January was a busy month for the members of the Stillwater Fire Department. We ended the month with 57 EMS calls and 22 Fire calls for a total of 79 calls in just the first month of the year. We responded to a call in the middle of our first significant snowstorm in a couple years, along with 10 calls in one day during a heavy windstorm, 2 of them being structure fires. Every member always conducted themselves with the upmost professionalism. The department had 2 new members start firefighter training at the academy. These are the same two members who are also finishing up their EMT school in the next month. We have been moving forward with getting all our apparatus in the best shape possible along with organizing the compartments to make grabbing crucial equipment more effective. We conducted our yearly SCBA refresher to ensure all members understand the ins and outs of one of the most crucial pieces of equipment during a fire. Our members have been at the firehouse on non-drilling days to clean vehicles, go over equipment and sweep the bays. We also have members that have conducted Rescue Task Force training and some new members signing up for the upcoming training. The dedication of every one of these professionals is amazing. As the nicer days are soon coming, we will start to see a rise in tech rescues which our special response team trains for in addition to our regular monthly fire and Ems drills. I am beyond proud of every man and woman that dedicate so much to this department, the township, and surrounding areas.

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