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# NEWALD FIRE DEPARTMENT

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## **Fire Department Report to Town Board - for the month of: February 2026**

There was 1 call in Newald and 0 calls in Popple River for the last month.

Last month's training was on SCBA and search and rescue. SCBA is the tool that firefighters use to have clean air to breathe in smokey and unsafe environments. We simulated smoke conditions and low-to-zero visibility conditions and had all Newald members perform several search and rescue techniques. We also trained on using our new Thermal Imaging Camera to be able to see through zero-visibility conditions.

Next month's training will be preparing for Wildland Fire season.

The Dept is in the process of fulfilling our DNR grant purchases for the 2025 grant. The application period for the 2026 grant opens in April.

It looks like the Ice Rescue training will be held on Feb 22.

Department meetings and trainings are held the first Monday of the month at 6pm and anyone interested is welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chief Paul Behrens