



# 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: July 3, 2023  
RE: Monthly Summary for June 2023

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

- Police and Fire Commission meeting
- Common Council meeting
- Mayors Monthly Touch Base Meeting
- Finance & Property Meeting
- Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Services (CAAS) Reaccreditation site visit
- Wisconsin State Fire Chiefs Board Meeting
- Wisconsin State Fire Chiefs Conference
- Regional Trauma Advisory Committee meeting
- Coverdell Stroke Meeting
- Trained DPW in CPR
- Fire Department Open House
- ERCO Disaster drill planning meeting
- Fall Reduction meeting with ADRC
- North Central Fire Chiefs meeting
- All members did a tour of Mary's Place
- Car seat Clinic at Station I
- All department ladders annual testing.
- Station, I tour.
- Department Photos of all members for Photo IDs
- Participated in the Cranberry Fest Events

June Anniversaries: Brian St. Myers 17 Years, Steve Koch 17 Years, Trent Aldrich 4 Years, Dylan West 2 Years, Caitlin West 1 Year.

Notable Responses:

Structure Fire: 1 Grass Fire

Motor vehicle Crashes: 3 MVC's



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## WRFD Notes:

June 19 & 20 we had a site visit from the Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Services (CAAS). This is an extensive dive from two reviewers from CAAS that look into all of the behind-the-scenes aspects of an ambulance service. Their objective is to ensure that the service is performing at the top level of patient care in their response area. They ensure we operate within our protocols, that proper policies are in place and are followed, and proper licensure and certifications are met and monitored. Other areas they review are both required training and training needs identified through our Quality Assurance (QA) and Continued Quality Improvement (CQI) programs. The QA program identifies areas that we need extra work on, and the CQI outlines how that improvement will be met through training, documentation, and monitoring. They primarily focus on the service, but also review the ancillary organizations that we work with on a day-to-day basis. These include Human Resources, maintenance records of our fleet, Communications (County Dispatch), and of course personnel. Interviews were conducted with members from the department questioning their knowledge of our protocols, where supplies are on the ambulances, the procedures for their use, procedures for documentation, medication use, security of medications, and Patient Care reports. I am happy to say the Firefighter/Medics received High praise from the reviewers stating that they are some of the best they have reviewed. There are 162 categories or standards that we are held to, and I am happy to say that there were zero deficiencies found. During their visit. The visit ended with a wrap-up meeting with the staff and Mayor Blaser. We were given high praise from the reviewers who stated that we are in the top 3-5% of ambulance services in the Nation. This is our fourth Re-accreditation visit, and it may seem like a lot of work and review, but this program has taken WRFD from a great Ambulance Service to one of the best in the nation, and our citizens deserve that type of care.

This level of high-quality care comes from hard work that started back in 2009 and was spearheaded by then Fire Chief Mitch Waite. When we received that first Accreditation, we were the first in the State to do so. To date there are only three in the State with one waiting for a Review making it the fourth. Nationally there are only 183 services with the CAAS declaration. That level has been improved upon every year by the dedicated and committed members of WRFD every time they walk through the doors of the station reporting for duty and riding those ambulances responding to the citizens in their greatest time of need. To say that as a Chief I am proud of these members would be an understatement. I would put the members of WRFD up against any Firefighter/Medics in the State or Nation and their individual performance would shine and prove what CAAS has identified, quality care given at the top 3-5% in the nation. Why do we do this? Because it aligns perfectly with our Mission Statement. Professional at all times, Proficient in all tasks, Polite to everyone we meet, and Compassionate to those in need.



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## WRFD JUNE 2023 MONTHLY RESPONSE REPORT

Type of Emergency	June 2023 Responses	Total # of 2023 Responses	June 2022 Responses	Total # of 2022 Responses
EMS 911	338	2,117	340	2,107
EMS IFT	2	8	4	33
COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE	0	0	0	9
FIRE	1	23	7	21
EXPLOSION (No Fire)	0	0	0	0
HAZARDOUS CONDITION	5	20	5	16
SERVICE CALLS	3	25	4	25
GOOD INTENT	6	27	8	42
FALSE ALARMS/WEATHER	7	29	8	37
TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE	362	2,249	376	2,290

### 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	June 2023	2023 Totals	June 2022	2022 Totals
Wisconsin Rapids	290	1,724	280	1,674
Saratoga	21	139	17	155
Village Port Edwards	7	51	12	74
Village Biron	16	110	4	51
Town of Port Edwards	5	45	12	41
Nekoosa	16	115	18	146
Granmoor	3	7	0	6
Mutual Aid Given	2	22	19	54
Mutual Aid Received	2	36	14	89
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Confined Space Stand-by	June 2023	Total # 2023	June 2022	Total # 2022
TOTALS	39	216	34	211



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## WRFD TRAINING CENTER FOR JUNE 2023

Category	Topic
Fire	Large Area Search
Officer	Decision Making & Problem Solving
Motor Pump Operator	Drafting from Static & Dynamic Water sources
Technical rescue	No Training in May
Hazardous Materials	Metering for Haz Mat
EMS	ADRC Training
EMR	Mass Casualty Incident, TRIAGE, and BLS Skills
Cadet	No training in June and July

<b>Total Training Hours for the Month</b>	<b>417</b>
<b>Inspections for the month</b>	<b>122</b>