



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, 2024
RE: Monthly Summary for February 2024

WRFDFmeetings, events, training, and notable calls for the month of February 2024:

- Police and Fire Commission meeting
- Common Council meeting
- Held a Management Meeting
- Held a Labor/Management meeting.
- Held a Guardian Angel Project meeting.
- P/DFD Meeting
- EMS Committee meeting
- Truck Committee meeting
- Monthly EMR training
- Held Fire Inspection Training for all members.
- Wisconsin State Fire Chiefs Board Meeting
- Attended North Central Fire Chiefs meeting.
- 3 Members Attended State Chiefs Winter In Service
- 2 Members attended the Wisconsin EMS Association Conference
- 1 Member attended the State EMS Board meeting.
- 1 Member attended the North Central Regional Trauma Advisory Council meeting.
- 1 Member attended the Active Threat conference.
- The Chief visited Chippewa Valley Technical College for a recruitment presentation.
- 1 Medic Intern riding along
- Held Candidate interviews.
- Hired two new Firefighters.
- Neck up Checkups all month
- Car seat Clinic at Station I
- Ambulance Standby at the Polar Plunge

February Anniversaries: Lieutenant Joel Fetterer 18 Yrs. Firefighter Ashlyn Wagner 6 Yrs. Firefighter Addey Cronkrite 1 Yr. Firefighter Justin Shaffer 7 Yr.

Notable Responses:

Structure Fire: Multi Family Dwelling, Mutual Aid fire at Nekoosa Mill, Cooking Fire, Motor Vehicle fire, 2 Trash fires.

Motor Vehicle: 5 MVC with injuries, 5 MVC with no injuries

Carbon Monoxide/Odor Calls: 7 CO or suspicious odor calls

False Alarms: 7



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WRFD Notes:

February was a very diverse month beginning with our annual Hazardous Materials Physicals. As a State Type III Haz Mat team we are mandated to conduct physicals for all members of the Haz Mat team. This used to be a much larger cost prior to contracting with Med Compass last year. Cost prior to then was \$22,000. The last two years the contract for the same physicals has been \$12,000. Great initial savings and logistical savings in Overtime and time spent while on duty not available to count to staff. Med Compass also focuses on Emergency services for these physicals, so they focus on the most significant aspects of our industry when completing these physicals. What used to take all month to complete can now be done in four days.

Staying in focus with Hazardous Materials, the month of February also found two Subject Matter Experts (SME) from the Regional All Climate Training Center (REACT) in house for an all-day training with each crew on Hazardous Materials response. This training was made possible by a grant that Battalion Chief Kubis wrote to the REACT center which paid for the training. Each crew spent 8 hours with the SME's reviewing our target hazard chemicals and transportation of those chemicals in the morning followed by an afternoon of hands-on training using the newest devices in the industry for mitigation of these responses. As a State Type III team, we are required to complete 8 hours of continuing education every year in this category. This training is not the only training we do in a year in this subject, we try to review some type of Special Operations response every quarter.

Training is a top priority in the Fire Industry and that is no different at WRFD. Every afternoon, even when interrupted by many calls, the crews train on a vast array of response disciplines. This month we focused on Wildland Fire Response. We do not do a lot of Wild Land Response in the city, but are many times requested to respond out of the city to help our mutual aid partners. Members of the DNR lead an afternoon of training with each of the crews throughout the month. That training consisted of wildland fire response tactics, as well as using the plotted map books the DNR has produced that sector off the entire county into manageable regions to mitigate this type of incident. The afternoon was then spent with scenarios using the training they received with the plot books and developing an incident action plan to extinguish the simulated fire.



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WRFDFebruary 2024 MONTHLYRESPONSE REPORT

Type of Emergency	February 2024 Responses	Total # of 2024 Responses	February 2023 Responses	Total # of 2023 Responses
EMS 911	374	780	300	641
EMS IFT	1	1	3	0
COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE	1	1	0	0
FIRE	7	7	0	3
EXPLOSION (No Fire)	0	0	0	0
HAZARDOUS CONDITION	8	10	2	6
SERVICE CALLS	5	11	0	2
GOOD INTENT	4	8	4	7
FALSE ALARMS/WEATHER	9	26	5	9
TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE	409	848	314	668

Notes:

- Fire 100 Series: Fire (s *tructure, 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 2024	2024 Totals	February 2023	2023 Totals
Wisconsin Rapids	283	604	238	521
Saratoga	21	51	22	43
Village Port Edwards	21	38	11	20
Village Biron	23	40	16	24
Town of Port Edwards	13	15	4	13
Nekoosa	35	63	22	38
Granmoor	0	1	0	1
Mutual Aid Given	5	6	1	2
Mutual Aid Received	8	30	0	6
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Confined Space Stand-by	February 2024	Total # 2024	February 2023	Total # 2023
TOTALS	19	43	50	87



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WRFD TRAINING CENTER FOR February 2024

Category	Topic
Fire	Wildland Training (DNR)
Officer	None
Motor Pump Operator	None
Technical rescue	None
Hazardous Materials	Hazardous Materials Refresher (REACT Center)
EMS	Active Threat Assessment
EMR	Resuscitation
Cadet	Personal Protective Equipment

Total Training Hours for the Month	368.5
Inspections for the month	0



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February Overtime Paid Summary

Overtime Summary in Hours												
Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Running Total
Category												
Comp Paid Out	2.75	24										26.75
FMLA	24											24.00
Emergency Call ins	23.5	104										127.50
Sick	146.3	86										232.30
Stay-Over	5.5	3.5										9.00
Meeting/Committee		5.5										5.50
BC VAC		12										12.00
ODT		5										5.00
Training	26.75	19.17										45.92
Monthly Total	228.80	259.17	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	487.97

O.T. Rate	\$39
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Comp Pay Out over 100 hours	\$7,442
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February Total O.T. Cost	\$10,104.51
Year to Date O.T. Cost	\$19,027.71

Jan. Crew Transfer Pay	\$200
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