



# OZAUKEE CENTRAL FIRE DEPARTMENT

January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025

An Open Letter to Our Community Citizens and Partners,

At midnight on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 the Ozaukee Central Fire Department (OCFD) officially began operations to provide Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) to the Villages of Grafton and Saukville, as well as the Towns of Grafton and Saukville. The OCFD is a consolidated and jointly funded Fire Department among the four communities. Funding is shared among the four communities using a formula based on use, population, and equalized value. The OCFD provides fire suppression, EMS (paramedic level) and fire prevention programs to the citizens and visitors within our service area. The OCFD is overseen by an independent Fire Board comprised of citizen appointees from all member communities.

Fire and EMS services are provided with two fire stations, one located in the Village of Grafton and the other located in the Village of Saukville. Each station is comprised of both full-time and part-time responders. The Department also maintains mutual aid agreements with area fire departments and is a member of the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) that enables the sharing of resources for major incidents throughout several states.

While many changes are on the horizon, one thing that will not change is our commitment to providing progressive life safety and property conservation programs to our growing area. We are eternally grateful for the continued support as we transition from the former Village of Grafton and Village of Saukville Fire Departments throughout the remainder of 2025.

With gratitude,

William Q. Rice  
Fire Chief