graduation EMS Stand-By	2500
	Bay Port Swim/Track State Send-Off	175
	Water Movement for Soccer Teams at Calavera Park	50
	National Night Out	400
	Lights of Christmas Motorcycle Ride	500
	Buzz Social Kids Bowling Event	60
	Drive Through Trick or Treat	400
Trick or Treat	Trick or Treating	2200
	Grand Total:	

Equipment

Current Apparatus

- Command 1201
- Rescue 1211
- Engine 1211
- Engine 1221
- Tender 1211
- Tender 1221
- Brush 1211
- Brush 1221
- Utility 1211
- EMS 1212
- EMS 1221
- UTV 1211
- Engine 1 (“The ‘52”)



New Equipment for 2021

Item	Cost
UTV 1211 w/ trailer	Free usage. \$2700 for the trailer, \$3000 for EMS skid unit
Utility 1211 Upgrade	\$1200 (graphics/radios only/lights)
New Command Vehicle	\$45,000
EMS 1212	\$0 - previous command vehicle
AED's (4)	Capital Credit Union Grant
EMS Bags (5)	\$475 @ 5 each (\$2375)

Fire Station Repairs & Maintenance

In addition to our new state-of-the-art Fire Station 1 that was completed in March of 2021, there were additional Station 2 maintenance/repair items and upgrade items for both Stations:

Item	Date	Cost
Station 2 FOB/Key pads installed	February 2021	\$10,000
Two new recliners for Day Room at Station 2	March 2021	\$1,400
New television in Station 2 Day Room	September 2021	SVFA Donation - \$1,000
Station 1 Workout Room equipment	November 2021	Saputo Donation - \$15,000



Apparatus Repairs

DATE	MAINTENANCE	DONE BY	COST	HOURS
APPARATUS: B1221				
Minor Repair				
11/15/2021	Windshield washer nozzles and hoses were deficient. The washer pump tubing was not long enough to connect to the wiper arms due to wear and tear as well as some missing parts. Put all new hoses from the pump to the wiper arms which resolved the issue.	S. Legois	\$20	1
Moderate Repair				
8/24/2021	Turn signals not working. S. Legois checked the fuse and could not figure out the issue. Fleet Pride resolved issue.	S. Legois	-	1
APPARATUS: E1211				
Major Repair				
7/2/2021	Six total batteries were replaced on E1211. Batteries were provided by Interstate Battery.	R. Euclide	\$1,200	2
Moderate Repair				
2/14/2021	Ladder rack broke in half. The ladder hook and hard suction bracket were damaged. S. Legois ordered and replaced all damaged parts.	S. Legois	\$500	5
APPARATUS: R1211				
Moderate Repair				
4/20/2021	A constant air leak was coming from the switch used to put the truck into pump gear. S. Legois installed a new switch to resolve issue.	S. Legois	\$100	2
APPARATUS: T1211				
Moderate Repair				
6/30/2021	The dump chute wouldn't extend but water still comes out. S. Legois purchased and installed magnets for the sensor on the dump chute to read. This resolved the issue.	S. Legois	\$15	1
APPARATUS: T1221				
Minor Repair				
2/9/2021	The license plate light bulb was out. S. Legois replaced bulb which resolved issue.	S. Legois	\$5	1
APPARATUS: U1211				
Moderate Repair				
7/27/2021	The vehicle did not have inside door handles for the back seat. S. Legois and J. Robak installed handles.	S. Legois	-	3

Fire Response Statistics

Suamico (Village of) Fire Department



Suamico, WI

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Incident Type Count per Station for Date Range

Start Date: 1/1/2021 | End Date: 12/31/2021

INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS
Station: 1 - STATION NO. 1 - W DEERFIELD	
111 - Building fire	5
118 - Trash or rubbish fire, contained	1
140 - Natural vegetation fire, other	2
311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew	69
320 - Emergency medical service, other	3
321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	75
352 - Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle	1
360 - Water & ice-related rescue, other	1
412 - Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	1
424 - Carbon monoxide incident	8
440 - Electrical wiring/equipment problem, other	1
444 - Power line down	16
511 - Lock-out	1
553 - Public service	1
561 - Unauthorized burning	2
571 - Cover assignment, standby, moveup	2
611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	5
622 - No incident found on arrival at dispatch address	1
631 - Authorized controlled burning	1
651 - Smoke scare, odor of smoke	1
661 - EMS call, party transported by non-fire agency	1
745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	3
# Incidents for 1 - Station No. 1 - W Deerfield:	
	201

Station: 1-2 - STATION 1 AND 2	
111 - Building fire	12
123 - Fire in portable building, fixed location	1
131 - Passenger vehicle fire	8
137 - Camper or recreational vehicle (RV) fire	1
140 - Natural vegetation fire, other	4
142 - Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire	1
162 - Outside equipment fire	1
311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew	8
321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	7
322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	18
324 - Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.	7

Only REVIEWED incidents included.



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Fire Response (cont'd)

INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS
341 - Search for person on land	1
360 - Water & ice-related rescue, other	2
365 - Watercraft rescue	2
412 - Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	5
423 - Refrigeration leak	2
424 - Carbon monoxide incident	2
444 - Power line down	1
510 - Person in distress, other	1
531 - Smoke or odor removal	3
551 - Assist police or other governmental agency	1
553 - Public service	1
611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	11
622 - No incident found on arrival at dispatch address	2
631 - Authorized controlled burning	2
650 - Steam, other gas mistaken for smoke, other	1
652 - Steam, vapor, fog or dust thought to be smoke	1
710 - Malicious, mischievous false call, other	1
733 - Smoke detector activation due to malfunction	1
740 - Unintentional transmission of alarm, other	1
743 - Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	1
745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	27
# Incidents for 1-2 - Station 1 and 2:	
137	

Station: 2 - FIRE STATION NO. 2 - WHITE PINE	
111 - Building fire	8
311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew	5
321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	15
324 - Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.	2
363 - Swift water rescue	1
424 - Carbon monoxide incident	5
444 - Power line down	8
500 - Service Call, other	1
511 - Lock-out	1
561 - Unauthorized burning	2
611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	22
622 - No incident found on arrival at dispatch address	1
736 - CO detector activation due to malfunction	1
745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	2
# Incidents for 2 - Fire Station No. 2 - White Pine:	
74	

Total call response: 411

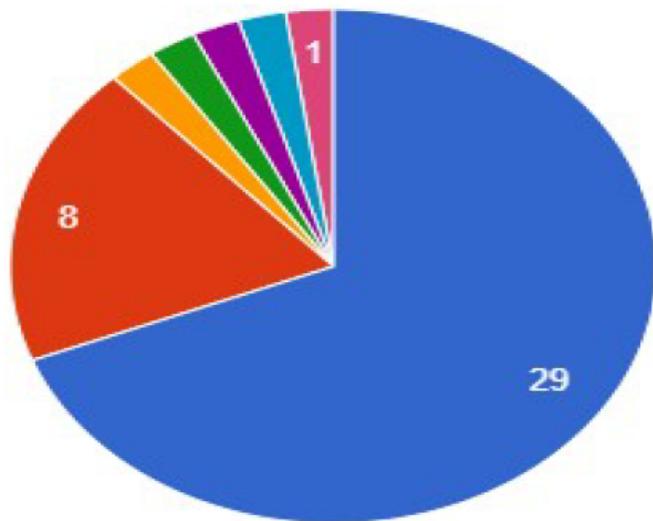
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Mutual Aid (MABAS) Statistics

The Suamico Fire Department responded to 411 calls for service in 2021. 248 of those calls were fire calls. Of those 248 fire calls, 43 of these calls were in support of the fire departments listed below and their communities outside the Village of Suamico: Pulaski, Howard, Lawrence, Sobieski, Ledgeview, and Ashwaubenon. A pie chart with response values is shown below.

MABAS Response Stats

- Howard
- Pulaski
- Ledgeview
- Ashwaubenon
- Lawrence
- Hobart
- Sobieski



Received mutual aid: 4

Received auto aid: 7

Provided mutual aid: 16

Provided auto aid: 10

Provided mutual/auto aid for structure fire response: 22

EMS Updates

In 2021, Suamico Fire Department became licensed, trained, and equipped to provide patient care on the Emergency First Responder level. Achieving this level of licensure allowed the department and its members to respond to 163



EMS calls from March through the end of December, 2021. Here are some additional details of our EMS activity in 2021:

- 10 Emergency First Responder bags were built and donated by County Rescue Services to our department's first responders. These bags provide the ability for our medically trained staff to respond from wherever they are, on a moment's notice, to provide quality care and assist County Rescue's ambulance personnel 24/7 in the Village of Suamico.
- 3 unused first responder bags were donated from our department to the Village of Suamico's polling buildings. Members of Suamico Fire Department taught a short class on the contents of the first responder bags and their use to polling volunteers. With the knowledge and equipment given, polling staff now has the ability to provide basic first aid to those in need during election shifts.
- 6 of Suamico Fire Department's apparatus are equipped with EMS bags, AEDs, and basic body substance isolation equipment

to respond to medical calls. These vehicles are Station 1's Engine 1211, Rescue 1211, Utility 1211, EMS 1212 and Station 2's EMS 1221 and Engine 1221. These vehicles and medical equipment are used regularly on calls ranging from vehicle accidents with injuries to generalized weakness. Our department received 3 new AEDs from a grant given by Capital Credit Union. This grant gave the ability to have an AED in each of our vehicles that respond to medical calls.

- All department vehicles that provide medical care, and first responders, are also equipped with "Covid Jump Bags". During the pandemic, Suamico Fire Department continued to provide patient care. In order to protect our firefighters and first responders, the department put together size oriented "Covid Jump Bags" that contain all the necessary isolation equipment to protect our bodies from the pandemic's aerosolized contaminants and bodily fluids.
- 18 of our department's 41 members are EMS certified and able to provide emergency care in the Village of Suamico.
- To continue education and maintain proficiency, Suamico Fire conducts EMS training once a month. Our training is led by our Assistant Chief, Chris Gabryszek, who is also the medical director for County Rescue Services. Training conducted consists of topics needed for recertification per state and National Registry requirements, and other topics associated with requests from within the department's personnel.

Fire Inspections

OCCUPANCY TYPE	INSPECTION TYPE	TOTAL
ASSEMBLY	Reinspection	18
	Semi-Annual	102
		120
BUSINESS	Hood and Duct Inspection	1
	Reinspection	31
	Semi-Annual	249
		281
DAYCARE	Reinspection	1
	Semi Annual	9
		10
EDUCATIONAL	Reinspection	2
	Semi-Annual	10
		12
INDUSTRIAL	Reinspection	8
	Semi-Annual	58
		66
INSTITUTIONAL	Reinspection	1
	Semi-Annual	8
		9

Fire Inspections (cont'd)

MERCANTILE	Hood and Duct Inspection	1
	Reinspection	7
	Semi-Annual	58
		66
MULTIPLE OCCUPANCY	Semi-Annual	5
		5
RESIDENTIAL (APARTMENT)	Reinspection	9
	Semi-Annual	120
RESIDENTIAL (HOTEL)	Semi-Annual	2
RESIDENTIAL (BOARD & CARE)	Semi-Annual	4
		135
Storage (High Hazard)		
	Reinspection	1
	Semi-Annual	10
Storage (Low Hazard)		
	Reinspection	1
	Semi-Annual	8
Storage (Ordinary Hazard)		
	Reinspection	2
	Semi-Annual	33
		55
TOTAL INSPECTIONS:		759

Fire/EMS Training

MONTH	TRAINING EVENT(S)	ATTENDANCE
JANUARY	BLOODBORNE PATHOGEN	34
	COUNTY RESCUE AMBULANCE REVIEW	35
FEBRUARY	ICE WATER RESCUE - CLASSROOM	33
	ICE WATER RESCUE - PRACTICAL	34
MARCH	DNR WILDLAND FIRE	30
	RESCUE TASK FORCE	35
APRIL	RAPID INTERVENTION TEAM - CLASSROOM	32
	RAPID INTERVENTION TEAM - PRACTICAL	30
	CONFIDENCE TRAILER	3
MAY	TENDER OPERATIONS	29
	INTRO TO EMS PROTOCOLS, MEET DR. ZEMPLE	15
	FIRE STREAMS PRACTICE	34
JUNE	FREEDOM WATER SHUTTLE	2
	MUNICIPAL WATER SUPPLY & HOSE LAYS	26
	REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF EMS PROTOCOLS	13
	HOSE ADVANCEMENT	31
	EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER	5



Fire/EMS Training (cont'd)

JULY	FIRST IN "FULL SCALE" OPERATIONS	32
	PACKERLAND VEHICLE EXTRICATION	28
	REVIEW OF EMS CALLS, OPERATIONS, AND EMS BAG INVENTORY	14
AUGUST	STANDPIPE OPERATIONS, FORCIBLE ENTRY, LADDER CLIMBING	32
	WEB EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER	4
	REVIEW INVENTORY OF AMBULANCE DRUG/TRAUMA BAGS, COT OPERATIONS	14
	SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATIONS	32
SEPTEMBER	SALVAGE AND OVERHAUL OPERATIONS, HOSE TESTING	26
	PACKERLAND MASS CASUALTY INCIDENT	23
	EMS MASS CASUALTY INCIDENT OPERATIONS, BOX CARD LIFE SAFETY REVIEW, FIRST RESPONDER BAGS ISSUED	15
OCTOBER	LIVE HOUSE BURN: INTERIOR FIRE ATTACK, PROTECTING NEARBY STRUCTURES, COMMAND FUNCTIONS, TENDER SHUTTLING, AND PUMP OPERATIONS	26
	COMMAND AND GENERAL STAFF	1
	OFFICER TRAINING: ATTIC FIRES	5
	CARBON MONOXIDE CALL OPERATIONS, CHIMNEY FIRE OPERATIONS	31
NOVEMBER	SUAMICO ELEMENTARY ALICE DRILL (ACTIVE SHOOTER SCENARIO)	3
	PHYSICAL AGILITY, VEHICLE EXTRICATION	33
	REVIEW OF AMBULANCE LIFEPAK MONITORS AND FUNCTIONS OF MONITOR	14
	HAZMAT OPERATIONS AND EQUIPMENT REVIEW	32
DECEMBER	GEAR INVENTORY, FIT TESTING, CAD TRAINING	40
	DEPARTMENT HOLIDAY PARTY	40



Fire Department Recruiting

If you or someone you know would like to apply for employment in our department, you must be 18 years of age, a resident of Suamico, and have a valid Wisconsin Driver's License with a good driving record.

If you are interested, please complete [this application](#) and return to:

Village of Suamico

Attn: Fire Dept. Application

12781 Velp Ave.

Suamico, WI 54313



You may also visit the Village Office at 2781 Velp Avenue during normal business hours to fill out an application in person.