



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: August 1, 2023
RE: Monthly Summary for July 2023

WRFDMeetings, events, training, and notable calls for the month of July 2023:

- Police and Fire Commission meeting
- Common Council meeting
- PD/FD Meeting
- Mayors Monthly Touch Base Meeting
- Finance & Property Meeting
- HR Meeting
- Legislative meeting
- Department Management meeting
- Department Labor Management meeting
- EMS Committee meeting
- Held department Retiree Breakfast
- Monthly EMR training
- Active Shooter drill
- Wisconsin State Fire Chiefs Board Meeting
- Regional Trauma Advisory Committee meeting
- Wood County Fire Chiefs meeting
- North Central Fire Chiefs meeting
- ERCO Disaster drill planning meeting
- Car seat Clinic at Station I
- Station, I tour 20 children and 10 adults
- Department Photos of all members for Photo ID's

July Anniversaries: Sean Murphy 24 Years, Andrew Saxer 4 Years

Notable Responses:

Structure Fire: 7/19/23 Structure Fire, 7/25/23 Structure Fire, 7/30/23 Structure Fire, 7/25/23 Vehicle Fire

Motor vehicle Crashes: 7 Motor Vehicle Crashes



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WRFD Notes:

On 7/11 we opened bids for the remodel at Station II. This project was part of the original Station I project, but because the bids came in so high, we were not able to complete the project as part of that renovation. The result of the Station I project was a return of \$106,000 back to the city that was not used during the project. Most of that, \$100,000, was the contingency fund. We were able to not spend any of that fund, which today does not happen very often. Battalion Chief Lisitza, our building and Grounds manager, elicited bids from local contractors to see if we could complete this project with those funds. That primary research showed we could and here we are today. This last week the lowest bidder in each category was sent an e-mail with the contract to sign and instructions on the start date. Our hope is to start in August with a completion date before the end of the year. This project is small compared to Station I. This remodel only happens in the bathroom/shower area in the sleeping quarters changing into a gender-neutral environment, while moving residential laundry into this room and removing it from the apparatus area. With this project completion all WRFD will be gender neutral.

The last day of July was the first of three Active Shooter exercises that will be held in the city partnering with WRPD, and many of the local resources that would respond to these incidents. This has been in the planning stages since the first of the year and was generated from our monthly FD/PPD meetings held by command staff from both organizations. That planning was followed up by three different tabletop exercises, one on each crew from both organizations, and many of our partnering agencies that will exercise that day. Those tabletop exercises allow us to make some mistakes ahead of the full-scale exercise and make changes to our tactics and policies. We fully expect to identify areas that we will need to improve on, that is why we drill. This will be the first large scale exercise in many years and will focus on Lincoln High School, and the Middle School. Our plan is to do three every year on different high targets that could potentially see this type of response. This not only allows us to exercise our personnel and tactics, but also to pre-plan items like staging areas, number of personnel needed for such a response, where those resources will come from, and expected response times.

Lastly July 4th saw another great Fireworks held along the beautiful Wisconsin River. This is always a large-scale event every year that historically has presented some unique responses. AS part of our FD/PPD monthly meetings and identified on the 4th of July wrap up meeting was a need to be more proactive with these events with regards to pre-planning and developing an Incident Action Plan. Using the NIMS ICS forms a pre plan is in the works that could be used at the many events held in the city annually. Not just the 4th but the Grand Affair, Cranberry Blossom Festival, etc. Work has begun to accommodate barricades to protect the public in the future, and to put together an Incident Command team design that would identify the necessary core functions needing to be filled to ensure the events stay safe for the citizens that will be attending.



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WRFD JULY 2023 MONTHLY RESPONSE REPORT

Type of Emergency	July 2023 Responses	Total # of 2023 Responses	July 2022 Responses	Total # of 2022 Responses
EMS 911	383	2,500	397	2504
EMS IFT	3	11	7	40
COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE	0	0	1	10
FIRE	10	33	4	25
EXPLOSION (No Fire)	0	0	0	0
HAZARDOUS CONDITION	7	27	1	17
SERVICE CALLS	7	32	10	35
GOOD INTENT	9	36	7	49
FALSE ALARMS/WEATHER	11	40	9	46
TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE	430	2,679	436	2726

Notes:

- Fire 100 Series: Fire (*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	July 2023	2023 Totals	July 2022	2022 Totals
Wisconsin Rapids	309	2,033	330	2004
Saratoga	17	156	24	179
Village Port Edwards	13	64	16	90
Village Biron	19	129	16	67
Town of Port Edwards	12	57	5	46
Nekoosa	37	152	22	168
Cranmoor	1	8	0	6
Mutual Aid Given	6	28	7	61
Mutual Aid Received	16	52	16	105
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Confined Space Stand-by	July 2023	Total # 2023	July 2022	Total # 2022
TOTALS	27	243	37	248



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WRFD TRAINING CENTER FOR JULY 2023

Category	Topic
Fire	Firefighter Down/Forcible Entry
Officer	Whole Community Planning for Disasters
Motor Pump Operator	Effective Fire Attack
Technical rescue	No Training in July
Hazardous Materials	Haz Mat Truck Emergency Response
EMS	Pediatric Advance Life Support
EMR	No Training for July
Cadet	No training in June and July

Total Training Hours for the Month	365
Inspections for the month	33