Major Changes/Additions to the NSFD Mission & Capabilities Since 1979

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purchased a larger heavy rescue vehicle complete with six crew and a cascade style SCBA bottle refilling station;
- A new light rescue vehicle was also purchased with a grant from the Saginaw-Chippewa Tribe;
- Breathing air & medical oxygen cascade systems were installed & a breathing air compressor system was installed;
- An infra-red imaging camera purchased for use in locating fire or smoldering material hidden from normal view;
- Our station on Weidman Road was enlarged to provide additional vehicle bays, a storage room, turnout gear locker space, a compressor room, another restroom and a new meeting room;
- To increase the level of safety during ice/water rescue operations, we purchased ice water rescue suits & an ice/water rescue sled;
- Two new tenders were purchased (one through a Saginaw-Chippewa Tribal grant) to replace the old 11-2 tender (loaned to Barryton Community Fire Department) and the old 11-4 & 11-7 tenders;
- Our Jeep CJ grass/brush fire vehicle was replaced with a Ford F250 4x4 pickup & utility vehicle (not for use on brush fires & woods fires);
- Our military surplus 2.5T, 6x6 brush vehicle replaced with a newer military surplus version;
- Husqvarna 4x4, HUV utility vehicle & transport trailer purchased & equipped for grass/brush fire suppression & rough terrain patient transport;
- A newer model Infra-Red imaging camera purchased;
- A newer, larger capacity, previously owned diesel generator was purchased to replace the old one for emergency backup station power;
- A steel carport was purchased & erected beside our outdoor charcoal grill to provide cover for social event participants;
- A semi-automatic hose washing machine was purchased by the NSFA to substantially decrease the time required to clean the hundreds of feet of hose dirtied during fire suppression activities;