A thermal imaging camera was recently donated to Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College by Independent Insurance Agents of Northwest Wisconsin. From left: Craig Fowler, WITC-Campus Administrator; Aaron Marsh, Marsh Agency; Jack Running, WITC Fire Training Coordinator; John Nelson, Thompson-Nelson Insurance Agency; Joe Erickson, Knudson Agency.

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The Independent Insurance Agents, covering 10 counties, hold a fundraiser golf tournament every August, with funds designated for fire safety. The $7,000 TIC allows firefighters to see areas of heat through smoke, darkness or heat-permeable barriers such as walls, enabling them to see the source of the fire or locate victims.

Jack Running, WITC Fire Training Coordinator, said the college now has two TICs and, “the training exercises will enable departments to determine whether it is an equipment investment they should make, or in the case of those departments that have a TIC, the firefighters can advance their skills in using it.”

In addition to the TICs, the college has its own pumper truck, burn simulator trailer, driving simulator and other up-to-date equipment for hands-on firefighting training.

**Upcoming Events**

**October**

Oct. 8 ......................... Preview Day, Rice Lake
Oct. 16 ......................... No Classes - Campus Inservice, Superior
Oct. 27 ......................... Fall Career Day, New Richmond
Oct. 29 ......................... Open House, Ladysmith

**November**

Nov. 4 ........................ Career Day, Ashland
Nov. 4 ........................ Fall Open House, Rice Lake
Nov. 5 ........................ Fall Open House, Hayward
Nov. 10 ......................... Campus Exploration Day, New Richmond
Nov. 10 ......................... Fall Career Day, Superior