



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: March 1, 2023
RE: Monthly Summary for February 2023

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

- Police and Fire Commission meeting
- Three Firefighter/Medics Began week of 2-20
- Common Council meeting
- Mayors Monthly Touch Base Meeting
- Training Committee Meeting
- Human Resources Meeting
- Management meeting
- Officers Meeting
- Public Education meeting
- FD/PDtraining
- Car seat Clinic at Station I
- North Central Fire Chiefs meeting
- 1 member attended the Community Care meeting Riverview/Aspirus
- 1 member attended the Area 9 Fire Inspectors monthly meeting
- All members completed their annual Haz-Mat Physicals
- 4 Members Attended State Fire Chiefs Winter In Service
- 2 Members attended the Incident safety Officer class at the WAHMR conference
- EMS Training – Our Billing agent presented training to all crews on Documentation
- Fire Training – FF-Firefighter Down, MPO-MPO Calculations/Flows, Officer – Scene Size Up, Tech Rescue – Rope systems & Knots.
- DNR presented training to all members on Wildland Fires
- WE Energies presented training to all members on Natural Gas Emergencies
- Held EMR Training
- Cadet training Topic – Two minute Drills Low visibility search & Rescue
- Ambulance standby at the Polar Plunge at Anchor Bay
- Ambulance Standby at Wrestling tournament
- Station Tours and talks with 50 2nd Graders from Washington Elementary
- Station Tour and Presentation to 30 Cub Scouts

February Anniversaries: Joel Fetterer 17 Years, Ashlyn Wagner 5 Years,

Notable Responses:



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WRFD Notes:

February was a historical year for WRFD with the addition of three personnel, one on each shift. The week of 2-20, our three newest Firefighter/Medics started their career with WRFD. Joining Crew 1 was James Hibbard. James comes to us from the Mauston Fire Department where he has been serving since 2018 as a Firefighter while also working for the Mauston Ambulance service as a Paramedic. James also spent 4 years in the Marines from 2011–2015 prior to his involvement in the Fire/EMS service. James is also a member of Team Rubicon. A quick response unit deployed for large-scale catastrophes comprised of former military personnel and First Responders. Welcome James to our Family.

Joining Crew 2 is Justin Shaffer. Justin is finishing Paramedic training at Madison Area Technical College (MATC). Justin has been serving on Fitchburg Fire & rescue while he attended MATC. Justin joins our department certified as FFI, FFII, Haz-Mat Operations, Fire Inspector, Driver Operator, and soon Paramedic. We welcome Justin and his wife and new baby girl to our family.

Joining Crew 3 is Addey Cronkrite. Addey is returning to her original area after completing her Fire/Medic degree at Fox Valley Technical College (FVIC). Addey grew up in Port Edwards, and is completing her Paramedic degree at FVIC. Addey comes to us with certification in FFI, FFII, Fire Investigator, and soon Paramedic. Addey was formerly a member of Clayton Fire & rescue while she attended FVIC. We want to welcome Addey and her family to our WRFD family.

This month was also busy with Grant applications. Submission of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) was completed, asking FEMA for \$108,000 to replace our existing Vehicle Exhaust collection system that is 16 years old and starting to fail. We also submitted an application for a Staffing for Adequate Fire & Emergency Response, (SAFER) grant. The Request for this grant was \$1,055,000. This grant would pay for Wages and Benefits for three Firefighters for three years. This is the final piece in the proposal for 6 Firefighters in late 2022.

February was filled with many Public Education opportunities. Ambulance Standby at both the Polar Plunge event at Anchor Bay, and the State Middle School wrestling tournament at East Junior High school. Other events were Station tours and presentations to 50 2nd Graders, and 30 Cub scouts to station I. It is important for the public to know we are here for them and public events gives them and our members a chance to talk and answer questions that they may have about their Fire Department.

As always, I encourage all members of the Council or PFC to visit the department and spend some time with the crews and find out everything that we offer our Citizens on a day-to-day basis.



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WRFD FEBRUARY 2023 MONTHLY RESPONSE REPORT

Type of Emergency	February 2023 Responses	Total # of 2023 Responses	February 2022 Responses	Total # of 2022 Responses
EMS 911	300	641	295	706
EMS IFT	3	0	4	11
COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE	0	0	0	7
FIRE	0	3	3	5
EXPLOSION (No Fire)	0	0	0	0
HAZARDOUS CONDITION	2	6	2	4
SERVICE CALLS	0	2	2	6
GOOD INTENT	4	7	2	11
FALSE ALARMS/WEATHER	5	9	7	16
TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE	314	668	315	759

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	February 2023	2023 Totals	February 2022	2022 Totals
Wisconsin Rapids	238	521	237	572
Saratoga	22	43	22	51
Village Port Edwards	11	20	9	24
Village Biron	16	24	9	25
Town of Port Edwards	4	13	11	19
Nekoosa	22	38	22	52
Granmoor	0	1	0	2
Mutual Aid Given	1	2	3	12
Mutual Aid Received	0	6	2	2
TOTALS	314	668	315	759

Confined Space Stand-by	February 2023	Total # 2023	February 2022	Total # 2022
TOTALS	43	86	50	87