



Winter Newsletter 2025



Season's Greetings from the Chief

There is a lot going on around here.

Our staff is fully up and running, putting in the work to become great firefighters while also mentoring our younger volunteers. Recently, three of our volunteers completed fire academy. We could have sent more, but the rest are already certified.

Several members are currently working toward higher-level certifications, being taught by those who already hold them. In January, we will be sending four members to EMT class. Again, we could have sent more, but the remaining members already have that training.

Station modernization and expansion is underway with the help of the state legislature. One of our new fire engines has arrived, and the next one is currently being built.



Toys for Tots Donations.

After eight years of steady growth, I told the commissioners it was time to pause and really take stock of where we are. They agreed—and then immediately began discussing the work still ahead of us.

For a primarily volunteer fire district, we operate at a high level. People come here to learn, to work, and to grow. Many spread their wings here before moving on to paid positions elsewhere. My hope is that when people want to work in the fire service, they think of coming here to learn the trade.

We benefit from their energy while they're with us, and they help spread the word about who we are.

In the meantime, we will continue to learn, grow, and work hard to be the best fire district around. In my opinion, dollar for dollar, we already are—by a long shot.

As always, the coffee is on, and I would love to show you the operation and introduce you to the people who make it run. I am proud of every one of them, and once you meet them, you will be too.

Happy New Year to you and yours,

Matthew N Welander
Fire Chief, West Mason Fire

District Updates:

For official announcements and the latest district updates, please visit our website and Facebook page. Our Facebook page is updated more frequently and is the best source for timely information. This is the end of our regularly printed newsletter. With the savings on printing, we will be purchasing turnout gear. We will still periodically mail out other information as necessary.

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/WestMasonFD>

Website <https://www.westmasonfire.org>

Enjoy this holiday season,
Janelle Everson
PIO, West Mason Fire

A Season to Be Grateful

As 2025 comes to a close, there's plenty to be grateful for.

I'm grateful to our supportive community for approving the levy lid lift. It ensures we can keep delivering quality fire services even as costs outpace our limited revenue growth.



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I'm grateful for the renewed volunteer spirit in our district. Having more willing hands than equipment is a good problem to have.

I'm grateful for Commissioner Dion Johnson's years of service. We'll miss him and wish him well on his next chapter.

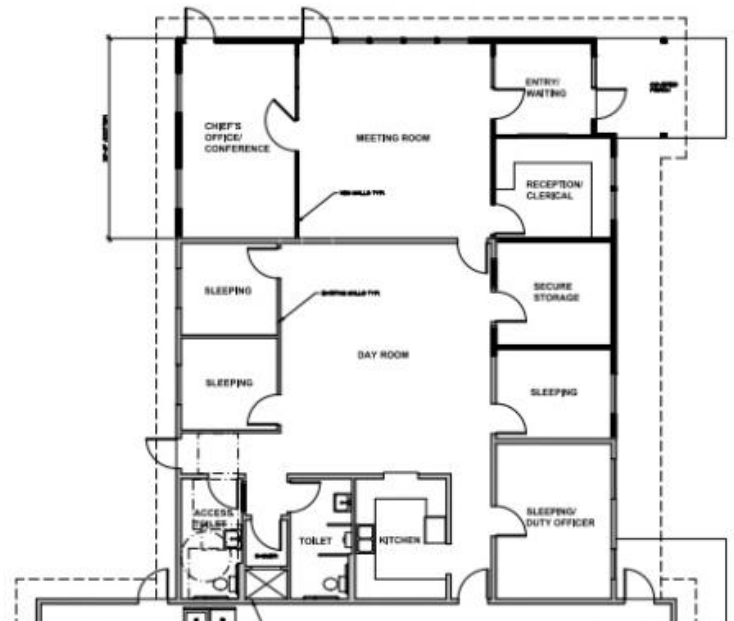
I'm also grateful to welcome Commissioner Darell Roberts. We look forward to his energy and fresh perspective.

This year's \$515,000 Capital Budget allocation from the state legislature will allow us to remodel our Dayton headquarters to better support both our paid and volunteer staff—another thing to be grateful for.

Lastly, I'm grateful for the professionalism of our responders. After a recent accident, my family saw firsthand the skill and compassion of West Mason Fire. Thank you.

Wishing you all a safe and joyful holiday season. I'm excited for what 2026 brings.

Regards,
Trevor Severance
Chairman, West Mason Fire District



Apparatus Bay is not changing. Our offices, sleeping quarters, and conference room will be updated.



Street view.