



2015 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 65

September 24, 2015 – Introduced by Representative THIESFELDT, cosponsored by Senator GUDEX. Referred to Committee on Rules.

AUTHORS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

1 **Relating to:** congratulating the Fond du Lac Fire Department on earning
2 international accreditation on August 27, 2015.

3 Whereas, the City of Fond du Lac established Fond du Lac Fire/Rescue in
4 March of 1848 in order to ensure safety in the community; and

5 Whereas, in 1849, the City of Fond du Lac first purchased equipment in order
6 to fight fires, including ladders, hooks, and buckets, and the first organized fire
7 company was established in the summer of 1854 under the leadership of Fire Chief
8 Azro Taylor; and

9 Whereas, Fond du Lac Fire/Rescue was awarded an international accreditation
10 by the Center for Public Safety and Excellence, evaluated on a variety of criteria
11 including training, assessment and planning, administration, and financial
12 resources; and

13 Whereas, Fond du Lac Fire and Rescue is one of only 207 accredited
14 departments worldwide in 2015; and

1 Whereas, accreditation by the Commission on Fire Accreditation International
2 is a comprehensive self-evaluation that allows organizations to examine their
3 performance in relation to industry best practices; and

4 Whereas, the Center for Public Safety and Excellence allows fire and
5 emergency service agencies to assess their performance in order to determine
6 community risk and safety needs, judge the performance of the department, and
7 create a method for achieving repeated organizational improvement; and

8 Whereas, today Fond du Lac Fire/Rescue consists of 67 dedicated and dutiful
9 members that operate 3 fire stations in the City of Fond du Lac; and

10 Whereas, their continued dedication to the Fond du Lac community has saved
11 countless lives in the area while providing a timely and effective response to all
12 emergencies; and

13 Whereas, under the leadership of Fire Chief Peter O'Leary, the department has
14 made tremendous strides and continues to strive for continuous improvement,
15 realizing the safety of our members and community is paramount to their success;
16 now, therefore, be it

17 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the Wisconsin state
18 legislature congratulates Fond du Lac Fire/Rescue on receiving accreditation from
19 the Center for Public Safety and Excellence; and

20 ***Be it further resolved, That*** without the hard work and dedication of the
21 firefighters and paramedics of Fond du Lac Fire/Rescue, none of this would be
22 possible, and that we wish them continued success and safety in the years to come;
23 and

