



**To:** Members of the Rennerdale VFD

**From:** Thomas Kovach, President

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This report provides a brief overview of our fire company's activities for the month of September/October 2024.

## Membership

We received 7 new membership applications in September 1 of those being for active FF. In October we have 1 new application for social member. Our total active membership is 22 active members as well as 32 social/life members.

## Equipment

Both trucks sent out for inspection this month.

Rescue Engine:

- Bumper damage we are still awaiting a response from FAST to try and get the bumper ordered, Captain is handling.
- At inspection 4 rear tires needed replaced as well as both front ABS sensors (6000\$)
- Truck is still having some issues with handling, taken to a spring and alignment shop found to have bad springs in the back that have had too much weight and are bent, will be repaired whenever parts come in from supplier. (4500\$)

Engine:

- Air valve went bad in the rear panel taking the high pressure system out of service for a few days until we could get services, GLICK was able to come out and replace valve back in working order. (1100\$)
- **Rear Upper Connect gauge not working, will look into cost to replace**

Updates

As president this month of September/October I have had a few meetings crossing multiple different things but information is listed below of current ongoing projects from the desk of the president.

- Leary Foundation Grant (Gear Extractor) we moved into round 2, application was submitted



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- New hang out area in back of engine bay is set up, we need to keep track and keep this area clean from clutter
- Met with PA American water and are currently waiting a response on a time frame, they would like to donate for the pond
- Bathroom renovations are underway, myself and Matt are working on these
- Epoxy guys coming for bathroom floors October 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, should set us up for functional bathrooms by the Halloween parade.
- This past week the pond company came out and installed our new waterfall system and she is beautiful, we will need to work on signage for safety
- Matt and myself worked last week while the pond was partially drained to replace the drainage system inhouse, company quote was 5K we completed the project for 624\$ total
- Meeting between three departments and the township last week, lots of things discussed but ultimately the township is looking at reducing the amount of money we received the past few years

### Looking Ahead

- We have upcoming training scheduled every Monday @ 7pm, watch out for Chief texts for additional classes.
- The next company meeting will be held on November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
- Pond information:
  - Fountain and aerator system are working and starting to already make a difference, during the day we drained we could measure a visible difference some of the muck is starting to disappear
  - Donations have slowed down a lot, we will need to start sharing more information, possible discussion for mailings
  - Check out the new waterfall and drainage systems
- Voting is November 5<sup>th</sup> so we will be having a work detail at the end of month when projects have wrapped up, we will need everyone's support watch out for texts
- Halloween Parade is October 26<sup>th</sup> at 1pm, we will need members to be at station around 1130 to help set up and get the trucks to Webb Park on time.



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## **Conclusion**

We have lots of projects and moving parts currently, this month is a big final push for the year to get things up to safer and cleaner standard for not only our members but the community around us. Thank you to each and every member for their continued dedication and service. Together, we are making a difference in our community.

**Thomas Kovach**

President, Rennerdale Volunteer Fire Department