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**Board of
Fire Commissioners**
David Harrington
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Thomas McCartney
Keith Purdy
Mark Tomko

Regular Board of Fire Commissioner Meeting October 29, 2025

1. Present: Thomas McCartney, Chairman
David Harrington, Commissioner
Mark Tomko, Commissioner
Daniel Kirchheimer, Commissioner
Keith Purdy, Commissioner – Arrived at 6:45 p.m.
Susan Bowen, Fire District Secretary
Paige Willes-Brown, Director of Purchasing
Marisa Butler, Fire District Treasurer
Clay Ellis, Director of Communications
Charles Paffie, Assistant Chief
Steve Langeland, Assistant Chief
Andrew Eaton, Department President
6 members from the public
2. Meeting was called to order by Commissioner McCartney at 6 p.m.
3. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner McCartney.
4. Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes
 - 4.1 Motion by Commissioner Kirchheimer, seconded by Commissioner Tomko to approve the minutes from September 24, 2025, and October 21, 2025
All in favor: 4 (McCartney, Harrington, Tomko and Kirchheimer), Opposed: None, Absent: 1 (Purdy).
Motion Carried.
5. Correspondence Report
 - 5.1 Received and File Fire Advisory Board Minutes from August 18, 2025, and September 22, 2025
 - 5.2 Communication from AFDSNY regarding increase in due.
 - 5.3 Communication from Broome County Board of Election regarding the upcoming General Election
6. Bid Openings - None
7. Scheduled Appointments (Guests) - None
8. Operations Report – Chief J. Paffie (or Designee) – Report received and attached to these minutes
9. Department Business Report – President Eaton (or Designee)



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- Annual Dinner was a success, few minor improvements for 2026
 - No Table or Chief Officer election this year on the Department level.

10. Station Reports (Fund Raiser/Special Events/Member Requests)

- a. Station 1 - None
- b. Station 2

10b.1 Motion from Commissioner Kirchheimer, seconded by Commissioner Tomko to approve the request from Station 2 Captain Phil Walter to allow for Station 2 Auxiliary to conduct their bakes sale on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, from 6 a.m. until sold out.

All in favor: 4 (McCartney, Harrington, Tomko and Kirchheimer), Opposed: None, Absent: 1 (Purdy). Motion Carried.

- c. Station 3 - None
- d. Station 4 - None

11. Membership (New and Current)

11.1 Motion by Commissioner Kirchheimer, seconded by Commissioner Tomko to approve the request from Station #1 to accept the resignation of Firefighter Tyler Waddell.

All in favor: 4 (McCartney, Harrington, Tomko and Kirchheimer), Opposed: None, Absent: 1 (Purdy)
Motion Carried.

11.2 Motion by Commissioner Tomko, seconded Commissioner Kirchheimer to approve the request from Station 4 to approve new member Victoria Madej.

All in favor: 4 (McCartney, Harrington, Tomko and Kirchheimer), Opposed: None, Absent: 1 (Purdy)
Motion Carried.

11.3 Motion by Commissioner Tomko, seconded Commissioner Kirchheimer to approve the request from Station 4 to approve new member Jason Wavra.

All in favor: 4 (McCartney, Harrington, Tomko and Kirchheimer), Opposed: None, Absent: 1 (Purdy)
Motion Carried.

11.4 Motion by Commissioner Tomko, seconded Commissioner Kirchheimer to approve the request from Station 1 to approve returning member Joseph Becker.

All in favor: 4 (McCartney, Harrington, Tomko and Kirchheimer), Opposed: None, Absent: 1 (Purdy)
Motion Carried.

12. Commissioners Report

- a. Commissioner McCartney – Administrative/Policy – Report received and attached to these minutes.
- b. Commissioner Harrington – Financial/Records Management/Quality Assurance/LOSAP – Report received and attached to these minutes.
- c. Commissioner Tomko – Training/Safety Programs/Fred Singer Training Facility - Report received and attached



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to these minutes.

d. Commissioner Kirchheimer – Facilities/Information Technology/Physical Security/Human Resources - Reports received and attached to these minutes.

e. Commissioner Purdy – Asset/Equipment/Fleet Management – Reports received and attached to these minutes.

- Discussion on the PlymoVent System, the Director of Facilities is working on and is waiting on the vendor for PlymoVent to come in to see what needs to be done. Station 3 needs a drop for the new Brush Truck as the Utility Truck was gasoline. Commissioner McCartney wanted it noted that Tower 32-1, Midi 32-2, Midi 32-3, Brush 32-1 and Brush 32-3 are certified clean idle diesel engines which technically do not need the PlymoVent, however the Board made the decision to use it on all apparatus.

- Discussion on Old Tower 32-1 regarding the failure of its aerial test. The truck will be going to Vander Mullen's facility for further inspection.

- Discussion on the damage to the new Tower 32-1's platform basket.

12e.1 Motion by Commissioner Tomko, seconded by Commissioner Purdy to approve the purchase of a Haulmark 8' x 14' Trailer to replace the current recovery trailer, from Silvertown Motors and Trailers LLC, 1701 Cedar St, Elmira, NY 14904 in the amount of \$10,449.00

All in favor: 5 (McCartney, Harrington, Tomko, Kirchheimer, and Purdy), Opposed: None, Absent: None
Motion Carried.

13. Director of Communications-Clay Ellis

- In the process of drafting letter to County Executive Jason Garnar regarding funds for the Fred Singer Training Site.

- Looking to hold a media event for the new Midi Pumpers

- Wrapping up the postcard mailing regarding election of Commissioners

14. Secretary Report

14.1 NERIS: We are waiting for Broome County IT and Broome County OES to complete their portion of the CAD integration. In the meantime, Secretary Bowen goes in and delete the reports from NERIS.

Alpine Software: Brief outage due to a change in the program that eliminated the FDID number which was fixed. Also fixed the update with the software. The FTP username and password was incorrect. Once corrected, the updates were downloading and installing on the computers. The was issue found while reviewing the log service.

- Brief discussion regarding BU reporting.

- In the process of scheduling year-end meeting with Guthrie Occupational Medicine to wrap up 2025 and set up 2026. Will begin physicals mid-January.



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15. Elections (Annual or Special)

15.1 Annual Election will be on Tuesday, December 9, 2025, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Vestal Fire Department Station #3, 2164 Owego Road, Vestal. The ballot will contain 5 positions one for each year as follows 5-year, 4-year, 3-year, 2-year and 1-year. Candidates will need to determine which position they would like to run for. Also on the ballot, will be the possible sale of retired Tower 32-1.

16. Treasurer Report

16.1 Motion by Commissioner Tomko seconded by Commissioner Kirchheimer to approve September 2025 Balance Sheet, Profit & Loss, and Budget vs. Actual report. All reports and bank reconciliations were reviewed by Commissioner McCartney.

All in favor: 4 (McCartney, Harrington, Tomko and Kirchheimer), Opposed: None, Absent: 1 (Purdy)
Motion Carried.

16.2 Deposit check from Sacha Sigelmann-Schwartz, reimbursement for purchase of HP EliteDesk 805 g8 Computer System in the amount of \$815.00.

16.3 Deposit the following checks for Training Site:

- West Endicott Fire - \$800.00
- Endwell Fire - \$800.00
- Broome County Fire Chiefs, Inc. - \$800.00

16.4 Discuss:

1. Treasurer Butler signed the engagement letter for EFPR Group, CPAs, PLLC for the district audit in 2026 for 2025 financial records.

This is the anticipated timing:

- a. Preliminary fieldwork - beginning of November
- b. Final fieldwork - late January or early February
- c. Final report - to be completed about two weeks after the last audit information is received. Audit will be completed by June 30, 2026.

2. Prioritizing Updating Fixed Assets for Audit – The District will need a Policy regarding Fixed and Capital assets along with a disposal policy. Treasurer Butler to develop a policy to be approved at the December meeting.

17. Approval to Properly Audit and Pay Claims as Submitted

17.1 Motion by Commissioner Tomko, seconded by Commissioner Kirchheimer to approve the Audit and Claims for 2025 Expenses dated September 29, 2025, October 13, 2025, October 30, 2025, in total amount of \$224,916.65.

All in favor: 4 (McCartney, Harrington, Tomko and Kirchheimer), Opposed: None, Absent: 1 (Purdy)
Motion Carried.



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18. Director of Purchasing Report

18.1 Motion by Commissioner Tomko, seconded by Commissioner Kirchheimer to approve request from D. Waddell to purchase (8) BlastMask Training Regulators-Scott AV3000 in the amount of \$965.57 from the Fire Store. This will come out of the Training budget.

All in favor: 4 (McCartney, Harrington, Tomko and Kirchheimer), Opposed: None, Absent: 1 (Purdy)
Motion Carried.

18.2 Motion by Commissioner Kirchheimer, seconded by Commissioner Tomko to retroactively approve the emergency purchase of (10) Harrington Adapters 5" Storz x 4" Female Swivel Long Handle and (5) Harrington Adapters 4" Storz x 4" Female Swivel Long Handle, including a rush fee of \$750 for a total amount of \$5,109.75 for the purpose of connection to the fire hydrants within the Town of Vestal. Budget line is TBD.

All in favor: 4 (McCartney, Harrington, Tomko and Kirchheimer), Opposed: None, Absent: 1 (Purdy)
Motion Carried.

18.3 Motion by Commissioner Tomko, seconded by Commissioner Kirchheimer to approve request from S. Gallo to purchase (5) Staples Sorina Bonded Leather Chairs in the amount of \$598.00 from Amazon to come out of the Station 3 Budget.

All in favor: 4 (McCartney, Harrington, Tomko and Kirchheimer), Opposed: None, Absent: 1 (Purdy)
Motion Carried.

18.4 Motion by Commissioner Tomko, seconded by Commissioner Kirchheimer to approve request from S. Gallo to purchase (12) Streamlight Survivor X-Light Only Charge, (1) Streamlight Survivor X, 120V/100V AC/12V DC Orange, (2) Streamlight 120V/100V AC Bank Charger in the amount of \$1,952.09 from Fire-End to come out of Station 3 Budget.

All in favor: 4 (McCartney, Harrington, Tomko and Kirchheimer), Opposed: None, Absent: 1 (Purdy)
Motion Carried.

18.5 Motion by Commissioner Tomko, seconded by Commissioner Kirchheimer to approve request from S. Gallo to purchase (1) Fire Hooks Hydra Ram 1-4" Max Opening, and (2) Fire Hooks Marring Strap in the amount of \$2,708.10 from Fire-End to come out Station 3 Budget.

All in favor: 4 (McCartney, Harrington, Tomko and Kirchheimer), Opposed: None, Absent: 1 (Purdy)
Motion Carried.

18.6 Motion by Commissioner Tomko, seconded by Commissioner Kirchheimer to approve request from S. Gallo to purchase (2) Council TD30 Halligan, and (2) Council FE6, 6lbs Flathead Fire Axes in the amount of \$622.50 from Fire-End to come out of Station 3 Budget.

All in favor: 4 (McCartney, Harrington, Tomko and Kirchheimer), Opposed: None, Absent: 1 (Purdy)
Motion Carried.



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18.7 Motion by Commissioner Kirchheimer, seconded by Commissioner Tomko to approve request from D. Bowen to purchase (16) FX-25 Snug Fit Extrication Gloves, Sizes: (4)S, (4)M, (4)L, (4) XL in the amount of \$527.20 from Fire-End to come out of Central Storage budget.

All in favor: 4 (McCartney, Harrington, Tomko and Kirchheimer), Opposed: None, Absent: 1 (Purdy)
Motion Carried.

Commissioner Purdy arrived at 6:45 p.m.

18.8 Motion by Commissioner Kirchheimer, seconded by Commissioner Tomko to approve requests from Chief S. Langeland to purchase for New Tower-32-1:

- **Snapтите Conquest Hose: (J.P.B Fire Sales, LLC.)**
 - (14 lengths of 100') 5" LDH 2/Storz Connectors, Red- \$18,550.00
 - (8 lengths of 50ft') 1 3/4" Attack Line, Yellow- \$2,640.00
 - (8 lengths of 50ft') 1 3/4" Attack Line, Blue- \$2,640.00
 - (8 lengths of 50ft') 1 3/4" Attack Line, Red- \$2,640.00
 - (8 lengths of 50ft') 1 3/4" Attack Line, Green- \$2,640.00
 - (8 lengths of 50ft') 2 1/2" Attack Line, Orange- \$3,400.00
 - (1 length of 25ft') 2 1/2" Attack Line, Orange- \$265.00
 - Total for Hose: \$32,775**
- **From Fire-End & Croker**
 - (4) Elkhart XD Shutoff 1.5" NH, No Pistol Grip- (\$471.90 each)
 - Colors: Red, Green, Blue, Yellow
 - (4) Elkhart XD Tip 175 gpm @ 75 psi 1.5" NH- (\$630.50 each)
 - Colors: Red, Green, Blue, Yellow
 - (4) HEN Turbo 25 Back Pressure Fitting 1.5" NH- (\$295.00 each)
 - (1) HEN Force 175 Special Package 1.5" NH- (\$1,550.00)
 - (1) Elkhart XD Shutoff 2.5" NH, No Pistol Grip, Orange- (\$618.80)
 - (1) Elkhart XD Tip 2.5" NH 250 gpm @ 50 psi, Orange- (\$800.15)
 - (5) South Park Nozzle Quic Loc Mounts 1.5" -(\$209.65)
 - (1) South Park Nozzle Quic Loc Mounts 2.5" - (\$42.23)
 - Total with shipping: \$8,888.43**
- (1) Holmatro Battery Operated Medium Combination Tool, 14 1/2-inch Spread Weight 32lbs, with Charger, 2 Lithium-Ion Batteries- \$18,261.00 (J.P.B Fire Sales, LLC)
- (2) Moon American, Adj. Hydrant Wrench, Navy/Slot/Pin/Rocker 18 in. Overall Length- \$189.12 (Grainger)
- (8) Storz Spanner Wrench, 4in & 5in.-\$228.64 (Grainger)
- (8) Fire Hose Spanner Wrench (Smaller)- \$181.49 (FireHoseDirect.com)
- (1) Milwaukee Gangbox Rapid Charger- \$329.00 (Cooper Electric)



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- (2) Fire Extinguisher 2 ½ gallon Water Can- \$329.04 (Grainger)
 - (2) Milwaukee M18 Rocket Tower Light Charger 6000 Lumens- \$998.00 (Cooper Electric)
 - (2) Milwaukee M18 Lithium Extended Capacity Battery Pack- \$338.00- (Cooper Electric)
 - (2) Milwaukee M18 Rover Compact Folding Flood Light w/USB Charging- \$198.00 (Cooper Electric)
 - (1) Hydra Ram II Forcible Entry Tool- \$2,950.00 (Fire-End & Croker)
 - (1) Spotless Car Wash System with Bypass Valve, Deionized Water System for Spot Free- \$434.69 (Amazon)
 - (2) Deionized Water Filter for Spotless Car Wash System- \$153.68 (Amazon)
 - (1) Bullard QXT PRO Thermal Image Camera Bundle (includes Charger, Truck Mount Charger and Retractable Lanyard- \$8,100.00 (HALO First Responder Products)
 - (1) AMEREX Fire Extinguisher 6L (Class K)- \$226.42 (Grainger)
- Total amount: \$75,484.31. (Part of New Tower 32-1 Project Budget)**

All in favor: 5 (McCartney, Harrington, Tomko, Kirchheimer, and Purdy), Opposed: None, Absent: None
Motion Carried.

18.09 Motion by Commissioner Kirchheimer, seconded by Commissioner Tomko to approve the purchase of (1) 85" TV, (1) 50" TV and accessories for Station 3, to be used by the station and Fire District meeting purposes not to exceed \$1,800.00. This will come out of the district operations budget line.

All in favor: 5 (McCartney, Harrington, Tomko, Kirchheimer, and Purdy), Opposed: None, Absent: None
Motion Carried.

18.10 Motion by Commissioner Kirchheimer, seconded by Commissioner Tomko to approve the purchase of (4) HP 2025 Laptops, Intel 4-Core N150 and (4) Laptop Cases in the amount of \$1,455.32 from Amazon. These laptops will remain at the District Office to be signed out by members to use for training courses. They will have access to the Internet but no access to District networks.

All in favor: 5 (McCartney, Harrington, Tomko, Kirchheimer, and Purdy), Opposed: None, Absent: None
Motion Carried.

18.11 Motion by Commissioner Kirchheimer, seconded by Commissioner Tomko to approve the purchase of design, printing and mailing of approximately 8,800 postcards to residential addresses in the Town of Vestal not to exceed the amount of \$2,800 from Curcio Printing. Budget line TBD.

All in favor: 5 (McCartney, Harrington, Tomko, Kirchheimer, and Purdy), Opposed: None, Absent: None
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18.12 Motion by Commissioner Tomko, seconded by Commissioner Purdy to approve all Chief's Monthly Mileage Reports from September 24, 2025, to October 29, 2025. See Reports in Addendum.

All in favor: 5 (McCartney, Harrington, Tomko, Kirchheimer, and Purdy), Opposed: None, Absent: None
Motion Carried.

19. Resolutions

19.1 Motioned by Commissioner McCartney, seconded by Commissioner Harrington to adopt Resolution 2025-015 Approving Final Budget for the Vestal Fire District.

All in favor: 5 (McCartney, Harrington, Tomko, Kirchheimer, and Purdy), Opposed: None, Absent: None
Motion Carried.

19.2 Motioned by Commissioner Purdy, seconded by Commissioner Kirchheimer to adopt Resolution 2025-016 Adopting Form of Nominating Petition for Election of Fire Commissioners.

All in favor: 5 (McCartney, Harrington, Tomko, Kirchheimer, and Purdy), Opposed: None, Absent: None
Motion Carried.

- Question was asked by Commissioner Harrington regard the term of office on the petition, being that this is a first year, the determination for office will be by number of votes and beginning in 2026 the term will be predetermined.

19.3 Motioned by Commissioner Tomko, seconded by Commissioner Purdy to adopt Resolution 2025-017 Requiring Nominating Petitions for the Election of Fire District Commissioner.

All in favor: 5 (McCartney, Harrington, Tomko, Kirchheimer, and Purdy), Opposed: None, Absent: None
Motion Carried.

19.4 Motioned by Commissioner Tomko, seconded by Commissioner Purdy to adopt Resolution 2025-018 Appointment of Fire District Board of Elections.

All in favor: 4 (McCartney, Harrington, Tomko, and Purdy), Opposed: None, Abstained: 1 (Kirchheimer)
Motion Carried.

19.5 Motioned by Commissioner Tomko, seconded by Commissioner Purdy to adopt Resolution 2025-019 Authorizing the Sale of Retired Sutphen Tower 32-1.

All in favor: 5 (McCartney, Harrington, Tomko, Kirchheimer, and Purdy), Opposed: None, Absent: None
Motion Carried.

All Resolutions are attached to these minutes.

20. Policies and Procedures

20.1 Discussion on adding the Director of Purchasing with spending limitation of \$2,000 with purchases being approved at the next Board of Fire Commissioner meeting.



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Motion by Commissioner Kirchheimer, seconded by Commissioner Tomko to approve updating Policy 101.00 Purchasing Policy under Procedure §4b and add 4c
All in favor: 5 (McCartney, Harrington, Tomko, Kirchheimer, and Purdy), Opposed: None, Absent: None
Motion Carried.

20.2 Brief discussion on District Elections Policy. This will be a new policy for the Fire District.
Motion by Commissioner Tomko, seconded by Commissioner Kirchheimer to approve to add Policy 205.00 District Elections.
All in favor: 5 (McCartney, Harrington, Tomko, Kirchheimer, and Purdy), Opposed: None, Absent: None
Motion Carried.

20.3 Brief discussion on Hazard Communication Plan. This will meet the requirements of PESH.
Motion by Commissioner Tomko, seconded by Commissioner Purdy to approve to add Policy 301.00 Hazard Communication Plan
All in favor: 5 (McCartney, Harrington, Tomko, Kirchheimer, and Purdy), Opposed: None, Absent: None
Motion Carried.

20.4 Discussions on the Respiratory Protection Plan. There was a motion on floor by Commissioner Purdy and seconded by Commissioner Tomko, further discussion ensued therefore the Commissioners would like the fire department to clarify the areas referring to the two in and two out and to ensure that they will be following the policy. The motion was tabled until November 19's meeting for further review.

21. Unfinished Business

21.1 Follow up on the Sale of Midi 32-3 for Advertising

- The Midi 32-3 is out of service and being stored at the Old Station 4, with multiple departments having interest in the truck the district will place the vehicle for sale on the Website requesting sealed bids.

21.2 Follow up on Electronic Sealed Bids

- After further discussions with the Fire District Attorney and the requirements to handle electronic bids, the Fire District will not pursue this option at this time.

21.3 Follow up on Attorney Communications

- Commissioner McCartney advise that the Fire District Attorney will not follow up all phone conversation in writing.

21.4 Motion by Commissioner Kirchheimer, seconded by Commissioner Purdy to advertise and receive sealed bids for "New and Unused Flat Bed Brush Body" on November 5, and to be received by 12 p.m. on November 19. Bids will be opened and read aloud at 2 p.m. on the same day as received.



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All in favor: 5 (McCartney, Harrington, Tomko, Kirchheimer, and Purdy), Opposed: None, Absent: None
Motion Carried.

21.5 Motion by Commissioner Kirchheimer, seconded by Commissioner Purdy to advertise and receive sealed bids for “Customer Supplied Cab and Chassis Conversion and Up-Fit” on November 5, and to be received by 12 p.m. on November 19. Bids will be opened and read aloud at 2 p.m. on the same day as received.

All in favor: 5 (McCartney, Harrington, Tomko, Kirchheimer, and Purdy), Opposed: None, Absent: None
Motion Carried.

21.6 Installation of water meters in the stations 1, 2, 3. Commissioner Kirchheimer had conversations with the Water Department regarding billing the minimum, leaving the meters out of the stations, not having to start a plumbing project, and for the Water Department not to have to buy expensive meters. Commissioner Kirchheimer did not get a straight answer from the Water Department. This topic will be left as an unfinished item.

22. New Business

22.1 Motion by Commissioner Tomko, seconded by Commissioner Harrington to support Secretary Bowen’s request for Fire District approval to seek the nomination for Region 4 Director for the Association of Fire Districts of the State of New York.

All in favor: 5 (McCartney, Harrington, Tomko, Kirchheimer, and Purdy), Opposed: None, Absent: None. Motion Carried.

22.2 Brief discussion regarding the need for a larger mailbox that would also accommodate parcels. Motion by Commissioner Harrington, seconded by Commissioner Tomko to approve the purchase of a Vault Full-Service Vault Mailbox at a cost of no more than \$1,600 for the District Office.

All in favor: 5 (McCartney, Harrington, Tomko, Kirchheimer, and Purdy), Opposed: None, Absent: None. Motion Carried.

23. Announcements - None

24. Chief / Commissioner Comments

- Assistant Chief Paffie noted that he is receiving weekly notifications that the fire alarm is activated. Commissioner Kirchheimer stated that he too gets similar notifications for Station 1. Commissioner Kirchheimer has spoken with Director of Facilities, and they think it might be due to the cell towers. Commissioner Kirchheimer will have Director of Facilities to follow up with Sentry Alarms.
- Assistant Chief Paffie inquired about the escape bottles. Commissioner McCartney advised Assistant Chief Paffie to follow up with the Director of Purchasing.
- Assistant Chief Paffie inquired about class foam for CAFS. There was a discussion about using the Silvex Foam, which Station 2 was OK with for Midi 32-2 as there is stock on hand and it seemed to



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work well during the training. Commissioner Purdy said, regardless of the nozzles or how the firefighting package is put together, both Midi 32-2 and Midi 32-3 need to match. After input from Assistant Chief Paffie and Firefighter Bob Hamilton, Commissioner McCartney said the message from the Commissioners to both stations regarding Midi 32-2 and Midi 32-3, is that the CAFS attack lines and foam product will be the same on both trucks. Will need to order 12 pails of Silvex to replace Station 4's supply in the future.

- Assistant Chief Paffie inquired when the items need to be removed from Old Station 4 and advised that there are empty containers that have residual PFAS in them, (3) pails and (2) 55-gallon drums. One drum is about half full with training foam. Commissioner Kirchheimer advised on when to remove the rest of the items from the old station, Commissioner McCartney advised that the pails and drums would have to be disposed of via Waste Management.

25. Public Input Session – Members of the public may speak on meeting items only.

- A member of the public wanted to know on how much the fire district exceeded the tax cap? Treasurer Bulter stated by \$185,184. The individual was looking for how much over via percentage but then asked how much the tax levy was to Treasurer Butler replied \$1.067056. Commissioner McCartney advised that the final budget will be up on the website for the individual to review.

26. Executive Session (if needed) - None

27. Motion by Commissioner Harrington, seconded by Commissioner Kirchheimer to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m. All in favor: 5 (McCartney, Harrington, Tomko, Kirchheimer, and Purdy), Opposed: None, Absent: None. Motion Carried.

Respectively Submitted,

Susan Bowen
Fire District Secretary

From: [John Paffie](#)
To: [Susan Bowen](#)
Cc: [Thomas McCartney](#); [David Harrington](#)
Subject: October report
Date: Monday, October 27, 2025 8:23:56 PM

VFD ran approx 88 calls since the last District meeting

- 1 second alarm building fire (American Family Fitness)
- Worked with VPD and DEC Forrest Rangers in a search with a positive outcome
- 24 calls to Binghamton University
- 1 mutual aid call to Silver Lake- AFA- cancelled after dispatch

Chief's Paffie and Stout attended class in Cortland 10/28- information on minimal manpower

Trained on the new Midi's with the CAFS and different types of foam on 10/25. In the process of getting msds sheets to make sure that SILVEX is environmentally safe prior to purchase, but seemed to be the best foam blanket for application (from what I am hearing)

Out of 37 Departments in the County, Vestal Fire is the only Dept to turn in a list of classes for State Classes.

In regards to the search, Dep FC Roe stated we did an outstanding job, simply put a homerun! Thanks to Bob and Tom for bringing in Emergency Management materials from the EOC. We had a plan once the Rangers implemented arrived, outstanding job done by all!

Thank Endwell Fire for Standing by for us during our annual banquet

Approved Water Rescue team to go out of Town November 2. They are not sure where they are going yet.

John Paffie
Fire Chief

From: [Thomas McCartney](#)
To: [Susan Bowen](#)
Subject: Fire Commissioner 1 report 10/29/25 (with updates from 8/26 - 9/30...
Date: Sunday, October 26, 2025 12:31:01 PM

Fire Commissioner 1 report

10/29/25

(with updates from 8/26 - 9/30)

8/26 training site meeting with Murphy Fabrication re: stairs and roof rail

8/27 training site building permit meeting with town codes.

8/29 Clean Harbors - Sta. 3 old foam mitigation.

9/3 Proposed 2026 fire district budget review.

9/6 Murphy training site meeting re: mowing.

9/8 Fire Department meeting briefing on BOFC activity.

10/4 Fire Expo - BOFC representation.

10/7 Meeting with Commissioner Harrington and Director Ellis on external communications on budget and annual election.

10/8 Town Board meeting attendance.

10/16 Meeting at district office with Department President, Department Secretary, District Secretary regarding fire department voting list.

10/18 Banquet presentation.

10/21 Fire District public hearing on 2026 budget.

10/22 Meeting with Murphy Fabrication re: training site work.

10/23 BOFC work session.

10/25 CAFS training - BOFC support.

10/27 Meeting with town codes on training site work.

Respectfully submitted.

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To: Vestal Fire District Secretary Susan Bowen
From: Fire Commissioner David Harrington
Date: Tuesday 10/28/2025
Subject: Vestal Fire District Report for 10/29/2025 Meeting

Finances:

1. Reviewed the completed PROPOSED budget in preparation for the Tue 10/21 public hearing for 2026 budget.
2. Attended Tue 10/21 Public Hearing for 2026 proposed budget.

Grants & Funding:

1. Coordinator Fletcher and Joe Seif have been working on the Tioga Downs Grant a majority of the time for the last month.
 - o Coordinated with Sasha for financial information and Fire Commissioner Tomko for proposed costs for the training site upkeep and engineering studies proposed in the next few years.
 - o Tioga Downs Community Grant dropped of Monday 10/27 to Fire District office mailed out same day, deadline is Friday 10/31.
2. Coordinator Fletcher reached out to Communications Director Ellis about the marketing pamphlet, which Clay continues to work on. As soon as we have this we can begin our outreach to individuals and local companies.
3. Coordinator Fletcher will be meeting with Joe to confirm next step for grants and funding effort.
4. Attended meeting Tue 10/7 with Communications Director Ellis and Fire Commissioner McCartney; reviewed and discussed variety of outreach communications under development.

Records Management

1. Awaiting County/Alpine coordination to facilitate NERIS implementation. We are ready for the changeover, just need them to make it happen.
2. Fire & Training Reports - Sept:
 - A. Submittal target date to NYS for fire reports is 11/6
 - B. Stations 2 and 3 have not confirmed via e-mail notifications that they posted Sept hours
 - C. Station 4 Chief has one review to complete
3. Little or no progress on inventory input.
4. Need to get info on new vehicles to update Red NMX info.
5. September points were completed on October 6th and sent to the captains for posting.
6. For the NERIS project:
 - A. We are live but are not reporting in that yet due to waiting on Broome County OES and Broome County IT. Secretary Bowen to have more in her report regarding NERIS and the Red NMX Software.
 - B. Secretary Bowen has found other issues that she will need to sit down with Fire Commissioners McCartney and Harrington to go over, analysis continues prior to this report out.

From: [Mark Tomko](#)
To: [Susan Bowen](#)
Subject: Fw: Safety/Training October Report
Date: Wednesday, November 5, 2025 6:55:41 AM

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From: Derek Waddell <dwaddell@vestalfiredistrict.org>
Sent: Tuesday, October 28, 2025 3:52:57 PM
To: Mark Tomko <mtomko@vestalfiredistrict.org>; Andrew W. Eaton <AWEaton@vestalfiredistrict.org>
Cc: John Paffie <jpaffie@vestalfiredistrict.org>; Thomas McCartney <tmccartney@vestalfiredistrict.org>
Subject: Safety/Training October Report

To Chief and Fire Commissioners,

We had no Line of Duty Deaths.

We had one minor hand injury reported, and the member did not seek medical care.

We have had a busy month of training and safety meetings and follow ups.

We had one report of Engine 4 being driven by a member who is not qualified. Safety Officer Eaton is following up with Captain Orcutt as to ascertain why that individual was driving and who gave the member the ok to do so. We must make sure that the Captains are updating the "Qualified Drivers" document in RedNMX as status changes occur.

We are doing an audit on Defensive Driving Certs and will be submitting lists to the Captains to make sure that we have up-to-date information on our members. There are currently qualified drivers that don't meet the requirements of having a current Defensive Driving course.

Tower 1 had a minor accident with the nozzle and the bucket. The remote Nozzle was left in a position that when the bucket self-level was on, the bucket self-leveled and hit the nozzle. Corrective actions have been taken by Chief Langeland, and we have put reminders out to make sure that the nozzles on the bucket are seated properly before we put the truck away.

We had a meeting with the 5 Chiefs on some concerns raised over the last several

months. We covered vast items and had good discussions. All seven of us in attendance felt that we had good actionable items to improve upon and many follow-ups that needed to take place. Our main objective was for the Senior Leadership of the Vestal Fire Department to be in solidarity on Policy and Procedure. We also wanted to continue to improve and invite open honest communication and feedback. This ensures that we can continue to raise the bar in our daily operational needs.

We are evaluating a new glove for incident use by members. This glove would be in an addition to our currently issued structural firefighting glove. This glove would be used for all other incidents that the Vestal Fire Department may be called to including, but not limited too; brush fires, care accidents, lift assists etc. The cost is minimal, and we could issue them and be in compliance with best practices and many regulating authorities such as NFPA and PESH. 16 sets, 4 for each station, have been ordered and will be issued under an evaluation period.

I again am asking for a REDNMX training with a list of things that we all need to be doing. Updating and how to do so. We need to be able to see who is qualified on apparatus, tags status, etc.

October Training was on CO and Gas presented by NYSEG.

November Training is going to be a combination of TIC training and burn building.

The Training Bureau purchased 8 smoked out lenses for training simulations. This was at the request of our training Lt.s They have already been put to use and have had positive feedback.

The Training Bureau has taken delivery of the Akron flow meters and will start to do evaultions and testing of nozzels as time allows.

I have been in discussion with Deputy Eaton about a potential replacement for him. We will be discussing further and will let you know of his and my decision for approvals moving forward.

Thank you,

Derek Waddell

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"Everyone goes home, and we will train that way."- Derek

**Board of Fire Commissioners–Facilities, IT, Security, Member Relations
October 29, 2025
Dan Kirchheimer**



1. Facilities
 - a. Director of Facilities–Dusty McCartney, separate report
 - b. Station 1 parking lot adjacent to Mavis–Resolved after much persistence and frustration.
 - c. Generator PM's underway.
 - d. Station cleaning service is getting addressed
 - e. Station 4 Sale
 - i. Offer has been accepted from Marchuska for \$900k
 1. Attempting to close before the end of this year
 2. Clean, simple deal
 3. Entertained another offer that was going to be much more risky and would not have closed for 1-2 years.
 - ii. Environmental study is underway–results are good overall but need some minimal mitigation of one area. This will happen over the course of the next few weeks along with re-testing and then confirmation from the DEC that the site will not require further mitigation.
2. Physical Security–Director of Physical Security Colin White–See separate report
3. Information Technology–Director of IT Services Josh Fischbeck–See separate report
 - a. Training laptop program is to be implemented
 - b. Agreement for sign outs will be at the district office.
4. Member Relations
 - a. Banquet
 - i. Good overall event
 - ii. Booked for 10/17/26 for next year at Tioga Downs
 - iii. Awards program was largely successful but leaves room for improvement.

Vestal Fire District

Buildings & Grounds Maintenance Report

October 2025

Items Resolved:

Work Requests received (4 total)

Station 1:

- Multiple outside light fixtures repaired-Matco
- Indoor fixtures replaced under warranty-Matco
- Rear bay Air line repaired-McCartney
- Air regulator for ENG 1 bay replaced -P&J

Station 2:

- Boiler PRV leak repaired- Weber

Station 4:

- Office and Hallway Heat issue -P&J scheduled for this week

Ongoing Repair Items

- Station 4 NOCO system — awaiting parts. Should arrive this week
- Plymovent system — maintenance scheduled (TBD by vender).
- Station 4 window tinting — awaiting revised quote
- Station 3 rear concrete pad replacement — awaiting scheduling by vender

Station 2, Matco contacted about warranty light repair for the rear parking lot

Notes: P&J will be starting Heating Maintenance this month

The online maintenance and repair request system remains operational. All Station Presidents have been notified and provided with access links. Flyers with station-specific QR codes have also been distributed and posted within each station to streamline the request process. Do Not Submit requests into the old system on the FD website.

Submitted by Dustin McCartney



General IT Report 10/29/25

- I had Paige purchase some extra wireless keyboards and mice for the district use and can be a fast replacement for stations (QTY 5)
- We had a REDNMX issue where it did not update and was blocked by our system because of the way it was configured.
 - Had pyramid work with alpine and sue to discuss this and come up with a resolution.
 - Resolution went out 10/29/25 to all members attached to the distribution email.
- Worked with Dan on getting dpt laptops for use for members without computers for training. These will be rentals that are signed in and out with a sheet they sign protecting the dpt (created by Dan)
- Had pyramid create a blank user login for anyone needing to use a computer at any dpt or district, needing to review permissions to make sure we are safe if we place this on any computer for someone to have access.
 - Will need to review with Ron to ensure that there is no access to the following:
 - Our files
 - Our servers
 - Our network
 - Any of our file systems
 - Any of our SOGs
 - T drive
 - Or even outlook 365.
 - This blank username is meant for them to get on the internet and do trainings if they cannot get access to a laptop.
 - I personally am more inclined to leverage this as sending out laptops to new probationary members can get costly if they break them.
 - However having them on our computers opens us up to any cyber issues or legal issues more than a laptop not connected to ANYTHING dpt related. (might be safer long run)

- We had a “brother” printer outage at all 4 stations last weekend where none of our stations could scan fire reports. Ron at pyramid worked to fix this and it appears things are back up and running smoothly (confirmed by ¾ of the dpt IT contacts.)



Report as of 10/26/2025

Vestal Fire District

Physical Security Report

General Updates

- **Surveillance Improvements at Station 2:** Project has been completed and is operational.
- **Policy and Procedure Development:** Discussions are underway to establish policies and procedures for managing security events and changes to key access.

Security Notices

- No notable security events
- No notable denials of entry to district properties were observed in the reports.

Reports Included:

- List of all cardholders and their respective access levels.
- Denials of entry to district properties.

Reports available upon request:

- Operator changes log
- Defined access levels.
- Defined time groups.

Respectfully Submitted,
Colin White
Director of Physical Security



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2025 Vestal Fire District Fleet Projects, Maintenance, Service and Forecast Report

October 29, 2025

SUMMARIZED TOPICS FOR TONIGHT:

REBID: On the “DBL Industries Super-Single” tire/wheel/suspension system with Continental 335 80R 20 tires mounted to four (4) aluminum DBL 20 X 10 wheels (as on Midi Pumper 32-2 and 32-3 respectively) for Brush 32-1. Package not to exceed \$44,500.00. (Based off of Quote 203585 by NH Industries, 3480 E US 22-3, Morrow, OH 45152.)

REBID: Brush 32-1 body. (We have three quotes.)

M-2/M-3: Trays and shelves that had been shipped loose from Jutland Truck Bodies (Quote 1921 Rev 1) have been mounted by Federal Safety Equipment.

We have a list of additional trays and boards for M-3.

The light tower is at FSE for M-2.

There is a small list of additional fittings for M-2.

For Brush 3, Midi 2 and Midi 3: The Plymo-Vent work, console (Brush 3), console arm rests (B3, M2 and M3), and dry-reel (M2) could be awarded to existing vendors either with Premier Fire Apparatus, Millertown Garage, Federal Safety Equipment.

Location of work Note: Plymo-Vent work could be with Millertown Garage (at the stations), Federal Safety Equipment (In Candor, NY) or Premier in Syracuse.

BRUSH 32-1:

Cab and chassis at Station 1.

Brush 32-1 winch was ordered and is here. (Amazon)

Brush 32-1 lighting is at Federal Safety Equipment.

Brush 32-1 bumper would be part of the super single conversion package.

BRUSH 32-3:

Brush 32-3 winch was ordered and is here.

Brush 32-3 lighting is at Federal Safety Equipment.

Brush 32-3 bumper is now mounted.

Midi-Pumper 32-2:

Drop step for the rear hitch connection on M-2. (Not here?)

Midi-Pumper 32-3:

Drop step for the rear hitch connection on M-3. (Not here?)

Tower 32-1:

Damage to platform.

Old Tower 32-1:

Going to Vander Molen Fire for evaluation.

PROJECT SUMMARY UPDATES:

MIDI-Pumpers Project

- M-2 is IN-SERVICE
- M-3 is IN-SERVICE
- CAFS training completed.
- Foam evaluation ongoing.

BRUSH Trucks Project

- TARGET IN-SERVICE date for Brush 3: November 2025
- TARGET IN-SERVICE date for Brush 1: TBD

- NEW Brush-3 at Federal Safety Equipment for lights and wiring.
- NEW Brush-3 trying to get the cab console.
- NEW Brush-1 and Brush-3 Portable winches received.
- NEW Brush-1 and Brush-3 Feniex warning lights material is delivered. (6/15)
- NEW Brush 1 cab/chassis is now BLACK over RED.
- NOTE: Need to bid on super-single tire/wheel/suspension system for Brush-1.
- NOTE: Need to transfer aluminum wheels and aggressive treaded tires from Brush-1 to Brush-3.

Other FLEET Updates

- NEW Tower 1 is IN-SERVICE.
- OLD Tower 1 annual aerial inspection FAILED on October 17th.
- Tower 4 annual aerial inspection PASSED on October 17th.
- Multiple Fleet Maintenance tickets are in process across several vendors.
- Balance in Fleet Maintenance Budget after all approved (listed) expenses is \$25,672.51. (Includes \$6,000 for aerial testing...)

ACTIVE JANUARY – JULY (to date) 2025 MISSIONS FOR VFD FLEET SERVICES

Handled all Fleet Maintenance Form Tickets (up to October 29, 2025) which was approximately 86 tickets and items. (YTD)

NOTE: Key of process remains in 2025 as to NOT use VFD firefighters to move apparatus for maintenance or testing services as much as possible.

- 1.) 12.30.2024. Engine 32-3 was reported to have low coolant condition. The coolant was replenished and a “check engine” indication and DEF code have been reported to Millertown Garage. The engine coolant level is being monitored. The engine oil will be tested. Warranty claim has been initiated with Millertown Garage.

NOTE: See below for 1.27.2025 ticket on pump area heater. These two tickets are related. (Warranty with Millertown Garage/HME.)

Repaired by Millertown Garage. Completed.

- 2.) 1.3.2025. Rescue 32-2 reporting smell of battery acid. The vehicle was removed from shore power on advice of Fleet Manager to Captain Phil Walter and summarily went (electrically) dead. Batteries (2019) replaced. Rescue 32-2 is currently back up and in front line service.

Completed.

- 3.) 1.3.2025. Foam 32-4 was reported that the “high idle” button on the cab dash does not function. That high idle control switch was not able to be reprogrammed when the DDEC 2 pump governor was replaced 3+ years ago. The programmer from Penn Detroit was successful in getting the FRC governor to read the pump system and required engine communications for firefighting operations. The high idle button has been dormant for over 3 years now.

No action needed.

- 4.) 1.6.2025. Rescue 32-1 reporting the officer’s side SCBA bracket spring is broken and the bottle will not stay mounted in the riding position. Observed that the release spring is indeed hyper-extended. Repair ordered.

Repaired by Federal Safety Equipment. Completed

- 5.) NO TICKET. Wheel roller assembly for slide tray on Rescue 32-1 (Compartment R1 upper PODD) shown to be broken. New assembly being ordered.

Now on ticket. Completed by Federal Safety Equipment.

- 6.) 1.17.2025. Tower 32-1 was reported as having no charge condition on dog house mounted chargers. I investigated and found a grounding issue with electrical connection.

Repaired without outside services. Completed.

- 7.) 1.18.2025. Foam 32-4 reported that the amber rear rotator is not illuminating. Light to be replaced.

Completed by Federal Safety Equipment.

- 8.) 1.21.2025. Engine 2 reported the fan only works in low and medium settings but not high fan speed.

Repaired by Millertown under warranty. Completed.

- 9.) 1.21.2025. Engine 2 reported no heat in cab. I went and checked temperature setting. It was set at 62 degrees. I adjusted the HME HVAC thermostat setting.

Repaired without outside services by FLEET. Completed.

- 10.) 1.22.2025. Engine 32-4 reported rear auxiliary (drop down) step bracket broken. Submitted as warranty to Millertown Garage.**

Repaired by Millertown under warranty. Completed.

- 11.) 1.25.2025. Engine 32-1 reported a shore power issue and non-charging condition. Submitted to Millertown Garage as warranty.**

Repaired by Millertown under warranty. Completed.

- 12.) 1.27.2025. Utility 32-4 reported cab light bar not functioning in some pods. Investigation revealed an issue with internal Whelen circuit board.**

Repaired by Federal Safety Equipment. Completed.

- 13.) 1.27.2025. Engine 32-3 reporting leak in pump house, possibly pump area heater. Submitted to Millertown Garage as warranty. Millertown has new heater core at their shop.**

Repaired by Millertown Garage. Completed.

- 14.) 2.4.2025. Engine 32-4 reporting rear cab crew door on the curb side is not latching properly. Sent to Millertown Garage as warranty. In process.**

Filed with Millertown Garage as a warranty claim. Completed.

- 15.) 2.4.2025. Engine 32-4 reporting magnetic microphone mount is stronger than the screws used to mount it. This was installed by Federal Safety Equipment and thus submitted to them as a repair claim.**

- 16.) 2.4.2025. Engine 32-4 reporting damage to rear fender and side camera from contact with concrete bollard.**

This is a vehicle damage report. Coordinated with Safety Team.

- 17.) 2.4.2025. Rescue 32-1 reporting Supplemental Restraint System (SRS) light staying illuminated. This requires a Spartan Motors certified dealer to reset the fault code. None of our common service vendors carry this software. I have reached out to a Spartan Motors authorized vendor to reset the code.**

Investigated and needs to be reset by Spartan software service provider.

18.) 2.5.2025. Car 32-3 reported list of items as sent to a local vendor.

19.) 2.7.2025. Car 32-4 reported list of items as sent to a local vendor.

20.) 2.12.2025. Car 32-3 reported list of items as sent to a local vendor.

21.) 2.19.2025. Rescue 32-1 reported a large leak of oil or hydraulic fluid above the headliner in the cab. I think it might be in the AC line. Federal Safety Equipment has been informed.

Repaired by Federal Safety Equipment. Completed.

22.) 2.19.2025. Rescue 32-1 reported a broken roller wheel.

Repaired by Federal Safety Equipment. Completed.

23.) 2.24.2025. CV-32 was reported to have no lightbar lights.

CV-32 broke down on way to service center. It was checked and then permanently pulled from service.

24.) 2.28.2025. Engine 32-2 reported to have no charging condition on dog hose mounted electrical outlets.

Fixed by Millertown Garage.

25.) 3.3.2025. Engine 32-1 was reported to have scene lights, pole lights and rear LED light flickering and not powering up.

The Engine 32-1 was tested when batteries fully charged and operated properly. No action was taken.

26.) 3.12.2025. Car 32-4 was reported as being dropped off to Schultze's Garage for brakes, oil and filter change.

27.) 3.14.2025. Engine 32-2 was reported to have the officer's door not closing or latching properly. It was also reported to have opened while driving down the road.

Fixed by Millertown Garage.

28.) 3.24.2025. Rescue 32-2 was reported to have an issue with the light tower and it would not stow or rotate.

Alerted Federal Safety Equipment as it is being looked at during PM service and NYS Inspection scheduled for April 16, 2025. Repairs completed.

29.) 3.25.2025. Engine 32-1 is reporting a leak or hole in the foam system line.

Warranty claim filed with Millertown Garage.

30.) 3.25.2025. Rescue 32-1 reported the HVAC air filter bracket fell down and needs to be reattached.

Completed.

31.) 4.1.2025. Utility 32-4 reported to have Tire Pressure Sensor malfunction code.

This needs to go to Williams Ford dealership. Completed but see below.

32.) 4.8.2025. Rescue 32-1 reported air leaking at the air eject.

Fixed by Federal Safety 4.14.2025.

33.) 4.8.2025. Engine 32-3 reported (By Keith Purdy) street side crew door was binding up.

Fixed by Millertown Garage.

34.) 4.21.2025. Engine 32-3 reported seatbelt alarm going off when seat belt is buckled.

Not filed as warranty. This is a self-fix. Completed.

35.) 4.25.2025. Engine 32-2 reported oil leak under the vehicle.

Note: Without source found the vehicle was driven to old-Station 4.

FLEET found oil dip-stick was not secured. Fixed with no claim filed.

36.) 4.25.2025. Engine 32-2 reported oil leak under the vehicle.

Repaired by FLEET and completed.

- 37.) 4.28.2025. Rescue 32-1 was reported to have an overheating handheld spot light.

Removed by Federal Safety Equipment and completed.

- 38.) 4.29.2025. Utility 32-3 was reported to have a failed brake caliper.

Sent to Williams Ford. In process of repair.

- 39.) 5.4.2025. Boat Trailer 32-3 "bunk board" fell off and needs to be placed back on.

In process.

- 40.) 5.4.2025. Boat 32-1 would not run properly.

Sent to Snake Creek Marine, repaired.

- 41.) 5.4.2025. Utility 32-4 brakes are not operating properly when deploying the boat. TPS light on.

Sent to Williams Ford and repaired. (See below)

- 42.) 5.5.2025. Tower 32-1 reported to have low coolant.

Information sent to Federal Safety Equipment.

- 43.) 5.14.2025. Engine 32-2 reported to be leaking Class A foam.

Information reported to Millertown Garage.

- 44.) 5.14.2025. Engine 32-1 reported to have deck gun monitor spitting water when pump engaged. (Previous ticket 7.24.2024...)

Resent to Millertown Garage.

- 45.) 5.19.2025. Car 32-3 reported dead batteries.

Repaired at Schultz's.

- 46.) 5.20.2025. Utility 32-4 TPS (Tire Pressure Sensor) indicator fault light is activated.

Will be sent back to Williams Ford when Utility 32-3 is completed.

47.) 5.20.2025. Tower 32-4 rear camera is not functioning.

At time of repair the camera functioned properly according to Millertown Garage.

48.) 5.27.2025. Tower 32-4 started overheating on way back from a call. Large amounts of coolant leaking at officer's side foot position.

HVAC hose split. Repaired by Millertown Garage.

49.) 5.27.2025. Tower 32-4 reported windows acting up.

At time of repair the windows functioned properly.

50.) 5.29.2025. Engine 32-4 reported TFT intake valve does not open – no response from electronic controller. Controller not indicated valve as opened or closed.

FLEET opened air bleeder. Valve worked properly. FLEET Reset valve indicator.

51.) 6.1.2025. Midi-32-3. Tank refill valve stuck open.

Repaired by Federal Safety Equipment. Complete.

52.) 6.1.2025. Midi-32-3. Tank refill valve stuck open.

Repaired by Federal Safety Equipment. Complete.

53.) 6.2.2025. Engine 32-2 reported coolant is low, no coolant in reservoir. Power steering fluid is low.

FLEET checked truck. All in order.

54.) 6.2.2025. Boat 32-3 Trailer reported to have inoperable trailer lights.

55.) 6.4.2025. Utility 32-3 reported to have mobile radio not have power upon ignition.

In process.

56.) 6.5.2025. Engine 32-3 reported to have low oil light activation but was checked and is OK.

FLEET also checked and oil is fine but vehicle has “check engine” light activated. Reported to Millertown Garage.

57.) 6.17.2025. Training Vehicle 32 power steering line reported broken.

58.) 6.23.2025. Rescue 32-1 reported to have headlight out. Curb side.

Reported to Federal Safety Equipment. In process.

59.) 6.30.2025. Car 32-4 Oil change, tire rotation, rough idle, check engine light.

Sent to Matthews Chevrolet. Completed.

60.) 7.2.2025. Engine 32-4 reporting speedometer not working, seat belt sensor not working.

FLEET NOTE: During visit to Station 4 additional items noted for Millertown Garage including:

Items from above

HVAC cooling NOT working in crew area

Seal issue on TFT inlet valve (street side)

Control valve position indicator is reversed from the TFT valve position indicator on the street side valve

LED lights out in some positions on LED strip lights (driver’s step)

ALL ITEMS NOTED TO MILLERTOWN GARAGE

61.) 7.10.2025. Engine 32-4 reporting water leaking into the cab after washing the truck.

Forwarded to Millertown Garage.

62.) 7.21.2025. Tower 32-4 reporting check engine lights on.

Reported to Millertown Garage. Repaired 8/14/2025.

- 63.) 7.26.2025. Engine 32-4 reporting rear inlet being used pours water in pump module area.
Reported to Millertown Garage. Repaired 8/14/2025.
- 64.) 7.26.2025. Engine 32-4 reporting front jump line not working.
Reported to Millertown Garage. Repaired 8/14/2025.
- 65.) 8.11.2025. Engine 32-3 reporting damage from response to fire call. Hit gate at entrance to Stewart Trailer Park.
Reported to Millertown Garage. Quote prepared 8/18/2025.
- 66.) 8.13.2025. Rescue 32-1 reporting HRT tool compartment needs to be re-designed.
- 67.) 8.13.2025. Rescue 32-1 reporting that the driver's side rear crew door latch is broken.
- 68.) 8.13.2025. Rescue 32-1 reporting HVAC pouring into cab space.
- 69.) 8.13.2025. Rescue 32-1 reporting reminder that air bag SRS light is always on.
- 70.) 8.18.2025. Utility 32-4 reporting that vehicle has been "jump started" numerous time even though it is on shore power. Repaired at Federal Safety Equipment.
- 71.) 8.23.2025. Utility 32-4 reported had to jump started again.
- 72.) 8.29.2025. Tanker 32-2 reported to be operating slowly whilst going up hills.
- 73.) 9.5.2025. Utility 32-4 reported TPS sensor light is still on. (Went to Williams Ford twice already for this.)
- 74.) 9.15.2025. Engine 32-2 reported body scene lights dimmed and then starting flashing on the upper half of the LED heads.

- 75.) 9.17.2025. Engine 32-1 reported the officer side speedometer is inoperable.
- 76.) 9.17.2025. Rescue 32-1 reported driver's window does not go up or down.
- 77.) 9.17.2025. Rescue 32-1 reported the compartment R1 roller is broken again. R5 compartment aft roller has a loose bracket and needs to be tightened up.
- 78.) 9.24.2025. NO TICKET, Holmatro tools compartment needs to be reconfigured to be safe.
- 79.) 9.25.2025. Training Vehicle reported slow leaking tire with screw in vehicle. Repaired at Schultz's.
- 80.) 9.29.2025. Tower 32-4 reported flashing light and alarm when all dorrs are shut. Determined to be outrigger.
- 81.) 9.29.2025. Brush 32-1 reported that the connect hose for the fuel line tank to the skid unit is leaking when connected. Steady leak. Sprays fuel everywhere when skid is on. Repaired by Federal Safety.
- 82.) 9.29.2025. Old Midi 32-3 reported that high beams not working. Possible fuse or relay. NOTE: Vehicle removed from VFD service.
- 83.) 9.30.2025. Rescue 32-2 reported coolant tank pulled loose from mount and now has a hole in the tank. Replaced by Federal Safety.
- 84.) 10.7.2025. New Midi 32-3 reported code E01 on the pump control module, Truck goes into pump can't be idled up in rpm or pressure mode. Repaired with help from Darley via phone.
- 85.) 10.13.2025. Tower 32-4 reported that all cab windows except for driver do not operate from seat or driver control. Intermittent problem for past year that

appears electrical related as the light on the switch will blink when idling, When is fast idle it will occasionally work.

86.) 10.14.2025. Engine 32-1 reported rear right tail light: couple of the RED LED's stay on when rest of LEDs in light fixture are off. Millertown Garage replaced batteries on Engine 32-1 on Friday 10.17.2025.

87.) 10.20.2025. Brush 32-1 reported to have fluid leaking from transfer case.

Legacy Fleet Maintenance Form Tickets from 2024 that are still "active".

- a. Tower 32-1, Inoperable hydraulic generator. (Vehicle due to be replaced in late 2025...)
- b. Engine 32-1, Engine 32-2, Engine 32-3, Engine 32-4. The Bendix Sonar System.

UPDATE: Engine 32-1 Bendix (forward) system has been turned off. Testing for error codes now.

- c. Engine 32-2. Jake Brake function declared to be not performing against what is expected (according to Station 2 and validated by Fleet).
- d. Engine 32-2. Banging sound at driver's position. (Typically cab tilt shims.)
- e. Car 32-1. Driver's seat is broken.

Aerial apparatus (Tower 1 & Tower 4) received annual third-party testing.

- a. OLD Tower 1 will be tested again in October of 2025 even though replacement NEW Tower 1 is now delivered.
- b. Tower 1 and Tower 4 to be scheduled for aerial annual third party testing October 17th.
- c. There are three quotes coming for 2025 Aerial Testing. The agencies contacted are:

- i. Mistras Group
1460 James Parkway

Heath, Ohio 43056

(800) 333-8629

Mistras will also do the pump test on the aerial(s) while here.

<https://www.mistrasgroup.com>

ii. American Test Center

2773 Prairie Drive

River Falls, Wisconsin 54022

(800) 451-9087

<https://atctest.com/fire-truck-testing-1>

iii. East Coast Fire Services

Emergency Services of New England

PO Box 151

East Hampton, CT 06424

Peter Christian Freund

(860) 857-6190

These folks did our aerial testing last year. They had been the recommendation of Larry Gates, the (then) Service Manager of Vander Molen Fire Apparatus.

All apparatus on active roster received appropriate preventative maintenance services, battery replacements, tire replacements, NYS Inspections, and relevant testing procedures.

- b. Key of this process, and similar to the maintenance ticket responses, is to minimize driving by VFD firefighters on all non-emergency operations.**
- c. NEW for 2025, we are adding battery (replacement) ages to vehicle data base as part of PM services.**

All apparatus on active roster to receive 2025 NYS Inspections with preventative maintenance services (PM).

Project Process for Brush 32-1 and Brush 32-3.

Project Process for Midi 32-2 and Midi 32-3.

Bid, Approvals and Funding Process for Rescue 32-2.

Replacement Process Start for Car 32.

IMPORTANT PROJECTS for 2025 & UPDATES

PROJECT ONE: For 2025 - Havering on Our Apparatus (and Assets) Service and Maintenance Provider Contracts

Brief Overview:

Williams Ford of Binghamton:

The Ford chassis vehicles are being loaded into the Williams service system and chassis work is being performed there.

They cover (Chassis only):

- **NEW Brush 32-1**
- **Brush 32-1**
- **Brush 32-2**
- **NEW Midi 32-2**
- **Utility 32-3**
- **NEW Brush 32-3**
- **NEW Midi 32-3**
- **Utility 32-4**

Millertown Garage:

Millertown Garage is the only aerial authorized HME service provider in New York and thus is identified as a Sole Source Service Provider for respective HME apparatus.

They cover:

- **Tower 32-4**
- **Engine 32-1**
- **Engine 32-2**
- **Engine 32-3**
- **Engine 32-4**

These are electronically heavy units and HME has a “closed system” that its service team can clear and download data. For us that is Millertown Garage.

Federal Safety Equipment:

Federal Safety Equipment will continue to service vehicles not under warranty with OEMs. Annual pump tests are all done by Federal Safety Equipment (All trucks...)

Premier Fire Apparatus:

Premier Fire Apparatus is the authorized Darley Fire Apparatus servicing dealer. They will be covering:

- **NEW Midi-Pumper 32-2**
- **NEW Midi-Pumper 32-3**

Vander Molen Fire Apparatus:

The ordered Sutphen Tower (SP 70) will be under the authorized warranty center which Sutphen has identified as Vander Molen Fire Apparatus. Vander Moles Apparatus is identified as the Sole Source Service Provider on a Sutphen aerial product in our area. They are the only agency certified for Sutphen aerial services.

They will be covering:

- **NEW Tower 32-1**
- **Tower 32-1**

With the separation into a new Fire District, the existing fleet service and maintenance “contracts” are expired for Shultz’s Auto Repair, Federal Safety Equipment, Tallmadge Tire, and all others. Millertown Garage remains the HME source of warranty for those apparatus (Tower 4, Engine 1, Engine 2, Engine 3 and Engine 4 respectively...) under their remaining “bumper-to-bumper” protection packages. Tower 4 has indeed passed the HME “bumper-to-bumper” protection, however as an aerial device it is still prudent to have services performed by the factory authorized aerial service center, which is Millertown.

The HME apparatus are electronically heavy and display error codes and vehicle data in a system that cannot be cleared by the customer. Only an HME authorized dealership has computer access and authorization to clear any error or communication codes which thus has us keeping Millertown Garage as a resource for these vehicles moving forward.

When the new Tower 1 arrives from Sutphen Fire Apparatus, Vander Molen Apparatus, the local dealership will be the factory authorized and aerial certified provider on that vehicle for the warranty period.

The Sutphen is not as electrically heavy as the HME vehicles, but the authorized and certified service provider will be the agency to maintain the vehicle during the warranty period. The

purpose of explaining these manufacturer specific service vendors is that the apparatus we purchase sometimes require a specific service provider. We purposefully spread orders and acquisitions across several chassis suppliers and apparatus brands as part of a risk management strategy. In simpler words, we will have multiple service vendors moving forward by design.

Incoming apparatus follow the “factory authorized service” providers from their respective bidders. Most in-bound new vehicles offer some level of bumper-to-bumper coverage as well as specific manufacturer component warranty coverage.

Federal Safety Equipment is unique locally as they offer pick-up and delivery driving of some of our apparatus for service. Millertown Garage has an “in-station” service focus for annual pump testing and PM services but has been focused on the HME inventory at Vestal Fire. The logistics of vehicle movement versus the convenience of in-station care or driving services are relevant in the evaluation of the next agreements for service.

The smaller vehicles have been routed to Schultz’s Vestal Service Center Incorporated as part of a long-standing Town of Vestal contract. Obviously, that agreement is no longer in place with the separation and creation of the new Vestal Fire District.

Historically the documentation of specific work for Vestal Fire would be blended into Town of Vestal billing and has been difficult to decipher. This is not the fault of Schultz’s by any means, we simply did not ever attempt to track service the way we do now.

Considering the relative newness of the command cars, it is a sign of the previous system that Chevrolet vehicles under factory warranty got routed away from the dealership service and toward the Town of Vestal vendor as some way of saving cost.

The command cars have been in service with a significant lack of tracking, authorization or oversight in terms of service. There is no observable commitment to preventative maintenance service, or the Chevrolet recommended service plateaus being fulfilled during the operation cycle of the command cars, but it does add to the lack of clarity regarding these Vestal Fire District owned vehicles. It is acknowledged that the smaller command cars do not need to follow the same service provider as any of the larger apparatus require. Convenience and “up-time” relevance for the command cars can lead us to an in-town service focus, which makes sense.

Forecasting any unexpected repairs is a budgetary challenge. Asking folks to quote unknown future needs is not an effective evaluation condition. The service providers should be evaluated on criteria relating to our ability to maximize “up-time”, reasonable pricing and accuracy of repairs. All service providers struggle with parts supply and component delays for broken apparatus. We have a blended fleet from multiple manufacturers as part of a risk management fleet strategy, there will be multiple service contacts moving forward based on warranty coverage and aerial certified repair authorizations.

It is a realistic conclusion, and plain common sense, that we will have multiple service providers for specific needs regarding fleet vehicles.

Three quotes for Vestal Fire District fleet service and maintenance will be forthcoming. At this time all existing service providers are operating as they did before. No one actually had signed contracts with dated expirations.

Critical Takeaway from Fleet Service Contracts: We will have multiple vendors to support the varied fleet. Time and materials vendor data will be filed for the various service providers.

PROJECT TWO: For 2025 - Enhancing Up-Time with Electronic Systems on Electronically Heavy Fire Apparatus

From the Command Cars to all five HME built apparatus and including CV-32, Foam 32-4, and even Rescue 32-1; we own vehicles that are electronically critical at a much higher level than we rostered in the past. These vehicles carry sophisticated electronic equipment, radios, diagnostic systems, multiplexing electrical internal routing systems, and shared electronic operating systems that must be maintained at a constant voltage and with appropriate support systems to sustain readiness.

As is shared in many previous reports, the tires on our vehicles have a service life of seven (7) years before replacement. The battery systems on our electronically heavy vehicles have a real-world life cycle of about three (3) to five (5) years before replacement is affirmed through battery recharge validation. Most of the Vestal Fire fleet is operating with four-battery or six-battery banks of Group 31 “deep cycle” battery systems. For our internal apparatus inspection folks, most of these battery systems are buried underneath the custom cabs and not easily observed or inspected. Hidden batteries are a weakness in modern apparatus design.

NOTE: These batteries have to be tested individually and not in the banked system wiring that they appear in the apparatus with. This is NOT a task for our Vestal Fire truck check teams.

On Tower 32-4 and on all the Engines there is a ProMariner ProNautic battery charger with a display that provides more pertinent status information than the previous battery chargers. These chargers are located between the driver’s seat and the rear facing SCBA seat and are difficult to see. Further adding to the battery status dilemma, there is a Kussmaul status indicator facing out at the heavily tinted crew cab window. It can barely be viewed and offers little system information. My suggestion is to upgrade the status reader to a ProMariner display to provide easy to monitor system information.

The remote monitor to match the system is the ProMariner ProNautic Model 63100. It costs about \$120.00 per unit.

<https://docs.navico.com/view/993106572/24/>

These can immediately be installed on the Engines.

Critical Takeaway on this 2025 Campaign to Enhance the Up-Time of the Electronic Systems on Electronically Heavy Fire Apparatus: To keep Vestal Fire apparatus at peak “up-time” trajectories, it is critical to maintain the electronic system to keep vehicles at the highest state of readiness. Improving charging systems and data indication from these systems helps our team stay on top of electronic system conditions. A campaign to transition to the higher functioning shore power systems and better system monitoring is part of this commitment. The ProMariner ProNautic 1240P (charger) and ProNautic 63100 (status monitor) is an investment of approximately \$700.00 per vehicle.

PROJECT THREE: For 2025 - Getting the Assets Up to Readiness

PLEASE NOTE: Added to this campaign is the paper trail regarding what trailers are inspected and stickered.

PLEASE NOTE: I do not have NYS Inspection (current) confirmation on:

Boat 32-1 Trailer

Tag # AZ5557
NYS INSPECTION: NONE
Model Year: 2006
VIN:
GVWR: UNKNOWN pounds
TIRES: Tires NEEDED (Dated 2006)
Tires are dated 2006 (18 years old)
GRAPHICS: NEEDED
Title: On File

Traffic Control Trailer (TCT) 32-2

Tag # AZ5362
NYS INSPECTION: NONE
Model Year: 1990 International Trailer Corporation
VIN: 1ZFUF0811LB001334
GVWR: 3,500 pounds
TIRES: Tires NEEDED (Likely)

Radio Antenna Trailer (RAT) 32-2

No known License Tag Assigned

ATV Trailer 32-2

Tag # AJ2918
NYS INSPECTION: COMPLETED
Model Year: 2006
VIN
GVWR:
TIRES: Done 2024
Graphics: NEEDED
Title: No Title

Boat Trailer 32-3

Tag # AZ5359
GRAPHICS: NEEDED
Title: On File
NYS INSPECTION: NONE
Model Year: 1999 Sealion Metal Fabricators Incorporated
VIN: 1ZFUF0811LB001334
GVWR: 4,881 pounds
TIRES: Tires OK

Air Trailer 32-4

Tag #: AJ3004
NYS INSPECTION: NONE
Model Year: 2010 Haulmark
VIN: 6HGB142XAP076965
GVWR: 10,000 pounds
TIRES: ST 225/75R15 D Tires
Tires are dated 2009 (15 years old)
Graphics: Good on sides, Rear NEEDED
Title: On File

Air Cascade 32-4b (AKA Spill Trailer 32-4)

Tag # AZ5364
NYS INSPECTION: NONE FOUND
Graphics: NEEDED
Title: On File
NYS INSPECTION: NONE
Model Year: 1999 United Expressline Incorporated
VIN:
GVWR: 7,200 pounds
TIRES: Tires NEEDED (Likely)

Foam Trailer 32-4

Tag #: AJ2942
NYS INSPECTION: NONE FOUND
Model Year: 2008 Carry-On Trailer Corporation
VIN: 4YMUE18208V177853
GVWR: 9,990 pounds
TIRES: ST 225/75R15D
Tires are dated 2008 (16 years old)
Graphics: NEEDED
Title: On File

Foam Trailer 32-4b

Tag #: BA1231 is ASSIGNED BUT NOT ON TRAILER
NYS INSPECTION: NONE FOUND
Model Year: 2017 P.J. Trailer Manufacturing
VIN: 3CVCE1622J2577339
GVWR: 9,899 pounds
TIRES: ST 235/80R15 E
Tires are dated 2017 (7 years old)
GRAPHICS: DOT TAPE but more NEEDED
Title: On File

PROJECT FOUR: For 2025 - Getting the Fleet Under Coated, Weighed and a Data Collections as part of PM Services

As part of 2025 fleet service and maintenance we will add a component to enhance environmental protection. At the same time we will attempt to weight each vehicle and collect more data for better preventative maintenance forecasting.

PROJECT FIVE: For 2025 – Compressed Air Foam Systems (CAFS) and our Safety Pivot

PROJECT SIX: For 2025 – Project Management on the Brush Truck Build

Due to complexities with the low bidder on the awarded brush truck project we will be playing a much more active role in providing project management for the brush truck build. Project management for a fire apparatus build will involve understanding the cost pricing labor of construction as well as component prices to make sure that the project meets the specifications as published and comes in at the stipulated budget amount. Ordinarily a builder in a position to create fire apparatus would be providing their own project management and oversight in this type of construction. However, because of issues with the low bidder I will be participating in this role.

BUDGET FOR 2025

\$151,000 total.

\$145,000 fleet/\$6,000 for annual aerial testing

EXPENSES TO DATE

1. 1.6.2025 to Federal Safety Equipment. Rescue 32-2 battery ticket. \$2,029.72.
2. 1.7.2025 to Federal Safety Equipment. Engine 32-3 coolant leaking. \$403.50.
3. 2.4.2025 to United Auto Supply. Car 32-3 parts for repair. \$422.39.
4. 2.4.2025 to Moore's Tire Sales #615460. Car 32-4. Tires. \$708.00.
5. 2.14.2025 to Schultz's Vestal Service Center Incorporated #1050109. Car 32-3. NYS Inspection and oil change. \$448.50
6. 3.3.2025 to Millertown Garage #17998. Engine 32-2 NYS Inspection, service, fluids, filters. \$1,192.24.
7. 3.3.2025 to Millertown Garage #17999. Engine 32-3 NYS Inspection, service, fluids, filters. \$1,192.24.
8. 3.3.2025 to Federal Safety Equipment #37721. Utility 32-4 service, repair, warning light replacement and brakes. **\$7,180.72.**
9. 3.3.2025 to Federal Safety #37723. Utility 32-4. \$478.50.
10. **3.03.2025 to Schultz's Vestal Service Center #1050205. Tire Mount & Balance, Waste Fee for Chief 32-4. \$178.00**
11. 3.5.2025 to Federal Safety Equipment #37732. CV-32. \$1,050.00.
12. 3.6.2025 to Federal Safety Equipment #37740. Foam 32-4. Rear lights and rear warning. \$2,075.32.
13. 3.11.2025 to Federal Safety Equipment #37741. Rescue 32-1 for HVAC, broken slide roller, broken SCBA spring, awning sensor, PM service, rustproofing, fluid changes. \$8,417.48.

14. 3.12.2025 to Federal Safety Equipment #37758. Utility 32-3 for PM service, NYS inspection, warning light repair, siren speaker replacement. \$1,444.62.
15. 3.14.2025 to United Auto Supply #5-756181. Chief 32-4. Brake parts. \$233.66.
16. 3.14.2025 to Schultz's Vestal Service Center #1020256. Lube, Oil, Filter, NYS Inspection, Remove and Replace Rear Disc Brake Calipers, Pads, Disc Rotors for Chief 32-4. \$363.50
17. 3.20.2025 to HINDS Energy. #65375. 4 Cases of DEF Fluid, 1 per Station. \$65.44
18. 3.21.2025 to GINN Wire LLC. #100524. Wiring Harnesses for Chief 32 POV and Chief 32-3 POV. \$1,113.00
19. 3.26.2025 to Federal Safety Equipment #37780. Training Car 32. Muffler, electrical, service. \$4,687.60.
20. 4.01.2025 to Schultz's Vestal Service Center #1050355. Lube, Oil & Filter for Chief 32-2. \$45.00
21. 4.3.2025 to Federal Safety Equipment #37917. Rescue 32-1. \$150.00.
22. 4.14.2025 to Federal Safety Equipment #37870. Rescue 32-1 air eject. \$860.92.
23. 4.18.2025 to East Coast Emergency Lighting #49588. Warning Equipment for Chief 32 POV and Chief 32-3 POV. \$2,783.02
24. 4.30.2025 to Federal Safety Equipment #37916. Rescue 32-2. Annual PM, NYS Inspection and repairs. \$5,134.65.
25. 5.01.2025 to Verizon GPS. #332000072120. \$30.34
26. 5.03.2025 to H&W Contracting #122. Installed Lights and Siren on Chief 32 POV. \$400.00

27. 5.07.2025 to Snake Creek Marine, Inc. #41407. Parts & Service for Rescue 1 Boat.
\$207.98
28. 5.12.2025 to Federal Safety Equipment #37956. Reserve Engine 5. \$5,484.32.
29. 5.13.2025 to Williams Ford of Binghamton #44049. Labor & Parts for Utility 32-4.
\$457.59
30. 5.13.2025 to United Auto Supply #5-762127. Battery ASM, Core Charge, Battery
ASM, Core Charge. \$280.00
05.20.2025- #5-762898. Core Return-Credit Memo. (\$22.00)
Total: \$258.00
31. 5.14.2025 to Williams Ford of Binghamton #44075. Labor & Parts for Utility 32-3.
\$1,511.43
32. 5.15.2025 to Snake Creek Marine, Inc. #24968. 2" Ball & Hitch Bar. \$54.53
33. 5.19.2025 to Schultz's Vestal Service Center #1050647. Install New Battery-Test
Alternator for Chief 32-3. \$65.00
34. 5.20.2025 to H&W Contracting #123. Install Lights & Siren on Chief 32-3 POV.
\$550.00
35. 5.27.2025 to Brush Mark Signs #1340. 4x6 Decals for Apparatus. \$200.00
36. 5.27.2025 to Snake Creek Marine #414.94. Emergency Motor Replacement for Boat
1. \$8,331.35
37. 5.30.2025 to Millertown Garage. Engine 32-4 repairs and services. \$7,840.33.
38. 5.30.2025 to Millertown Garage. Tower 32-4 repairs to HVAC. \$914.89.
39. 6.5.2025 to Federal Safety. Midi 32-3 tank fill repairs. \$2,017.40.

40. 6.14.2025 to Advance Auto Parts #6627516531254. (2pk.) Sylvania Bulbs, (1) Windshield Washer Fluid for Chief 32-4. \$45.08
41. 7.01.2025 to Verizon GPS. #304000077009 \$94.75
42. 7.02.2025 to Schultz's Vestal Service Center #1050916. Lube, Oil & Filter, NYS Inspection for Chief 32. \$66.00
43. 7.4.2025 to Verizon GPS. \$94.75
44. 7.7.2025 to Matthews Chevrolet. Car 32-4 repairs and service. \$2,626.87.
45. 7.10.2025 to Marks Signs for VFD 3x3 decals. \$350.00.
46. 7.18.2025 to Real Wheels Corp.#285851. (16) LED AirGuard 4 Wheel/6 Wheel Kits for All Apparatus. \$1,506.01
47. 8.01.2025 to Verizon GPS. # 131000004434 \$94.75
48. 8.4.2025 to Federal Safety Equipment #38200. Tanker 32-2 pump testing, fluids and filters changes as well as NYS Inspection. \$4,390.57.
49. 8.6.2025 to Federal Safety #38205. Rescue 32-1 for headlights and short list. \$1,511.58.
50. 8.14.2025 to Federal Safety #38233. Tanker 32-3 for pump testing (annual) fluid and filter changes and NYS Inspection. \$3,483.49.
51. 8.18.2025 to Millertown Garage #18187. Engine 32-1 for fluid and filter changes as well as NYS Inspection. \$1,176.56.
52. 8.18.2025 to Millertown Garage #18186. Engine 32-4 for fluid and filter changes as well as NYS Inspection. \$1,177.96.

53. 8.18.2025 to Millertown Garage #18185. Tower 32-4 for fluid and filter changes as well as the NYS Inspection. \$1,405.83.
54. 8.18.2025 to Millertown Garage #18200. Engine 32-3 repair estimate. (Shipping just a placeholder.) \$2,975.87.
55. 8.27.2025 to Federal Safety #38265. Command 32 batteries. \$932.03.
56. 8.28.2025 to Federal Safety #38270. Foam 32-4. \$6,130.98.
57. 9.4.2025 to Federal Safety #38290. Utility 32-4. Electrical and new inverter, batteries and shore power. \$4,862.13.
58. 9.17.2025 to Federal Safety #38326. Midi-2. Shelves and Mateflex. \$6,590.34.
59. Federal Safety for Midi-3. \$9,235.36.
60. Federal Safety for reservoir tank on Rescue 2. \$2,118.98.
61. Federal Safety for the radiator on Rescue 2. \$4,339.77.
62. Burr Truck on Jake Brake for Engine 2. \$271.69
63. Advanced Ato Parts clamps for Rescue 2. \$4.32.
64. Advanced Auto Parts DEF. \$59.76.
65. Federal Safety on Brush 1. \$1,478.79.
66. White Hat Collision on M-2 painting. \$4,500.00.
67. United Auto Supply for Car 32-1. \$181.10.

68. Verizon Connect. \$94.75.

69. The Fire Store TFT Adapter 5" storz x 6" NH F. \$577.59.

Spent from Budget: \$133,658.84

Amount Remaining: \$11,341.16 (\$19,672.51)

Ladder Inspection Remaining: \$6,000.00

OVERALL TOTAL: \$25,672.51

2025 PROJECTS & ATTACHMENTS TO CAMPAIGNS

TIRES CAMPAIGN 2025:

An additional campaign within the 2025 is the need for tires and (a few) wheels:

Boat Trailer 32-1 tires are dated (2006) **DUE**

Brush 32-1 tires are dated (2014) **DUE BUT BEING REPLACED in 2025**

Brush 32-2 tires are dated (2016) **DUE in 2025**

Traffic Trailer 32-2 tires are dated (2014) **DUE in 2025**

Air Trailer 32-4 tires are dated (2009). The Bauer cascade system is riding on 15-year-old tires at or near maximum weight capacity. **DUE in 2025**

Air Trailer 32-4b (now with haz-mat materials inside) is a 1999 trailer (United Expressline) with (2020) stamped tires but heavily rusted steel wheels. This is a wheel replacement candidate.

Foam Trailer with Monitor 32-4 tires are dated (2008) **DUE**

Foam Tote Trailer 32-4 tires are dated (2017) **DUE**

PLEASE NOTE: Funding for tires in 2025 is dependent on the service and maintenance bills and any unexpected charges against the forecast 2024 maintenance budget and 2025 maintenance budget.

SPECIAL ITEMS THAT MIGHT NEED COMMISSIONER APPROVAL AND SAFETY CAMPAIGNS:

These are items that require permission, approvals and funding affirmations:

ITEM 1:

Command cars all have liftgates. When the rear liftgate is open for command or operational use the rear warning lights and retroreflective chevron safety systems are defeated. I suggest we add micro-LED rear facing warning lights in the tail gate area. These lights are to be positioned on the lift gate flange of the upper deck lid. They will be above the sight line of the incident response team but provide rear warning lights.

This will cost about \$600.00 per Command Car.

ITEM 2:

Rescue 32-2: Rear chevrons should be installed on this unit. (Graphics)

Estimated project \$1,200.00.

ITEM 3:

Spill Response Trailer 32-4: This trailer is not labelled correctly. (Graphics...)

Estimated project cost: \$600.00.

ITEM 4:

Foam Tote Trailer 32-4: This trailer is not VFD labelled or displaying NFPA graphics at all.

Estimated project cost: \$600.00.

ITEM 5:

Foam Tote Trailer 32-4B: This trailer is not labelled or marked correctly.

Estimated project cost: \$600.00.

ITEM 6:

Reserve Engine 32: (Old Engine 32-2) Rear chevrons should be installed on this unit and the vehicle should be labeled as to its new designation.

Estimated project cost: \$400.00.

ITEM 7:

Tires for assets (trailers) as listed above. (This is really drawn from the remaining maintenance budget...)

Estimated project cost: \$TBD.

ITEM 8:

Driver Seat in Car 32-1 to be repaired/replaced.

2025 BUDGET:

All efforts are being made to keep within the budget for 2025 but the “legacy” items are consuming fiscal resources.

Aerial testing 2025 should budget: \$6,000.

2025 Chassis Inspection/Service & Pump Inspection/Testing should budget: \$145,000.00
(10% increase over 2024)

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QUARTERMASTER FIRE COMMISSIONER REPORT OCTOBER 2025

Inventory completed through the end of September. All items signed out correctly for the month.

Expired turnout gear has been disposed of.

Pager Batteries have been ordered as supply is down to 37 batteries.

During the search call issued wildland shirts out to members that needed them.

Respectfully Submitted,
David C. Bowen
Quartermaster