



MERRILLAN FIRE & RESCUE

2010 Annual Report

We had another record year for calls in 2010. There were a total of 135 calls. 104 of these calls were EMS related and responded to by First Responders. The Firefighters responded to 31 calls including 9 structure fires, 6 wild land fires, 8 extrications, 2 vehicle fires, 2 storm related, 1 gas leak, 1 train derailment and 1 false alarm. Mutual aid was given on 12 of these calls and mutual aid was received on 9 calls. We had a total of 26 calls in the Town of Dewhurst including medical calls, vehicle accidents, storm cleanup, sandbagging, and a structure fire.

With the addition of three new members we now have 18 active members. At the time of this report 2 of the new members have completed Entry Level I & II Firefighter Training. First Responders and Firefighters have been doing rope rescue training with the Bruce Mound Ski Team. Other members have gone thru ice rescue training with the Jackson Co. Dive Team. This coming spring and summer we will be having trainings at the new Atlas Resin Plant in the Town of Alma. Also in October we will be doing a simulated hazmat incident in the Village of Merrillan coordinated by Jackson and Clark Co. Emergency Management directors. All our members have put in numerous hours of training this past year. Our yearly Fire Prevention training for Lincoln Elementary students was a huge success again this year thanks to Merrillan, Alma Center and Humbird Fire Dept. members. We also participated with Alma Center Fire & First Responders, Black River Falls Rescue, and Jackson S.O., in a simulated fatal car crash demo for Lincoln High School students before the high school prom. Was great to see so many ghost and goblins out on Halloween and we had 90 of them visit us at the Fire Station.

We have entered into an agreement with Hatfield Fire Dept. to assist us in the Town of Dewhurst and we are looking forward to working together to better serve that area. We are also working with other departments toward getting MABAS started in the county which will improve our mutual aid response. The storms we had this past summer prompted the department to repair pagers on the sirens so they could be activated by Jackson Co. dispatch or from the new portable radios that all the Chief Officers carry.

The annual Labor Day celebration and Ice Fishing Contest we hold with the Merrillan Lions were both very successful in 2010. The proceeds and donations received from these fund raisers help us purchase new updated equipment. The Fire Department thanks everyone for their time and donations to make these successful fund raisers. We would also like to thank everyone that donated to the Firefighters and First Responders over the last year.

With the budget crunch everyone is going thru the Fire Department will strive to save tax dollars while still maintaining or raising the level of service and care to residents in the Village of Merrillan and Townships of Alma and Dewhurst. The Merrillan Fire Department wishes everyone a safe and healthy 2011.

Al Lunderville—Merrillan Chief

