



FIREWIRE

Newsletter
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NORTH COUNTY FIRE/EMS

Serving the communities of Bryant, Freeborn, Warm Beach and the City of Stanwood

Message from the Chief

On behalf of North County Fire/EMS (also known as the North County Regional Fire Authority), I'd like to extend a warm welcome to everyone in the City of Stanwood. In April, our fire district began providing you with fire suppression and emergency response services. The interlocal agreement we signed with Stanwood helped reduce administrative and management costs for your city in this difficult economy. It was a seamless transition with no change in emergency service levels. Dedicated firefighters, emergency medical technicians and paramedics continue to serve Stanwood residents from a fully-staffed Station 99 located in Stanwood.

I want to reassure district taxpayers that your service

levels remain the same, as well. We take pride in providing you with cost-effective and quality emergency services and appreciate the support you have shown us. Thank you!

Unfortunately, costs to provide emergency services are on the rise, and revenue from property taxes continues to decline. A difficult economy means that we have had to make tough choices about our spending. For example, we have delayed apparatus replacement, cut back on training, and reduced our newsletters to once a year, all to save money.

The issue that concerns me most, however, is our inability to continue setting aside money for our Equipment and Apparatus Replacement Fund. This fund acts as a savings account so

we can pay cash to replace things like fire engines and water tenders. Once the fund is depleted, we might need voters to approve a bond in order to replace equipment when it becomes unreliable or too expensive to maintain. We will let you know if we get to that point, so not to worry.

In the meantime, I want to thank you for taking time to read this communication. Please feel free to contact me at (360) 652-1246 or DFulfs@northcountyfireems.com if you have any questions or concerns. We appreciate your support and look forward to serving you and saving lives.



Warm Regards,
Dale Fulfs
FIRE CHIEF

Hooray for Our Heroes!

Each year North County Fire/EMS honors its firefighters and medics for exemplary service. Honorees are nominated and selected by their captains and crew members for service above and beyond. Congratulations and thank you to Robert and Todd!



Robert Freedman
Firefighter of the Year



Todd Smith
Officer of the Year



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North County Fire/EMS at a Glance

Service area (sq mi.):	108
Population:	28,000
2012 calls (est.):	2,800
2011 calls:	1,963
Full-time firefighters:	26
Part-time firefighters:	40
Volunteer firefighters:	11
Fire engines:	6
Stations:	5
Ambulances:	7
Water tenders:	3
Marine rescue boat:	1

North County Fire/EMS Service Area and Contact Information

Dial 911 in case of an emergency. Please contact us at the stations for non-emergency related issues.

Station 90
Bryant
360-435-9252

Station 96
Freeborn
360-629-3011

Station 97
Warm Beach (Headquarters)
360-652-1246

Station 99
Stanwood
360-629-2184

