

## Lake Nebagamon Member of the Month

**How long have you been part of the department?** 12 Years

**What positions and/or certifications do you hold?**

**Position:** Chief

**Certifications/Training:**

- Wisconsin DNR Introduction to Wildland Fire Suppression
- Emergency Medical Responder
- Entry Level Firefighter A & B
- Fire Fighter Part C
- Fire Fighter Part D
- Fire Officer 1
- Emergency Service Instructor 1
- Hazmat Operations
- Thermal & Fire Dynamics – SLICE-RS
- Incident Safety Officer
- Wisconsin DNR Structural Protection in Wildland Firefighting (Zone Leader),
- Wisconsin DNR Structural Protection in Wildland Firefighting (Structure Branch Director)
- Incident Command System (ICS) 100, 200, 300, 400, and NIMS 700
- LifeLink III LZ Training
- Weapons of Mass Destruction
- Traffic Incident Management Enhancement Program
- Building Construction – Fire Service
- Fire Inspector 1
- NFIRS
- WARDS
- Controlled Substances
- Fire Investigation
- First Ten Minutes on Scene & Company Officer
- Emergency Medical Technical
- Entry Driver & Operator Class
- Advance Fire Pump Operations & Hydraulics
- PTSD Awareness (Critical Stress Debriefing) Training



- Child Abduction Response Team (CART) & Search and Rescue Tactic
- Recruitment & Retention Programs

### **Why did you join?**

I am a 3rd generation Volunteer Fire Fighter and due to that, those values have been instilled in me since the beginning. I've been wanting to give back to the community and be apart of something bigger than myself. It's been one heck of a road and will continue to be until I retire from this hobby of mine.

### **What are you doing when not volunteering for the department? (job, hobbies, family, etc.)**

- Job: InfoTech/Network Engineer.
- Hobbies: Camping, Hiking, Road Tripping, Canoeing, Movies, Reading, Enjoy spending time with my Wife and our dogs & cats.

### **What would you tell someone who is considering joining the department?**

You are planning to join something that is bigger than you. You are planning to volunteer to take on the responsibilities and duties that the community will bestow upon you to fulfill if you take this position. This position should not be taken lightly, as it will require time, sacrifice, integrity, bravery and devotion to answer the call to possibly save someone's home or their loved ones while you are being taken away from yours to answer the call. You will see the most amazing things and the worst of things you will ever fathom. We go into harm's way to serve our country, our community, our neighbors and our loved ones. We answer the call at all hours of the night because of the commitment that we made to our community. It is we the few that answer the call and make the self-sacrifice to serve the greater good.

We are the folks from all walks of life that bring different skills and disciplines to the table to better serve our community. Ranging from folks that help with grants and maintaining our equipment to the folks that go into burning buildings and running medical calls. From these experiences you will join the brother/sisterhood of the Fire/EMS Service.

This is a road that is lightly traveled but the journey is well worth it in the end.

