

CROSSLAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT



ANNUAL REPORT 2024



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MESSAGE FROM FIRE CHIEF LOHMILLER

It is my pleasure to present the 2024 City of Crosslake Fire Department Annual Report to the Honorable Mayor, distinguished members of the City Council and the Citizens of Crosslake.

As Chief of the Crosslake Fire Department, I am proud to share our accomplishments and highlights from 2024. This year, our team responded to 554 calls for service, demonstrating our unwavering commitment to protecting and serving the City of Crosslake residents and visitors. In addition, we dedicated 2,654 hours to training, ensuring our firefighters are prepared to meet the challenges of an ever-changing fire service. Our team also contributed 1,084 hours to community outreach, fostering relationships and promoting safety throughout our region.

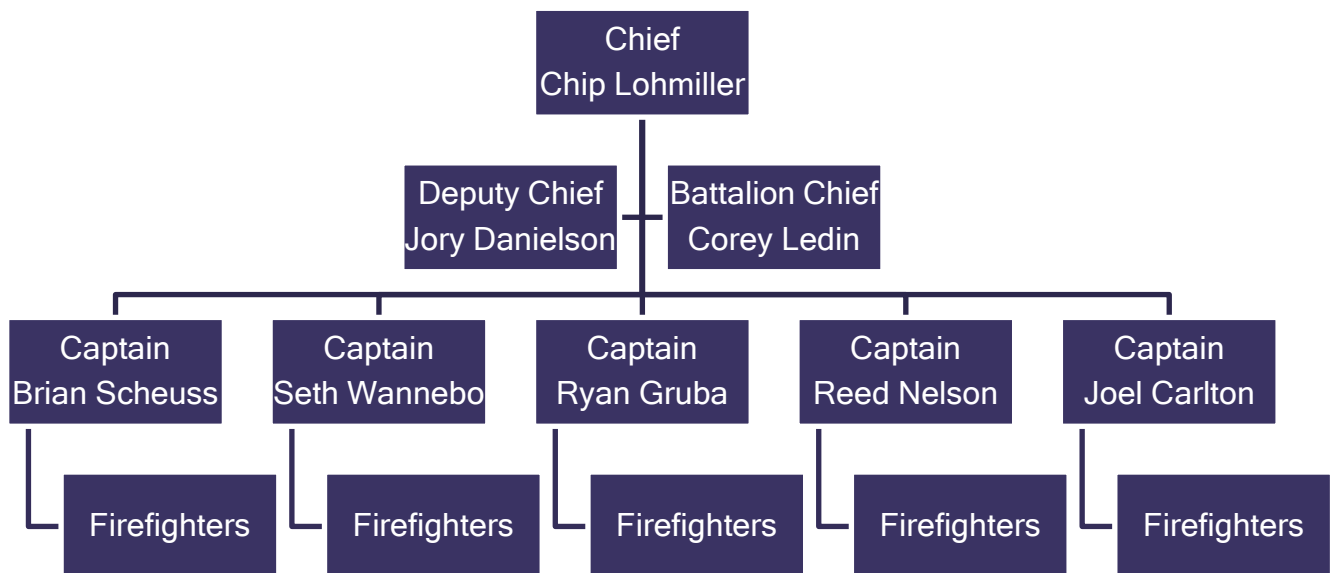
Among our notable achievements this year were hosting Community Wildfire Prevention Day, the Region 5 Women's Fire Service Expo, and National Night Out. These events allowed us to engage directly with our neighbors, educate the public, and strengthen connections that make our community safer and more resilient.

I am incredibly proud of our paid-on-call staff, whose dedication and professionalism are the backbone of this department. Their hard work, skill, and commitment to serving Crosslake are unmatched. It is a privilege to lead this outstanding team as we continue to provide exceptional service to our residents and visitors.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and we look forward to continuing to serve this wonderful community in 2025 and beyond.



ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



STAFF

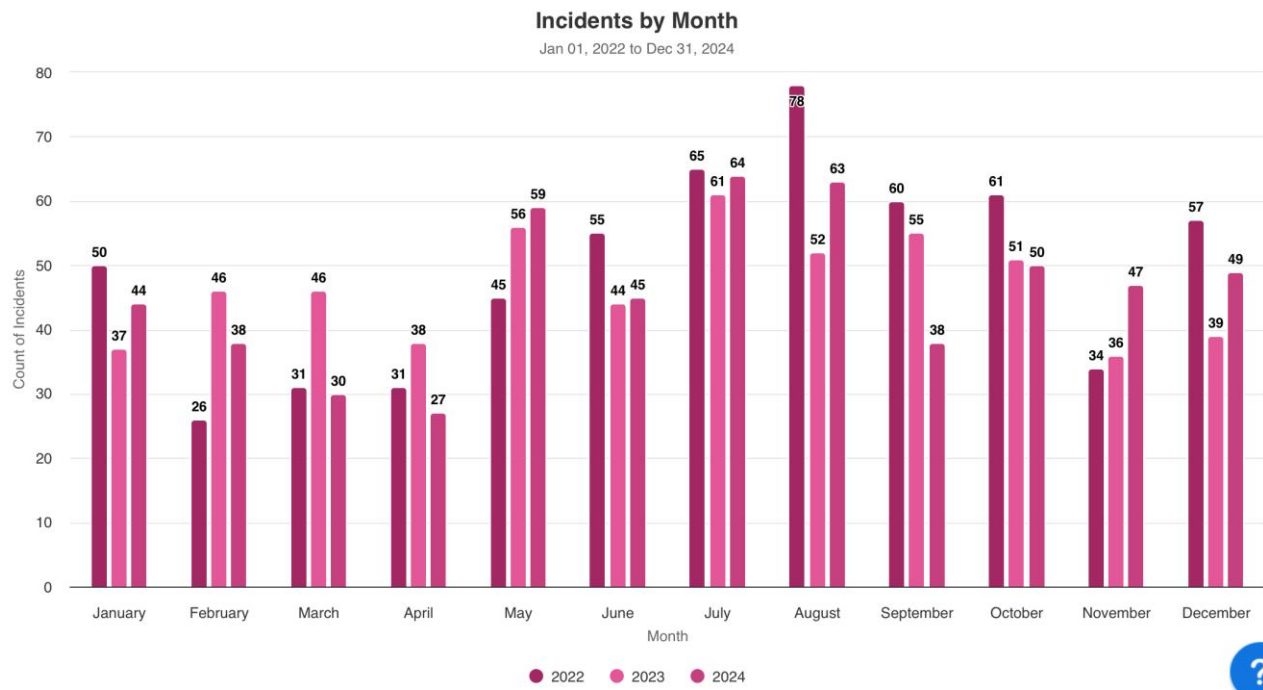
	First	Last	Hired	FIRE	Years
1	Brian	Scheuss	1992	Firefighter	32
2	Chip	Lohmiller	1997	Chief/EMR	27
3	Sonya	Kosloski	1997	Firefighter/EMR	27
4	Matt	Gallaway	2002	Firefighter/EMT	21
5	Neil	Luzar	2004	Captain 1/EMR	20
6	Paul	Nelson	2004	Firefighter/EMT	19
7	Corey	Ledin	2007	Battalion Chief/EMR	17
8	Seth	Wannebo	2005	Captain 2/EMR	16
9	Rich	Irish	2009	Captain/EMR	15
10	Evyn	Thompson	2010	Firefighter/EMR	13
11	Joel	Carlton	2011	Captain 5/EMR	13
12	Joe	Chase	2012	Firefighter/EMR	12
13	Jory	Danielson	2011/2018	Deputy Chief/EMR	11
14	Doug	Benzer	2015	Firefighter/EMR	9
15	Teresa	Haines	2016	EMT – EMS Calls	8
16	Ryan	Gruba	2016	Captain 3/EMR	8
17	Caitlin	Malin	2018	Firefighter/EMR	6
18	Reed	Nelson	2018	Captain 4/EMR	6
19	Logan	Olson	2019	Firefighter/EMR	5
20	Matt	Digiovanni	2021	Firefighter	3
21	Jayme	Knapp	2022	Firefighter	2
22	Doug	Johnson	2022	Firefighter	2
23	Jason	VanBuren	2023	Firefighter 1/1/23	1
24	Malik	Johnson	2023	Firefighter 9/1/23	1
25	Riley	Jordan	2024	Firefighter 4/1/24	PROB



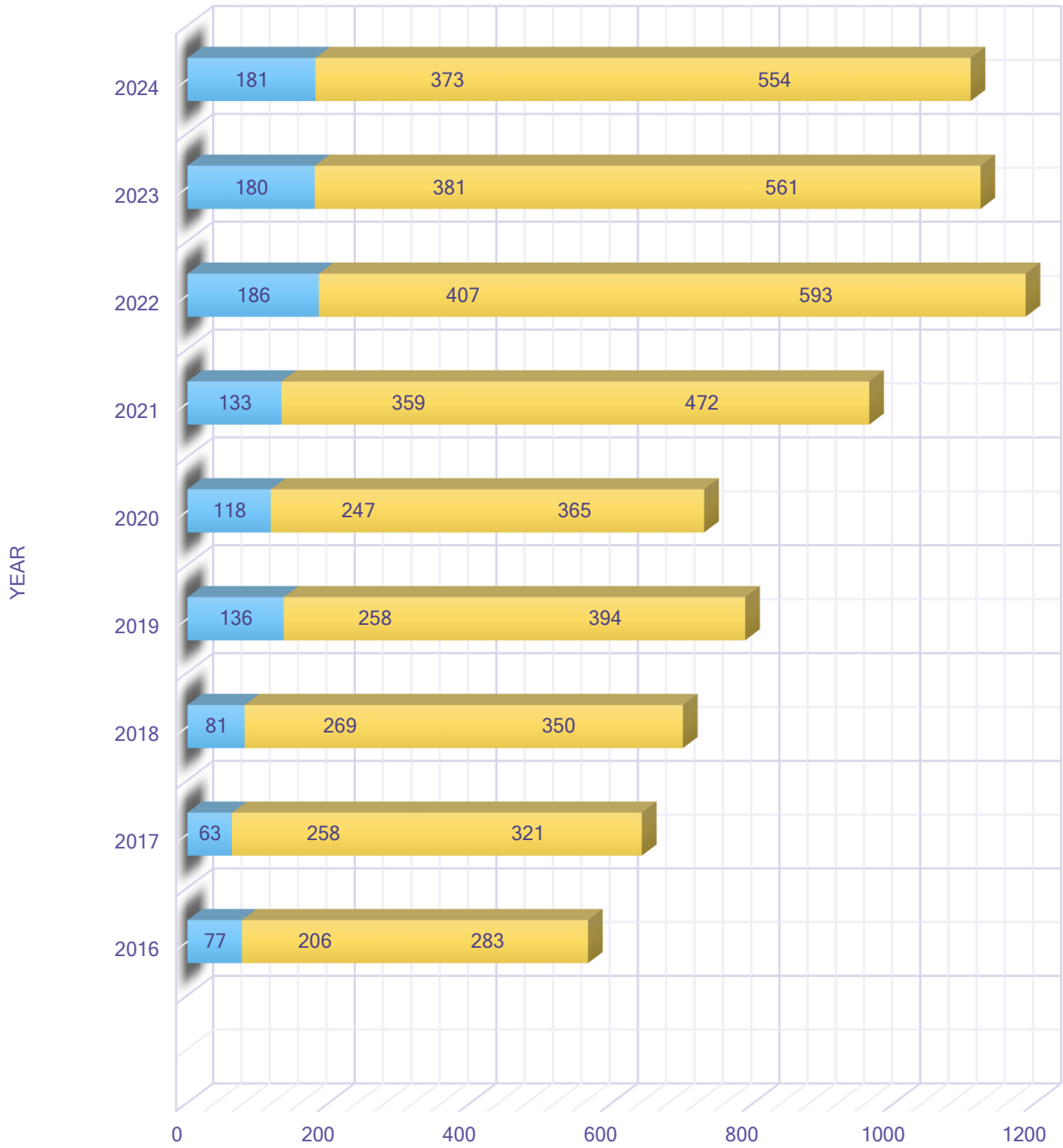
TOTAL INCIDENTS 2024

Incident Type	Total Incidents	Total Incidents % of Incidents	Total Property Loss	Total Content Loss	Total Loss
Incident Type Category: 1 - Fire					
111 - Building fire	12	2.2%	1,699,800	357,100	2,056,900
123 - Fire in portable building, fixed location	1	0.2%	2,000	500	2,500
131 - Passenger vehicle fire	2	0.4%	55,000	5,000	60,000
142 - Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire	3	0.5%			
	Total: 18	Total: 3.2%	Total: 1,756,800	Total: 362,600	Total: 2,119,400
Incident Type Category: 3 - Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident					
311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew	373	67.3%			
322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	7	1.3%			
324 - Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.	3	0.5%			
341 - Search for person on land	1	0.2%			
352 - Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle	1	0.2%			
353 - Removal of victim(s) from stalled elevator	1	0.2%			
357 - Extrication of victim(s) from machinery	1	0.2%			
361 - Swimming/recreational water areas rescue	1	0.2%			
	Total: 388	Total: 70.0%	Total: 0	Total: 0	Total: 0
Incident Type Category: 4 - Hazardous Condition (No Fire)					
412 - Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	11	2.0%			
	Total: 11	Total: 2.0%	Total: 0	Total: 0	Total: 0
Incident Type Category: 5 - Service Call					
551 - Assist police or other governmental agency	27	4.9%			
553 - Public service	46	8.3%			
561 - Unauthorized burning	2	0.4%			
	Total: 75	Total: 13.5%	Total: 0	Total: 0	Total: 0
Incident Type Category: 6 - Good Intent Call					
611 - Dispatched and cancelled en route	19	3.4%			
651 - Smoke scare, odor of smoke	2	0.4%			
661 - EMS call, party transported by non-fire agency	19	3.4%			
	Total: 40	Total: 7.2%	Total: 0	Total: 0	Total: 0
Incident Type Category: 7 - False Alarm & False Call					
733 - Smoke detector activation due to malfunction	2	0.4%			
735 - Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	9	1.6%			
740 - Unintentional transmission of alarm, other	1	0.2%			
743 - Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	3	0.5%			
745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	3	0.5%			
746 - Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO	3	0.5%			
	Total: 21	Total: 3.8%	Total: 0	Total: 0	Total: 0
Incident Type Category: 8 - Severe Weather & Natural Disaster					
813 - Wind storm, tornado/hurricane assessment	1	0.2%			
	Total: 1	Total: 0.2%	Total: 0	Total: 0	Total: 0
	Total: 554	Total: 100.0%	Total: 1,756,800	Total: 362,600	Total: 2,119,400

INCIDENT TYPES BY MONTH 2022 - 2024



INCIDENTS 2016 - 2024



	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
FIRE	77	63	81	136	118	133	186	180	181
EMS	206	258	269	258	247	359	407	381	373
TOTAL CALLS	283	321	350	394	365	472	593	561	554

INCIDENTS

■ FIRE ■ EMS ■ TOTAL CALLS

TRAINING

In 2024, the Crosslake Fire Department completed an impressive 3,420 hours of training, reflecting our unwavering dedication to maintaining the highest standards of readiness and safety. Our training program followed strict compliance with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards and the Minnesota Board of Firefighter Training and Education (MBFTE) guidelines. This ensures that our personnel remain well-prepared to face a wide range of emergency scenarios.

Training focused on several key areas, including structural and wildland firefighting, vehicle extrication, hazardous materials response, water and ice rescue, and emergency medical response. Specialized training sessions were also conducted for high-risk situations, such as confined space rescues and active shooter incidents, to ensure our team is equipped to handle complex and dynamic emergencies.

In addition to hands-on and scenario-based training, firefighters participated in classroom sessions to stay updated on the latest techniques, technologies, and safety protocols. Cross-departmental training exercises were organized in collaboration with neighboring fire departments, fostering teamwork and enhancing regional preparedness.

Our commitment to continuous improvement was further supported through MBFTE training funding and partnerships, enabling access to state-of-the-art training equipment and resources. The dedication and hard work of our members during these training sessions underscore the department's mission to provide exceptional service and protect the lives and property of our community.

Below are some of the trainings that were conducted in 2024.

Annual OSHA	EMS - EMR/EMT	Confined Space	Building Construction
Pipeline Safety	Hazardous Materials	NFPA 1403 Live Fire	Wildland
Auto Extrication	Emergency Driving	Fire Investigation	Live Burn/Ventilation
Water & Ice Rescue	Air Monitoring	Fire Suppression	Fire Behavior
Leadership	Incident Management	PPE/SCBA Refresher	Apparatus Positioning
Fire Streams	Water Rescue	Hose Deployment	Flammable Liquids
Air Management	Drone Training	PPE Refresher	First Due Ops
Pump Drafting	Relay Pumping	Active Shooter	Elevated Rescue

TRAINING PHOTOS



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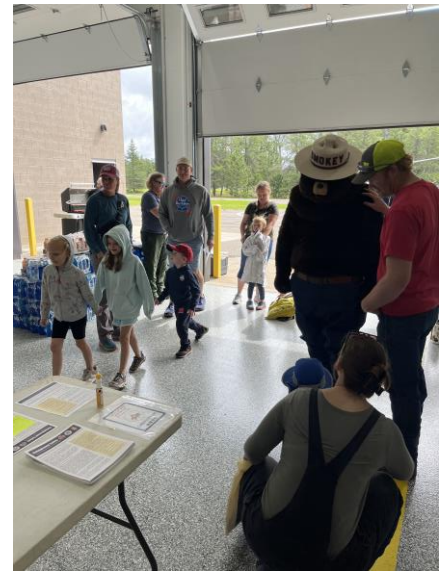
NFPA 1403 Live Burn Training

TRAINING PHOTOS



COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND EDUCATION

The Crosslake Fire Department was awarded a grant from the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) to host a Community Wildfire Prevention Day, focusing on wildfire education and engagement within the community. This initiative aims to increase awareness about the risks associated with the wildland-urban interface (WUI) and provided residents with practical tools and strategies to reduce those risks. This event was held on June 29 and include interactive demonstrations, information sessions on defensible space and fire-resistant landscaping, and resources for emergency preparedness. By involving community members, the program seeks to build stronger partnerships and promote shared responsibility for wildfire prevention and safety. The grant enables the department to bring critical resources and expertise to Crosslake, enhancing the overall resilience of the area.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Crosslake Fire Department proudly hosted the Minnesota State Fire Chiefs Association (MSFCA) Region 5 Women's Expo on April 27, 2024. This landmark event brought together women from across the region to explore opportunities in the fire service and learn about the rewarding career paths it offers. The expo provided an interactive environment where attendees could engage with seasoned firefighters, participate in hands-on demonstrations, and gain insight into the unique challenges and triumphs of the fire industry.

The event aimed to create interest in firefighting among women and address the barriers that may discourage them from pursuing careers in the fire service. Through open discussions, mentorship opportunities, and skills-building activities, the expo worked to dispel misconceptions, build confidence, and encourage greater diversity in the fire industry. By hosting this event, the Crosslake Fire Department reinforced its commitment to fostering inclusivity and inspiring the next generation of firefighters.



ACTIVITIES – COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Camp Knutson Splash Nights



ACTIVITIES – COMMUNITY OUTREACH

National Night Out Open House



Kamp Kimchee



Woman Veterans Fishing Event



ACTIVITIES – COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Pig Roast Open House



St Patrick's Day Parade



9/11 Stair Climb



Cardboard Boat Races



APPARATUS



2015 Spartan - Engine 1



2021 E One - Ladder 1



2013 Freightliner - Tender 3



2024 Spartan Tender/Pumper



2019 Ford 750 - Rescue



2003 Ford F450 Type VI



2022 GMC 3500 Utility / 2024 GMC 3500 EMS - Command



Ranger UTV/Wildland Rescue



2017 Zodiac Rescue Boat

Apparatus photos taken by Quick Response Films

GRANTS / DONATIONS RECEIVED

Sourcewell Community Match Fund Award: \$50,000.00

The Crosslake Fire Department is proud to announce the successful completion of a 30x40 cold storage building, funded in part by a \$50,000 Sourcewell matching grant. This new facility was designed to store seasonal equipment, such as rescue gear, outdoor tools, and other essential items, ensuring they are kept in excellent condition and ready for use when needed. The additional storage space has significantly enhanced the department's ability to maintain a clean, organized, and efficient main station.



International Association of Fire Chiefs: \$6,000.00

Funding to coordinate a local Community Wildfire Protection Plan - Community Day. This event aimed to increase awareness about the risks associated with the wildland-urban interface (WUI) and provided residents with practical tools and strategies to reduce those risks help educate the community about Wildland Urban Interface.

Sourcewell Boost Fund Award: \$2,000.00

The Sourcewell Boost Grant enabled the Fire Department to purchase two more pagers along with a multi-unit charger for our radios.



GRANTS / DONATIONS RECEIVED

MNDNR - Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant

The Crosslake Fire Department received a matching grant from the MNDNR in the amount of \$5,000. This grant helped fund mobile radios in our apparatus. The radios that were replaced were over ten years old.

Crosslake / Ideal Lions Club

The Crosslake Fire Department received a donation in the amount of \$6,000 from the Crosslake / Ideal Lions. This funding was used to purchase a slide in unit for our EMS/Command vehicle. This unit will hold equipment such as Fire Extinguishers, EMS Equipment, Air Monitoring Equipment, Personal Protection Equipment, SCBA, and Water Rescue Equipment.



MEMBERSHIP RETIREMENTS

Neil Luzar - Neil joined the Crosslake Fire Department in June of 2004. He was an active member for 20 years and 5 months. He served as Firefighter, Captain, and Assistant Fire Chief. Neil was very active in the community and conducted many fire and life safety education seminars during fire prevention week at the Crosslake Community School. He was an asset to the Fire Department and the City of Crosslake. His leadership and commitment to the Fire Department will be missed.



CLOSING

As we conclude another successful year, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated team who continue to make Crosslake a safe and thriving place to live. In 2024, we faced challenges with determination and embraced opportunities with innovation, achieving milestones that strengthen our resilience and sense of community.

From advancing public safety initiatives to enhancing community outreach, this year's accomplishments are a testament to the collaborative spirit that defines Crosslake. Special thanks to our local partners, including neighboring fire departments and organizations, for their ongoing support and shared commitment to public safety and service.

As we look to 2025, let us carry forward the momentum of progress, focusing on improving infrastructure, safety, and community engagement. Together, we will continue building a future we can all be proud of.

Thank you for your trust and support in making Crosslake a remarkable place to call home.

Chip Lohmiller

Fire Chief

Crosslake Fire Department

