

Emergency Services Newsletter



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT NEWS

SAR Update: The Gitchee Gumee Search and Rescue Team is making progress. Our bylaws have been approved by Bayfield County, and MOUs have been signed with Ashland County and Bayfield County. Our CERT registration has been approved and an application to join the team has been created.

We met on Tuesday Nov. 28th and voted in our SAR Board members. The SAR Board Chair is Jim Stone, Vice Chair is Amy Kohlwey, Secretary is Natasha Trush, Treasurer is Trevor Rowley, and Training Coordinator is Tom Renz.

We also voted on some of our unit team leaders and co-leaders. We are still looking for a Mounted Posse Co-Leader, K9 Co-Leader, and both a Team Leader and Co-Leader for our Communications Team. If you are interested in a leadership role, please let us know. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, Jan. 9th at 7pm in the Bayfield County EOC or via Teams. This meeting will focus on the formation of the sub-units.

We want to ensure that we have a Point of Contact or Representative from each Fire Department and EMS Agency in Ashland and Bayfield County. You can contact Jim Stone at: 715-292-3234 or jstone@qlifwc.org. Or Amy Kohlwey at: 715-573-2269 or lakeowenpropertyservices@gmail.com.

The application to become a SAR member is now available online at the Bayfield County website. Click on the link below.

Click [Here](#)



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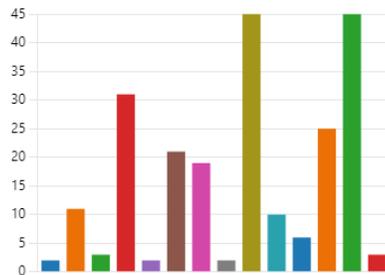
Ashland Bayfield County Community Preparedness Survey

This year emergency management was required to complete a survey with our senior leaders and stakeholders for our grant. We introduced the survey at different meetings and emailed it to all of our contacts in the municipality leaderships, fire, ems, and law enforcement in both counties. The survey looked at radio communications, disaster assessments, and continuity of operations due to many conversations with our stakeholders. Below you will find two of the survey results. We used the survey results and the previous conversations to complete the second part of the grant. We created an integrated preparedness plan that spans over three years addressing the risks, needs, and trainings you identified. Both Ashland and Bayfield emergency management offices will be working hard over the next few years to improve radio communications, prepare municipalities for disaster prevention, continuity of operations/government plans and damage assessment, and post disaster assistance. We did not address the emergency responder issue in our plan since we have reinstated the EMS Ad-Hoc Committee. We truly appreciate your involvement and thank you for being such an integral part of the community.

9. Which of the risks listed below are of greatest concern to you? (select three)

[More Details](#)

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| ● Drought | 2 |
| ● Wildfire | 11 |
| ● Crop disease/ animal disease | 3 |
| ● Flooding | 31 |
| ● Landslide/Washout | 2 |
| ● Tornado/ straight-line winds | 21 |
| ● Extreme Cold | 19 |
| ● Extreme Heat | 2 |
| ● Blizzard/ Ice Storm | 45 |
| ● Hazardous Materials Incident | 10 |
| ● Local economic disruptions | 6 |
| ● Energy supply disruptions | 25 |
| ● Lack of available emergency res... | 45 |
| ● Air-borne Diseases | 3 |

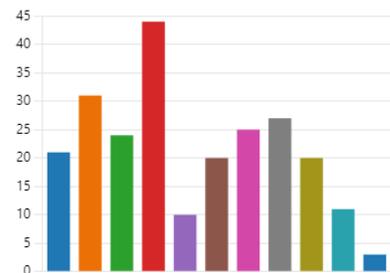


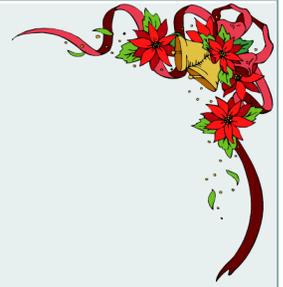
Thank You

19. If Ashland or Bayfield County Emergency Management were to host training focused on sharing and professional development related to disasters for staff or the public, what topics do you want to be included? (Select all that apply)

[More Details](#)

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| ● The changing landscape / pace ... | 21 |
| ● How communities can mitigate ... | 31 |
| ● Mobilizing your community to p... | 24 |
| ● Coordinating with local and stat... | 44 |
| ● Understanding how NGO's fits i... | 10 |
| ● Facilitating disaster recovery wit... | 20 |
| ● Extension resources available fo... | 25 |
| ● Challenges faced by response o... | 27 |
| ● Developing pre-established MO... | 20 |
| ● Recognizing mental health impa... | 11 |
| ● Other | 3 |





Auxilia Initiative, Inc. (G-Tep)

The Auxilia Initiative, Inc. is looking for a volunteer Treasurer to join the current Board of Directors! The Auxilia Initiative is a recently formed non-profit organization serving the Chequamegon Bay Area. The Auxilia Initiative, Inc. will facilitate early intervention for first responders and community members following traumatic events. We are excited to help first responders continue to do the work that they do, and to help community members regain balance after crisis.

The specific purpose of this corporation is:

Purpose one: provide early treatment of psychological trauma after crisis to community members and first responders;

Purpose two: increase access to mental health services by increasing therapist training and community engagement;

Purpose three: provide outreach services and increase community referral network

The treasurer is a volunteer position that will oversee the finances, budgets, and reports for the organization for a term of three years.

Apply at: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSejkdAf3jvAxDkGec-QFV26oXNcSMH28WQLJ_pxGbQLyGwNLg/viewform?usp=sf_link

If you have questions about the Auxilia Initiative, Inc., the position, or a session please contact Brittany Kuka at brittany@chequamegoncounseling.com.





ASHLAND – BAYFIELD CONSOLIDATED PSAP

Weekly Update

December 8th, 2023

Grant Status:

Equipment is starting to arrive at DSC and we are preparing to schedule the wiring for the EOC for when dispatch has to temporarily relocate while the communications center is being remodeled. 50% of the DSC contract has been paid as per the payment schedule in the contract. We are waiting for an update from Motorola on the current status of equipment ordering.

The RFP (Request for Proposal) period for the furniture has closed, two responses were received and have been scored. The results will go before the PSAP Board of directors at their December 12th meeting.

The CAD/RMS (Computer Aided Dispatch/Records Management System) RFP is still in creation, and we hope to have a final product by December 15th. The EMD RFP will wait until a director is hired so they may have input in the direction of EMD (Emergency Medical Dispatch) for the PSAP (Public Safety Answering Point).

Ashland-Bayfield Consolidated PSAP Board of Directors Meeting:

At the next PSAP board meeting, interviews for the PSAP director will be held in closed session. Following, during the open session, the board will decide on the furniture contract.

Workgroups

The GIS and IT workgroups have held their first meetings. The operations workgroup is expected to begin after the beginning of January when a director has been hired.



Sheriff's Office News



The Sheriff's Office is excited to announce the arrival of a second Bayfield County K9! The Sheriff's Office is grateful to the numerous donations making this next step possible. Officer Ryan Miller and his new pup will be training over the next several months while Sergeant Dave Renz and K9 Parker continue to patrol the roads and visit schools. If you would like to continue supporting the K9 unit, consider purchasing a Plush Dog Parker for \$20 or give a donation to the K9 unit. Plush Parker can be purchased through a Deputy, at the Sheriff's Office or at Blue Ribbon Kennels.

Bayfield County Sheriff's Office

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Checks can be made out to:
Bayfield County Sheriff's Office
Memo: K9 Fund



\$20

All Proceeds go to the K9 Unit

Additional Donations Accepted
Thank You for supporting the K9 Unit!



Congratulations Dan Clark!



Dedicated, passionate, caring, empathetic, and motivated are just a few words you can use to describe Dan Clark with his 40 years of EMT experience. Dan Clark sat down with me for a small interview and here is what he shared.

In 1980, Dan decided to attend an EMT course after learning first aid for his job at Telemark. When he finished the course in 1981 he ran with the Great Divide Ambulance service until 1984. At that time, Dan moved to Washburn and joined both the Ambulance service and Fire Department. He ran for the services during the day while he dispatched at night. Dan became the Washburn Area Ambulance director in the early 90s. He resigned as director when he joined the City Council. During his term, the council created the Dan Clark Bill which increased the amount of income a councilman can make. After his term in council, Dan was reelected the Director and served in that role for 25 years. During his time as director, Washburn became the first service in the county to have a four-wheel drive ambulance. There is so much more we can share about Dan and this is why Washburn declared October 10th, 2023 as Dan Clark Day.

Though Dan's reward with the ambulance was being able to help people, he also states that he regretfully missed out on his family. His advice to other first responders is that your mental and physical health are the most important things to take care of. Spend time with your family and find someone to talk to. Another note from Dan is to not forget the retired fire, ems, and law enforcement officers because they are still a wealth of information. Include them in your service, remember them and recognize them. Thank you Dan!



First Responders during Halloween



Fire Prevention Week at Drummond School



Some pictures from fire prevention week with Drummond and Cable Fire at Drummond School Friday. A huge THANK YOU to ALL of our local VOLUNTEERS that took time off from their busy schedules to help keep our kids and families safe.



Ashland Fire Opening

The [Ashland Fire Department](https://www.ashlandfiredept.com/employment.html) is looking for a great person to join our team! Paramedics preferred, but experienced EMTs are encouraged to apply. CPAT certifications are preferred, but if you don't have one, we will run the test. Fire certifications are preferred, but we will send the right person to school while they work. To apply go to <https://www.ashlandfiredept.com/employment.html>

Namakagon Volunteer Fire Department



Namakagon Volunteer Fire Department hosted a tree stand rescue class, presented by Northwood Technical College (NTC). Our mutual aid departments, Cable Fire and Drummond Fire and Rescue joined us for some hands-on "fun". Mike, our NTC instructor, did a great job in teaching rope and webbing knots, specialized equipment, mechanical advantage and hauling while providing a keen eye on student safety. Fortunately, during our practice rescues, our subject was easily located, close to the blacktop, in bright daylight and easily accessible. That may not be the case when our pagers go off.





Upcoming Courses

Fire Class Info

Upcoming classes:

1. FF1 Part C 36 hrs: State funded, Bayfield FD, Preregistration deadline is January 16, first class January 23 Tuesdays 6pm-10pm Jan. 23 – March 26

2. Entry Level FF 60 hrs: (state minimum and State funded) Drummond FD Preregistration deadline Jan.18 first class Thursday Jan.25 with the following schedule.

Thursdays Jan 25 – April 25 6pm – 9pm

Saturdays Feb. 10, March 16, April 27, All Saturday classes 8am – 2pm.

- More classes to come as the requests come in.



Course available for Municipal Officials

The RDPC will be hosting the MGT-416-V: CONTINUITY OF GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS PLANNING FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES in Durand, WI on February 28th and 29th. Register by Feb. 21st at: <https://ruraltraining.org/course/MGT-416-V/?scheduled=true&id=10157>

Upcoming Courses

FREE SPECIAL OPERATIONS GROUP (SOG) TRAINING FOR FIRST RESPONDERS

COLD-WEATHER WILDERNESS SURVIVAL CLASS

January 4-5, 2024 • 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET

For Police, Fire, EMS, MSP, DNR, SAR, SWAT, Military, First Nations, Border Patrol, Man-Trackers, Scout Leaders

Taught by one or more seasoned, dead-of-winter, Arctic Ocean-expedition-experienced snowshoe guides and NASAR-certified SAR operators and crew leaders from Team MibSAR, this free Special Operations Group (SOG) class includes best practices for operating in deep, sub-zero cold and lots of hands-on snow time. First responders will learn:

- How to assemble, wear, and use an in-pocket survival kit
- What cold-weather clothing to wear and carry, and how to use it effectively
- What to carry in a pack (ruck loadouts)
- How to process a single log into firewood, kindling, and tinder using just a sheath knife and wooden baton

- How to start a fire with a U.S. Military magnesium tinder bar and ferro sparking rod
- How to build a thermal debris-hut and snow-shelter
- How to traverse lake and river ice sheets more safely
- How to rescue yourself (or someone else) if you break through rotten ice
- How to prevent dehydration and hypothermia
- How to create day and night emergency signals
- How to repair snowshoes, and make field-expedient snowshoes



Class Location:
 Marquette Township
 Fire and Rescue Hall
 2801 Venture Drive,
 Marquette, Michigan
 46.5539°N 87.4494°W

To reserve a spot in this free, 2-day, Special Operations Group (SOG) First Responder Class, email MSP Trooper and K-9 Handler Mack Schlicht of the Michigan State Police Negaunee Post at schlichtm@michigan.gov

- Michael Neiger, Lead Instructor, Marquette, MI, mneiger@hotmail.com
- Lead Investigator — Long Range Special Operations Group (LRSOG), Michigan Backcountry Search and Rescue (MibSAR), area of operations includes the remote bush between the Upper Great Lakes in the United States and the Arctic Ocean in Ontario, Canada
- Det/Sgt (Ret.) — Michigan State Police (MSP)
- Wilderness Guide — Woodsmoke Expeditions, Michigan Sierra Club
- Crew Leader & SAR Tech 1 — National Association for Search & Rescue (NASAR)



FreeFirstResponderTraining.com courtesy of MibSAR's Long Range Special Operations Group (LRSOG)

Arctic Ocean photo by Michael Neiger

Preparing for Winter

As the winter storms make their way into our region for the next few months, emergency management has been working on preparing our county to face them. The heating and cooling sites have been established and ready to go. Last December we had quite the storm and we cannot thank the EMS and Fire departments enough for all their hard work! We also want to thank you for diligently training and preparing for winter storms! All we ask is that if your agency point of contact has to change for any reason during the next several months, please let us know. We would like to easily make a call to bring help to residents, areas, and responders. If you have questions on how a heating/cooling site works, please contact EM.

Heating and Cooling Sites:

Town of Bayfield: Bayfield Fire Hall

Town of Bell: Town Hall/Community Center

Town of Cable: United Church of Christ

Town of Clover: Old School Gymnasium

Town of Drummond: The Oaks Church

Town of Delta: Town Garage

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