



GRINNELL PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REGULAR SESSION
MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2026, AT 5:30 PM
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON THE 2ND FLOOR OF CITY HALL
AND VIA ZOOM
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TENTATIVE AGENDA

A. Roll Call:

B. Perfecting and Approval of Agenda:

C. Committee Business:

1. Consider approval of a fireworks display agreement with J & M Displays, Inc.
2. Consider Grinnell Auto and Motorcycle Club's request for a car show to be held on Saturday, August 22nd, for street closures around Central Park (see letter for details).
3. Consider the approval to close 8th Avenue between Park Street and East Street from 8am - 6pm, May 2, 2026, to host a Caribbean Culture Carnival held by Grinnell College's African and Caribbean Student Union.
4. Consider approval of adopting the Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP).
5. Review the 2025 Year End Fire Report.

D. Inquiries: Public Comment

Visitors may address the Council/Board at this time; however, comments will be limited to 2 minutes. As per Iowa's Open Meetings Law, Council/Board can only listen during public comments and cannot take any action on items that are not posted on the agenda. Council may take issues under advisement and if needed refer them to a department head, Mayor's committee, or add them to a future agenda.

E. Adjourn:

Any person with a disability who requires a modification or accommodation in order to participate in the meeting, or any person with limited English proficiency (LEP) who requires language assistance to communicate with the City Council during the meeting, should contact the City Clerk, (641) 236-2600 or adevig@grinnelliowa.gov, no fewer than two business days prior to the meeting to enable the City of Grinnell to make reasonable arrangements to assure accessibility or language assistance for the meeting.



FIREWORKS DISPLAY AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this _____ day of _____, 20____, by and between J&M Displays, Inc., an Iowa corporation, having its principal place of business at Yarmouth, Iowa, including its employees, owners, and agents, hereinafter referred to as "Seller", and _____, hereinafter referred to as "Buyer".

Seller shall furnish to Buyer one (1) fireworks display, as per the \$_____ program (the "Fireworks Program") submitted to and accepted by the Buyer, and which by reference is made a part hereof as Exhibit A. The display is to take place on the evening of _____, 20____ at approximately _____ p.m., weather permitting.

IT IS FURTHER UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED BETWEEN THE PARTIES AS FOLLOWS:

I. FIRING OF DISPLAY

- a. Seller agrees to furnish all necessary fireworks display materials and personnel for a professional fireworks display in accordance with the Fireworks Program approved by the Parties. Seller agrees to comply with all local, state, and federal regulations and guidelines pertaining to the storing and displaying of fireworks. Seller, with Buyer's assistance, shall obtain any necessary permits for the fireworks display.
- b. Buyer Agrees to provide:
 - i. Sufficient area for the display, including a minimum spectator set back as determined by Seller;
 - ii. Protection of the display area by roping off or similar facility;
 - iii. Adequate police or security protection to prevent spectators from entering the display area; and
 - iv. Persons to assist in the inspection and cleanup of fireworks debris in the fallout zone of the shoot site at first light in the morning following the display;
- c. The cost and acquisition of any site-specific materials or display restrictions (such as sand or the use of a barge) shall be discussed prior to adoption of this Agreement, and the Party responsible for any such acquisition and cost shall be specifically laid out in the Fireworks Program (Exhibit A).
- d. Buyer understands that its failure to provide an appropriate area for the fireworks display, with requirement minimum setbacks and security, may result in a change to Buyer's display (such as a restriction on the type(s) of products which can be utilized) or a cancellation of the display for safety reasons, at Seller's sole discretion. In such event, if Buyer cannot immediately remedy the setback or security concern prior to the Display time noted above, Buyer remains responsible for the entire purchase price of the display regardless of any limitation or cancellation of the display.

II. PAYMENT. The Buyer shall pay to the Seller (check one of the below options):

- The sum of \$_____ as a down payment upon execution of this Agreement. The balance of \$_____ shall be due and payable within fifteen (15) days after the date of the fireworks display. A service charge of one and one-half percent (1 ½ %) per month shall be added to the unpaid balance if the account is not paid in full with the fifteen (15) days from the date of the display. If this account remains unpaid and is turned over to a collection agency for non-payment, all fees incurred in collecting the balance will be at the Buyer's expense. All returned checks will be assessed a \$30.00 fee.
- \$_____ in full by _____ (70 days prior to the display date). The Buyer will receive 8% prepayment bonus product in this fireworks display.
- \$_____ in full by _____ (30 days prior to the display date). The Buyer will receive 5% prepayment bonus product in this fireworks display.

III. LOYALTY PROGRAM

- a. Seller has in place a bonus system for Buyer's who purchase their fireworks displays exclusively from Seller year-to-year. The full terms of Seller's loyalty program have been provided to Buyer with the Program and are available on J&M's website.
- b. Pursuant to Buyer's status in the loyalty program, Buyer will receive an additional ___5% ___10% ___15% (check one) bonus product for this display.

IV. POSTPONEMENT/CANCELLATION

- a. Rain Date: Should inclement weather prevent the firing of the display on the date intended, the Parties agree to a mutually convenient rain date of _____ or another date as agreed to by both Parties. Once display set-up has begun, the determination to cancel the fireworks display because of inclement weather or unsafe weather conditions shall rest within the sole discretion of the Seller, the Authority Having Jurisdiction, and the Seller's lead pyrotechnician.
- b. Except as specifically provided for elsewhere in this Agreement, neither Party will be liable for any failure or delay in performing an obligation under this Agreement that is due to any of the following causes (hereinafter referred to as "Force Majeure"), to the extent beyond the Party's reasonable control: acts of God, accident, riots, public disturbances including but not limited to an active-shooter situation, war, terrorist act, epidemic, pandemic, quarantine, civil commotion, breakdown of communication facilities, natural catastrophes, governmental acts or omissions, changes in laws or regulations, national strikes, fire, explosion, or generalized lack of availability of raw materials or energy.
- c. Disruption of Services due to Covid-19, supply chain disruptions, and public health. Fireworks displays and related events are prone to cancellation due to the ongoing and unforeseeable nature of the Covid-19 pandemic and related health issues, government intervention (such as stay-at-home orders or restrictions on gatherings), and unavailability of supplies and personnel. As such, Seller will work with all customers to ensure a timely and safe display, but due to circumstances outside Seller's and Buyer's control, certain fireworks displays may have to be cancelled or rescheduled with limited notice. Each Party's obligations to perform hereunder will be excused in the case of a Force Majeure Event, which is defined to include (but is not limited to) supply chain disruptions which prevent Seller from obtaining the necessary materials to perform the Display; medical conditions which result in quarantine or similar limitations, or restrictions on travel or congregation in the metropolitan area where the Display is scheduled to be held; and death, serious illness or incapacity of one or more of the display Shoot Team member(s) which renders it impossible, unsafe, or not reasonably practical for the Shoot Team to perform the display.

A governmental or municipal Buyer, who in its discretion and control, acts or adopts a restriction on public gatherings shall not be relieved of its obligations under the Force Majeure provisions of this Agreement. A Buyer who anticipates any such restriction or potential cancellation shall immediately notify and contact Seller to discuss alternative arrangements.

- d. Unless specified above: Displays postponed to an alternate date will be charged and additional 15% of the total contract price for additional expenses incurred in presenting the display on an alternate date; for Displays canceled and not rescheduled within the same calendar year, Seller shall be entitled to 20% of the contract price for out-of-pocket expenses incurred in preparation for the display.

V. INSURANCE and LIMITATIONS OF LIABILITY

- a. Seller agrees to provide, at its expense, general liability insurance coverage in an amount not less than \$10,000,000, and within two (2) weeks prior to the date of the fireworks display, shall submit to Buyer, if requested in writing, a certificate of insurance. All entities listed on the certificate of insurance will be deemed an additional insured. In the event of a claim by Buyer, the applicable deductible shall be paid by the Seller.

The Seller agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the Buyer and its agents and employees from and against all claims, costs, judgments, damages and expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees that

may or shall arise out of any negligent or wrongful act or omission by the Seller related to the performance of the fireworks for the Buyer. The Buyer agrees to give the Seller prompt notice of any claims or demands and to cooperate with the Seller or its successors in interest or assigns, if any, in the defense of any such claims and/or demands.

- b. Separate from, and in addition to Seller's insurance of the fireworks, Buyer agrees to provide, at its expense, a general liability policy or "special event" insurance coverage, in an amount sufficient to meet or exceed municipality or industry standards and all applicable requirements of local, state, and federal law. For any injury or property claims that may arise during the course of Buyer's event, not arising out of Seller's acts or the performance of the fireworks, Buyer's insurance shall be primary. Buyer agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the Seller and its agents and employees from and against all such claims, costs, judgments, damages and expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees that may or shall arise out of any negligent or wrongful act or omission by the Buyer or third-parties occurring during the course of Buyer's event.
- c. In no event shall Seller's liability to Buyer arising out of or related to this Agreement, whether arising out of or related to breach of contract, tort (including negligence), or otherwise, exceed the aggregate amount of insurance coverage as described in this section. Notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary, in no event shall either Party be liable to the other, or to any third party, for any loss of use, revenue or profit, or for any consequential, incidental, indirect, exemplary, special, or punitive damages whether arising out of breach of contract, tort (including negligence), or otherwise, regardless of whether such damage was foreseeable and whether or not such party has been advised of the possibility of such damages.

VI. Each Party has read all of the provisions of this Agreement, they understand all of its provisions, and agree to be bound by them. This written contract, and its Exhibits, contains the entire agreement of the Parties and modifies and supersedes all prior agreements or negotiations, all of which are merged into and incorporated into this Agreement. If any provision of this Agreement is held invalid or unenforceable, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect the other provisions of this agreement.

VII. Choice of Law, Jurisdiction, and Venue. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Iowa without regard to conflict-of-law principles, except as otherwise specifically required for the storing and displaying of fireworks as set forth by State and Federal law. Notwithstanding, the Parties must bring any legal or equitable action or proceeding arising under or related to this Agreement exclusively in the Iowa District Court in and for Des Moines County, Iowa. The Iowa District Court in and for Des Moines County, Iowa shall have exclusive jurisdiction to decide any disputes arising out of or related to this Agreement. Each party knowingly and voluntarily consents to and expressly waives any objection or defense to personal jurisdiction, improper or inconvenient venue, or inconvenient forum in the Iowa District Court in and for Des Moines County, Iowa.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have executed this Agreement the day and year first written above.

SELLER

BUYER

BY: _____

BY: _____

ROLE: _____

ROLE: _____

J&M Displays, Inc.

ENTITY: _____

Please include the **DISPLAY INFORMATION FORM** with this Agreement so your order is processed accurately.

Fw: Grinnell Auto Club- Car Show

From Alyssa Devig <adevig@grinnelliowa.gov>

Date Mon 1/26/2026 8:51 AM

To Erienne Doll <EDoll@grinnelliowa.gov>

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Alyssa Devig

City Clerk/Finance Director
IaCMC/IaCMFO

Phone: 641-236-2600

520 4th Ave, Grinnell, IA 50112

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From: Kelley Cox <bkcox00@yahoo.com>

Sent: Sunday, January 25, 2026 3:03 PM

To: Alyssa Devig <adevig@grinnelliowa.gov>

Subject: Grinnell Auto Club- Car Show

Alyssa,

It is that time of the year again. Grinnell Auto and Motorcycle Club would like to get on the city council's agenda to discuss our upcoming car and motorcycle show.

The show is going to be on Saturday August 22nd. The time for the day will be 8:00am to 3:30pm. There will be a concert after that time.

We would like to close the streets around Central Park starting at 6:00am to 4:30pm.

Park St.- From 4th. to 3rd. Ave.

Broad St.- From 4th. to 3rd. Ave.

4th. Ave- From Broad St. to State St.

3rd. Ave.- From Broad St. to park St.

Commercial St.- Broad St. to the alley.

Might need to include Broad St. to 2nd Ave.

if you have any questions or concerns, please call Bud Cox- 641-990-1123 or Andrew Henderson- 641-990-6388.

Thank you,

Bud Cox
bkcox00@yahoo.com

Fw: Grinnell College Student Organization Event

From Alyssa Devig <adevig@grinnelliowa.gov>

Date Wed 1/28/2026 12:00 PM

To Erienne Doll <EDoll@grinnelliowa.gov>

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From: Ogonnaya, Ifeanyichukwu <ogonnay@grinnell.edu>

Sent: Wednesday, January 28, 2026 10:59 AM

To: Alyssa Devig <adevig@grinnelliowa.gov>

Subject: Grinnell College Student Organization Event

Happy New Year City Clerk of Grinnell, Ms. Devig,

My name is Ifeanyichukwu Ogonnaya and I am the secretary of Registered Student Organization of Grinnell College "African and Caribbean Student Union." The purpose of this organization is to spread African and Caribbean culture to the campus wide community. This Spring on Saturday, May 2nd our organization has planned and will be looking to host a Carnival following some Caribbean culture. Given that this will be a pretty big event, we would need 1115 8th Ave, Grinnell, Iowa closed down from 8 a.m. – 6 p.m in order to share this event with campus. I have spoken to our school officials, and they have cleared the event to occur on May 2nd. From there I was additionally directed to the Grinnell Police Department, where I informed them about the event. I was given your email and asked to provide details of the event so that you may bring up the logistics of this event in our NEXT CITY Council meeting for approval. Please, do not hesitate to reach out to me through this email or my phone number 202-746-9504 if any additional information is needed. Thank you for all the work you are doing in the city/town.

Thank you again for your understanding

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Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP)

Point System

- **Responding to Calls:**
 - One point is credited for each call to which a volunteer responds.
 - Maximum 50 points per year

- **Drills and Trainings:**
 - One point is credited for each hour of official company or countywide training, attended in its entirety.
 - One point is credited for each hour of training on a recognized training course with an external entity (ex: IFA, PRI, NFA, etc.).
 - One point is credited for each hour of attendance in a recognized training course for certifications beyond FF1.
 - Maximum 45 points per year
 - The first 24 points (in other words, 24 hours of training) will be subtracted from the total and the individual will receive the remaining point total towards the program.

- **Meetings and Meeting Attendance:**
 - ½ point is credited for each official company, county, or IFA meeting attended which concerns the volunteer fire and/or EMS system.
 - Maximum 6 points per year

- **Leadership and Elected/Appointed Positions:**
 - Five points shall be credited for completion of a one-year term as an appointed or elected officer of the Grinnell Volunteer Fire Association.
 - Five points shall be credited each year for active participation on the following standing committees: Bylaws, Dance, Breakfast, Golf.
 - Maximum 10 points per year total between appointed positions, offer positions, and standing committees.
 - Two points shall be credited each year for active participation in any ad-hoc committees that share meeting minutes and have regular reports at business meetings throughout the year. Examples: Truck purchase, LOSAP, investment, attendance, etc.
 - Maximum 4 points per year (2 committees)

- **Collateral Duties:**
 - One point is credited for each event of acceptable, documented collateral duties. Examples of such duties include: apparatus checks and/or maintenance, official standby/storm/station coverage, fire prevention activities, community-related outreach/activities, parades, breakfast, etc.
 - Maximum 20 points per year

Eligibility & Vesting

I. Eligibility

- A. An individual must be voted onto the Grinnell Volunteer Fire Association by the Association's Body on or after 1 probationary year of service to be eligible for compensation.
- B. Any individual that is a voting member of the Grinnell Volunteer Fire Association at the inception of this program (July 1, 2026) will be eligible to earn points for the first fiscal year.
- C. Based on the month of the year an individual becomes a member, they may only be eligible for partial points earnings. Pro-rating will not be allowed. In other words, if an individual is voted on in March of a given year, they will have until the end of June of that year to reach at least 50 points.
- D. An individual must be considered a "volunteer" and be compensated less than \$5,000 per fiscal year. Full and Part-time members of the Department are not eligible.

II. Earning Points

- A. A minimum of 50 points must be earned by an individual on a fiscal year basis (July to June), to be eligible to receive funds. Individuals must earn 100 points to be eligible for the full entitlement. The following scale will be used:
 - 50-59 points = 50% of eligible payout
 - 60-69 points = 60% of eligible payout
 - 70-79 points = 70% of eligible payout
 - 80-89 points = 80% of eligible payout
 - 90-99 points = 90% of eligible payout
 - 100 points + = 100% of eligible payout
- B. Extenuating circumstances will be evaluated on an individual basis (i.e. illness, injury, maternity/paternity leave, bereavement, military duties, etc.). Points requirements may be waived based on years of service. The final decision on waiving the points requirement will be by unanimous vote of the City Clerk, Fire Chief and President of the Volunteer Firefighter Association.

III. Paying Into the Program

- A. The City of Grinnell will contribute a 1:1 match with the Iowa LOSAP Grant at the end of each fiscal year.
- B. The maximum an individual can receive in any year is \$500 from the grant and \$500 from the City of Grinnell.
- C. All funds will be deposited into a Deferred Compensation 457(e)(11) Investment Account.
- D. A one-time allotment of \$100 for each year of prior service will be deposited by the City of Grinnell for all eligible, active, voting members of the Department at the inception of the program.
 - a. This is intended to show gratitude for members' years of dedicated service before the Program was created.
 - b. A note will be made in each individual file designating how many years & how much money they are entitled to.
 - c. Vesting requirements apply.
- E. Long Term LOSAP Funding Amendments
 - a. Should the State of Iowa change their funding to this program, the City of Grinnell and the Grinnell Volunteer Firefighter Association will meet and discuss changes to this program prior to any more investments.

Eligibility & Vesting

IV. Vesting & Withdrawal

- A. An individual is vested after their fifth full consecutive fiscal year of service once they are a voting member of the department.
 - a. If an individual leaves the department prior to the five-year vesting period, those funds go back into the pool and will be distributed between the remaining members.
 - b. If an individual dies prior to the five-year vesting period, their eligible funds may be given to a designated beneficiary.
- B. Funds are withdrawn and given to an individual at the time of their retirement or exit from the department ONLY if they are leaving in good standing.
 - a. A designated beneficiary may receive the funds on behalf of an individual, should they die while on the department.
 - b. Being removed from the department for any dishonorable reason, will result in forfeiture of funds. Those funds will return to the pool for distribution among the remaining members.
- C. No funds shall be withdrawn from the deferred compensation 457 investment account prior to July 1, 2031, at which time the first eligible individuals will be vested.
 - a. Death of an eligible individual is an exception to this.
 - b. Forced aging-out (65 per City guidelines) is an exception to this.

January 26, 202

Honorable Mayor Sam Cox
City Manager Russ Behrens
Grinnell City Council



Contained herein is the annual Report of the Grinnell Fire Department for the year 2025.

Listed below is a breakdown of all incidents responded to, by the Grinnell Fire Department, in 2025.

Type of Call	Number
Fires	
<i>Building Fires</i>	34
<i>Car/Truck Fires</i>	14
<i>Rubbish Fires</i>	9
<i>Grass/Crops/Brush Fires</i>	24
<i>Outside Equipment</i>	4
Total Fires	85
Rescues	
<i>Medical Calls</i>	1038
<i>Motor Vehicle Crashes</i>	72
<i>With Injuries</i>	35
<i>No Injuries</i>	37
<i>Special Rescues</i>	7
<i>EMS Stand by</i>	14
Total Rescue Calls	1131
Hazardous Materials & Conditions	38
Special/Public Service	65
Burning Complaints	16
Investigation	70
Fire Alarms	136
Storm Spotting	2
Total Calls 2025	1543

1543 calls is an increase of 12% over last year's total of 1385. Of the 1543 calls for service 1289 were in the City District, 204 were in the Rural District, and 50 were Mutual Aid calls. There were 0 civilian fire injuries and 2 firefighter injuries this past year. The total dollar loss to fire was estimated at \$763,725. 169 times last year 2 or more calls happened at during the same time.

The Grinnell Fire Department is comprised of 12 full-time (11 spots filled), 5 part-time (5 spots filled) and 30 volunteer firefighters (20 spots filled). The following is our current roster;

Daniel Sicard	Chief	Full-time
Patrick Duffey	Assistant Chief of EMS	Full-time
Carl Eggermont	Assistant Chief of Volunteers	Volunteer
Todd Pollock	Captain	Volunteer
Jason Pollock	Lieutenant/Safety Officer	Volunteer
Brian Paul	Lieutenant/Safety Officer/Paramedic	Part-time
Scott Sieck	Firefighter	Volunteer
Mike Groves	Firefighter	Volunteer
Todd Zell	Firefighter/EMT	Full-time
Jed Petersen	Firefighter/EMT	Full-time
Curtis Sieck	Firefighter	Volunteer
Doug Ernsperger	Firefighter	Volunteer
Wade Robeson	Firefighter	Part-time
William Gruman	Firefighter	Volunteer
Brent Smith	Firefighter	Volunteer
Christian Williams	Firefighter/Paramedic	Full-time
TJ Pinkerton	Firefighter/Paramedic	Full-time
Kelly Fosse	Firefighter/Vol Assoc President	Volunteer
Brandon Merrill	Firefighter	Volunteer
Benjamin Bock	Firefighter/EMT	Part-time
Zared Sittig	Firefighter/Paramedic	Full-time
Vince Lukehart	Firefighter/Paramedic	Full-time
Keagen Richmond	Firefighter	Volunteer
Joshua Stepanek	Firefighter/Vol Assoc Treasurer	Volunteer
Mathew Innis	Firefighter	Volunteer
Matt Moretz	Firefighter/Paramedic	Full-time
Mathew Dickey	Firefighter/Paramedic	Full-time
Katya Lackey	EMT	Part-time
Tyler Beam	Firefighter/Paramedic	Full-time
William Gastreich	Firefighter	Volunteer
Jennifer Klinefelter	Firefighter	Volunteer
Klaire Thompson	EMT	Volunteer
Esmeralda Aladuena Salcido	EMT	Part-time*
Emma Johnston	Firefighter	Volunteer*
Sacha Rhein	Firefighter/EMT	Volunteer*
Braden Johnson	Firefighter	Volunteer*

*new in 2025

Kyle Esrey, DJ Beck, Blake Pearson and Colin Moline all resigned from the volunteers. Eric Pagen resigned from the full-time staff.

Ambulance Service

The second full year of ambulance transport was completed in 2025. The breakdown of the 1151 EMS reports are as follows; (note some calls with multiple people require multiple reports)

409	ALS transports	Paramedic care provided.
11	ALS 2 transports	Advanced paramedic procedures required.
331	BLS transports	EMT level care only needed.
34	ALS Tier	Paramedic assistance to other agencies.
366	Non transports	Patient refusals, lift assists, standbys, no patient found.

- Firefighters Christian Williams and TJ Pinkerton both completed their Paramedic training and received their certifications.
- Firefighters Ben Bock, Wade Robeson, Emma Johnston, Jennifer Klinefelter, William Gastreich and Brent Smith have all completed their training and have been certified as EMTs.
- Esmeralda Alduena Salcido was hired as a part time EMT.
- Two Grinnell College students were added as volunteers having already had their EMT certification, Klaire Thompson and Sascha Rein.

Notable Calls in 2025

Below are some of the notable calls from 2025, it should be noted that we are many times assisted on scene by Grinnell Police Department, Poweshiek & Jasper County Sheriff's Office, Iowa State Patrol, and our Mutual Aid partners.

January 11th

A home in rural Grinnell was donated for training fires. After a full day of training and several smaller fires, the home was allowed to burn to the ground.



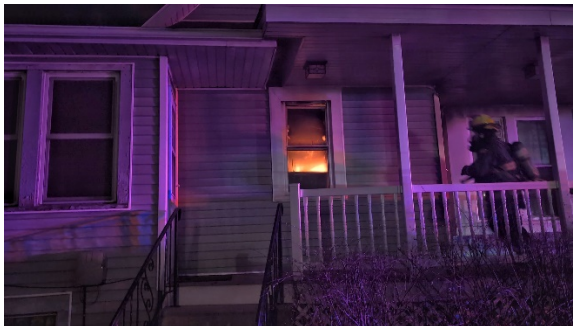
January 29th Fire got away from a home owner who was burning brush on T-38 South. The fire burned 6 acres, scorched their house and burned down a neighbors shed.

February 22nd A semi crashed through the median into a creek on I-80 at the 179 mile marker. The driver was deceased, heavily entrapped and diesel was leaking into the creek. Firefighters were on scene for over 4 hours assisting. A crane was needed to lift the truck to the highway so the driver could be extricated.

February 24th Two trucks were sent mutual aid to Lynville to assist them with a structure fire.

February 28th A busy day for the department. Over 12 hours they responded to 3 brush/grass fires (2 at the same time), a motor vehicle collision, an investigation and 7 medical calls.

March 1st An Elm St home having some renovations received serious damage from a fire inside.



March 2nd Two trucks were sent to help Kellogg with a large outside fire on Hwy 224.

March 12th 4 calls came in within 2 minutes, spreading the department thin across the area. 2 brush/grass fires and 2 medicals were handled simultaneously.

March 14th

Outside burning, by Newburg, during a Red Flag Day led to a large out of control brush fire. The fire burned about 300 acres over 2.5 hours before it was brought under control. Mutual aid was needed from Kellogg, Gilman, Malcom, Brooklyn, Searsboro, Sully, LeGrand and Montour Fire Departments. Several farmers with discs also responded to help. Jasper & Poweshiek County EMA's assisted with command and control.



March 18th

An outside wood pile spread to a machine shed on E 156th St N, causing heavy damages inside. Kellogg Fire assisted on scene.



March 22nd

An oven fire, three outside brush fires, a fire alarm and a medical made for a busy day.



March 25th

Responded mutual aid to north of Malcom for a tour bus accident. 21 people on board, 11 injured and transported. GFD assisted with transport of the injured and relocating the uninjured to Grinnell College. Malcom, Brooklyn Fire, East Poweshiek and Montezuma Ambulance, Poweshiek EMA, SO and Iowa State Patrol all worked together on this incident.



April 3rd

Grinnell units, including our foam trailer, responded to I-80 to assist Malcom Fire. A tanker of diesel and gasoline was in an accident tearing the tank off the truck and spill all over the highway. Firefighters were on scene for over 4 hours assisting with the spill/recovery efforts and providing safety coverage with the available foam.

April 13th

Grinnell's' Rescue truck and Ladder truck responded to Freemont Farms in Malcom for a high angle rescue. The individual was removed from the elevated position, but unfortunately had succumbed to his injuries.

May 2nd

Responded mutual aid to Kellog at the 176-mile marker. A truck pulling a trailer had left the roadway. GFD members assisted with the extrication of the driver and treatment of the passenger. The driver latter died from his injuries. Firefighters also worked to extricate a dog stuck under the trailer, the dog was transported to Grinnell Vet Clinic for treatment.

May 16th

Rear wheels and the floor of a trailer full of hogs caught fire north of town on Hwy 146. Firefighters were able to quickly extinguish the fire and spray down the confined hogs.



May 30th

A fire in a trailer home destroyed the contents of the trailer. Firefighters removed a dog and a cat, but despite resuscitation efforts they did not survive. 1 firefighter injury was reported.



June 6th

Firefighters responded to a structure fire at Olson's Farm on T-38. On arrival one structure was heavily involved in fire and was spreading to two other structure and was threatening the house. Several propane tanks were

exploding throughout the fire. With assistance from Kellogg, Gilman and Malcom Fire Departments, the damage to the other structures was limited.



June 19th

A semi crashed into an oversized load and its escort vehicle that was being serviced on the side of the road on I-80. One worker was pinned between the car and the semi. A passenger in the semi was also injured. The pinned worker was extricated and transported, but passed from his injuries.

July 4th

Firefighters stoodby during the evening fire works.



July 16th

A fire in an abandoned home spread to the garage on the neighboring property. The properties located in Deals Acres were difficult to access due to the lack of maintenance of the private road.

August 5th

Firefighters showed off some of their rope rescue skills at the National Night Out.



August 27th

Fire on the exterior of a house on 1st Ave was quickly controlled by the department.



September 13th

An ambulance and the Chief responded to Montezuma to assist with a mass casualty accident at Hwy 63 and Ewart Rd. 4 people were injured and 2 passed away.

October 5th

A fire in a detached two car garage also damaged the house. Firefighters were able to keep the damage to the house at a minimum, but the garage

was a total loss. Control efforts were hampered by exploding fireworks stored in the garage.



November 17th

A vehicle struck two houses on West Street. Firefighters needed to shore up the foundation on one of them to prevent further damage.



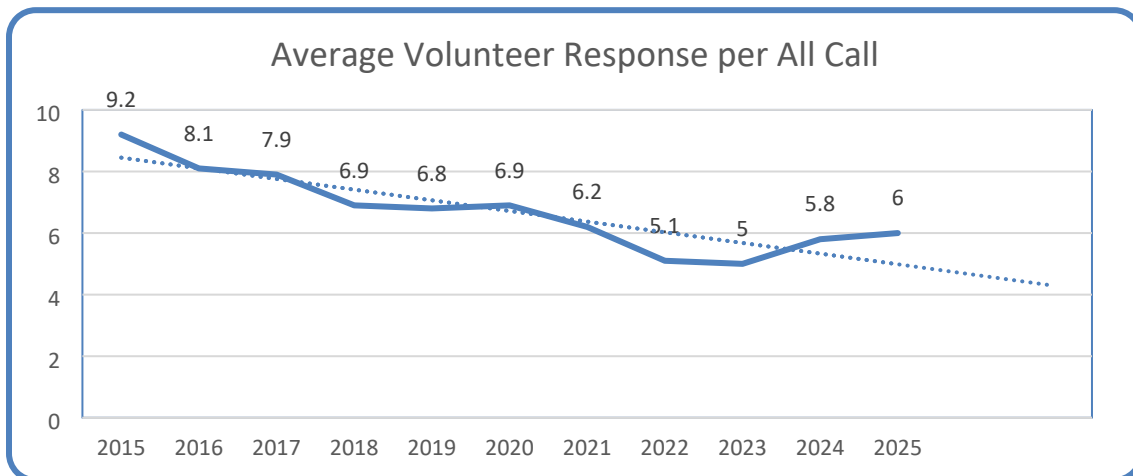
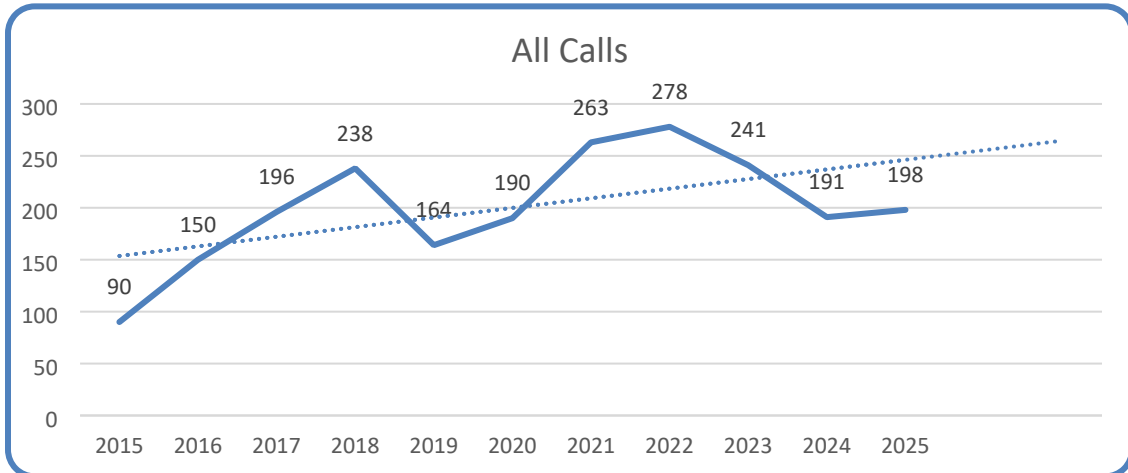
December 7th

Firefighters responded to I-80 to assist Malcom Fire Dept with a semi trailer on fire.



Volunteer Response Numbers

Following up from the last couple years of reports on decreasing volunteer response. With the added full-time members, we were able to cut back on All Call pages. The most significant reduction was by using on duty personnel only to respond to automatic fire alarms. As anticipated, this has had a positive effect on our per call response. It is hoped we can continue this trend and continue to raise this average volunteer response per call up to around 8 members. However, the ability to recruit new volunteers is starting to be more difficult. As of the end of 2025 we only have 20 of the 30 slots for volunteers filled.



In 2026 the Volunteer Association will be proposing a Length of Service Awards Program to help try and recruit and retain volunteers. The State of Iowa passed a law supporting these programs by meeting local funds towards the investment. There will be more to come on that as the program is developed.

Respectfully submitted,

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