

Special Services Division

The Special Services Division handles inspections/code enforcement and training.

Battalion Chief Denny Klass is in charge of this division.

Inspections/Code Enforcement

Menomonie Fire Department provides this service to the City of Menomonie and the surrounding eight townships in our response district. In all, we inspect approximately 1000 manufacturing facilities, businesses, hotels, restaurants, apartments, and health care facilities. Each of these inspections is conducted twice per year. Inspections are done following the guidelines of Wisconsin Comm. 14 and NFPA 1, Life Safety Code. All members are trained to carry out the duty of fire inspection and code enforcement. This service benefits the firefighters as well as business owners by allowing us to become familiar with the layout, construction and processes that take place in each structure we inspect.

The Menomonie Fire Department code enforcement mission is to conduct fire inspections to assist business owners in the prevention of hazards that could cause a catastrophic fire or loss of life. We do fire inspections with the intent to never lose a customer, employee, or business to fire.

Training

Training is a daily activity within Menomonie Fire Department. Due to the many facets of our job, we must continually stay abreast of new technology and equipment that we encounter and use. Training is conducted in three main areas: Emergency Medical Services (EMS), fire and rescue. EMS training requires a great deal of time due to the level of service Menomonie Fire provides, and the constant licensure recertification required. Fire training typically focuses on the core subjects learned in firefighter certification 1 and 2. An emphasis on SAFETY is forefront in all fire related training. Rescue training covers a broad area of subjects and tools used in our job. Water and ice rescue, extrication from all types of machinery and vehicle, high and low angle rescue, and elevator rescue are just some of the topics we train on.

The majority of training is held while on duty. This allows all firefighters to work as a team and become confident in themselves and their fellow firefighter's abilities. Members also attend training at several of the local technical schools and fire departments. We also participate in several of the conferences, conventions, and specialized schools held throughout the state. Menomonie Fire has several members that are certified fire and EMS instructors. This allows our members to gain most of their training in-house while keeping a fully staffed and response capable duty shift.