



# Wisconsin Rapids Fire Department

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To: Mayor Shane Blaser, Wisconsin Rapids Police and Fire Commission, Wisconsin Rapids Common Council  
From: Todd Eckes, WRFDFire Chief  
Date: February 1, 2023  
RE: Monthly Summary for January 2023

WRFDMeetings, events, training, and notable calls for the month of December:

- Police and Fire Commission meeting
- Hire Three Firefighter/Medics
- On boarded three new Cadets
- Common Council meeting
- Mayors Monthly Touch Base Meeting
- Training Committee Meeting
- Fire Investigation Response Team (FIRT) Meeting
- EMS Quality Assurance Meeting
- Human Resources Meeting
- Department Heads Meeting
- One member Attended North Central Regional Trauma Advisory Council (NCRTAC) meeting
- One member attended the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) meeting
- FDPDtraining
- Car seat Clinic at Station I
- North Central Fire Chiefs meeting
- Wood County Fire Chiefs Meeting
- EMS Training – Pediatric Resuscitation
- Fire Training – Calling a Mayday/Self survival skills
- Held EMR Training
- Cadet training Topic – Two minute Drills Low visibility search & Rescue
- Attended a full scale planning exercise for Hazardous materials
- Members attended an Ice Rescue Class in Pittsville
- Held a Retiree Breakfast

January Anniversaries: Joe Kubis - 27 Years, Jason Joling – 25 Years, Todd Eckes – 16 Years, Chaplain Dan DeRoche – 7 Years, Josh Russell – 7 Years, Michael Duchrow – 7 Years,

Notable Responses:

Fire - 10<sup>th</sup> Ave N

Motor Vehicle Collisions – 7

Carbon Monoxide call – 2

Spills – 1

Industrial Fire 2721 Industrial street



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## WRFDNotes:

January has been a busy month for writing Grants. We are currently working on an Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) to replace the Exhaust capture system at Station II and the old apparatus bay area at Station I. These carcinogen reduction measures will cost \$108,000. If awarded the grant our portion of that total would be \$5,400. The AFG grant would pay for the other 95%. We fall into that payback category of 5% due to the population of Wisconsin Rapids being less than 20,000 population. 20,000 - 1 Million would be responsible for 10% and 15% for any municipality over 1 million. We have also been actively preparing our narrative for the Staffing Adequate Fire & Emergency Response (SAFER) grant. This grant is a 100% award and covers all wages and benefits for three firefighters for three years. This is part of the department's strategic plan for 2023 to bring staffing up to the industry standard. The AFG grant session will be closing February 13 and awards could happen through the end of the year. When the AFG grant closes, the SAFER grant window will open and be open for one month. The awards would be the same; it could be closer to the fall before we would find out.

One member attended OPK9. This class given through MSTC on the Stevens Point campus that focused on care for K-9 Officers that injured in the line of duty. State statute actually requires us to treat them as a human and transport these injured Officers to the nearest animal hospital for care. The class focused on handling these K-9's, treating them from a Basic Life support and Advance Life Support perspective. These Officers injuries may range from gunshots, knife wounds, or Trauma from a vehicle collision. Our partnership with the special response teams for the city and the county makes this a priority for us to be able to treat these Officers. The knowledge, Skills, & Abilities learned that day will be shared with the entire staff.

Lastly, for January we have offered three candidates jobs as Firefighter/Medics with all three accepting. Two of the three are finishing Medic class and the third comes to us from Mauston fire department. All three are in the process of onboarding to include a NFPA 1582 physical as well as an extensive background check, and a Psychological examination. Once completed a start date will be scheduled and all three will begin employment with the department. These three candidates will be the first to go through our newly created Recruit Academy. This 4-week long program will include orientation as well as competency exams including all the skills they need to master before they go on shift. We developed this academy to help set our newest members up for success as they begin their new career. Each day of the academy, a Field Training Officer will lead them through mastery of all the Knowledge, Skills, & Abilities necessary to complete our jobs, and meet the mission of the department, "Professional at all times, Proficient in all tasks, Polite to everyone we meet, & Compassionate to those in need".



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## WRFD JANUARY 2023 MONTHLY RESPONSE REPORT

Type of Emergency	January 2023 Responses	Total # of 2023 Responses	January 2022 Responses	Total # of 2022 Responses
EMS 911	338	338	411	411
EMS IFT	0	0	7	7
COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE	0	0	0	0
FIRE	3	3	2	2
EXPLOSION (No Fire)	0	0	0	0
HAZARDOUS CONDITION	4	4	2	2
SERVICE CALLS	2	2	4	4
GOOD INTENT	3	3	9	9
FALSE ALARMS/WEATHER	4	4	9	9
TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE	354	354	444	444

### Notes:

- Fire 100 Series: Fire (s *structure, vehicle, wildland*)
- Fire 200 Series: Overpressure, Rupture, Explosion, Overheat (*No Fire*)
- Fire 300 Series: Rescue & Emergency Service Incident (*Motor vehicle accident, EMS Calls*)
- Fire 400 Series: *Hazardous Condition (spills, leaks with no fire)*
- Fire 500 Series: Service Calls (water & smoke problems, burning complaints)
- Fire 600 Series: Good Intent (*Dispatched and cancelled, Citizen needs help*)
- Fire 700/800 Series: (700) False Alarms (800) Severe Weather/Natural Disasters

Runs by District	January 2023	2023 Totals	January 2022	2022 Totals
Wisconsin Rapids	271	271	335	335
Saratoga	21	21	29	29
Village Port Edwards	9	9	15	15
Village Biron	24	24	16	16
Town of Port Edwards	4	4	8	8
Nekoosa	16	16	30	30
Granmoor	1	1	2	2
Mutual Aid Given	2	2	9	9
Mutual Aid Received	6	6	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	354	354	444	444

Confined Space Stand-by	January 2023	Total # 2023	January 2022	Total # 2022
TOTALS	43	43	37	37





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A great successful fundraiser by the WRFD Charitable Foundation. These proceeds were raised through the Breast cancer awareness shirt sale in October of 2022. Everyone probably knows someone affected by Cancer, which makes this fundraiser so important and special to our organization.

