



NEWALD FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Fire Department Report to Town Board - for the month of: March 2025

(I am still teaching a Certified Fire Officer class on Tuesdays for NATC so I will be unable to attend in person.)

There were 0 calls in Newald and 0 calls in Popple River for the last month (February).

Both Newald brush trucks have been fully set up for the wildland fire season and we are ready to go on that front. Since we have very little snow cover remaining, depending on the weather and any rain we get this spring we could be in for a worse than average fire season.

Annual spring fire safety reminder:

It's imperative that everyone uses caution with any outdoor burning, and pays close attention to the weather and fire conditions. Once the ground is no longer *fully* snow covered, a burn permit is required for any type of outdoor burning. Permits can be obtained for free from <https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/burnpermits/>. Before burning on any day, be sure to check the day's restrictions by calling 888-WIS-BURN after 9am. Conditions may change throughout the day. Any unattended burn, burn outside of restrictions, or burn that gets away from you, could result in the DNR issuing a citation. If you have or see a fire that looks like it is getting out of hand **call 911 immediately** so we can come deal with it quickly before it becomes a big problem.

Newald Fire Department is still actively looking for someone to help write grants and help obtain funding. We also could use any help to organize or help run fundraisers.

Fire inspections are scheduled for next month (April).

Our next department training will be on Water Supply and Wildland Firefighting.

Respectfully submitted,
Chief Paul Behrens