



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: November 1, 2023
RE: Monthly Summary for October 2023

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

- Police and Fire Commission meeting
- Common Council meeting
- PD/FD Meeting
- Mayors Touch base meeting.
- EMS Committee meeting.
- Monthly EMR training
- Wisconsin State Fire Chiefs Board Meeting
- Hosted North Central Fire Chiefs meeting.
- Attended Wood County Fire Chiefs meeting.
- Attended ERCO haz mat exercise debriefing.
- Attended Fire Advisory board meeting at MSTC.
- Hosted the Fire portion of the citizens academy.
- One member attended the Wisconsin Fire Inspectors conference.
- Hosted Electrical Vehicle training.
- Attended Finance & Property Meeting
- Attended committee of the whole for Budget
- Attended WRPS Crisis action meeting.
- Gave away 8 Citizens award at ERCO Worldwide
- Gave a citizen award at Nekoosa PD
- Station Tour for MSTC Emergency Management Principles students
- Began Project Lifesaver program.
- Emergency Vehicle Operations course training.
- Held Fire Prevention programs in all the schools.
- Held Lieutenants testing.
- Two members attended the W. EMS Board meeting
- Ambulance standby at football games
- Car seat Clinic at Station I

October Anniversaries: Austin Erdman 5 Years,

Notable Responses:

Structure Fire: Burning complaint,

Motor vehicle Crashes: 7 MVC with injuries, and 1 MVC BXPedestrian



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WRFD Notes:

October is always a very busy month with Fire Prevention. Fire Prevention week always starts off with the final alarm ceremony held at the Fallen Firefighters Memorial the Saturday before Fire Prevention week. That night a Final Alarm Procession is held through the streets of Wisconsin Rapids of Fire Apparatus from across the State. Fire Prevention week always falls on the week of October 10th, the date of both the great Chicago fire and the Peshtigo fire. Everyone always remembers and thinks the Chicago fire was the worst historical fire, but the Peshtigo fire burned more than 8,875 acres and destroyed 12 communities killing 2,400 people. The great Chicago fire destroyed 17,500 buildings and 73 miles of street and was believed to have killed 300 people. This year during that week we visited every school in the city and spent time with all the Kindergarten and Third Graders talking about age specific Fire Safety in the home. This year's theme was (Cooking Safety Starts with You! Pay attention to Prevention).

During the month we also hosted an Electric Vehicle Safety course sponsored by Wheeler Chevrolet. Over 50 Firefighters, Tow Operators, EMS, and Law Enforcement personnel attend either the day or night class. A box lunch was sponsored by Cross View Church for all that attended. There was a classroom portion to start off the class followed by a hands-on portion looking at the different safety concerns with these types of vehicles. Many Thanks to Wheelers for sponsoring the class and paying for the instructors.

In October we held a lieutenant's test. Every 18 months we hold testing to keep a list of qualified candidates that will be used for openings in our Relief Officer positions as well as any open Lieutenants position during the next 18 months. We had 5 internal candidates that qualified for the test. They needed to submit a written response to a problem, take a 100-question written exam, Participate and be graded on an Incident Command Scenario, Interview with two Chief Officers from different departments and one Citizen businessman, and complete an oral interview with the Fire Chief and Deputy Chief. HR proctored the written exam and all results of all the other testing was submitted to HR. for scoring. The results are then sent back to the Chief for use when an opening occurs.

Lastly the month of October also brought Emergency Vehicle Operations Course testing. A requirement of ISO, NFPA, and CAAS. Every member needs to complete a course that includes driver testing on an Engine and Ambulance. Those maneuvers include the Alley Dock, Serpentine, Diminishing Clearance, Three-point Turnaround, and a written test. All members must complete the training.



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WRFD October 2023 MONTHLY RESPONSE REPORT

Type of Emergency	October 2023 Responses	Total # of 2023 Responses	October 2022 Responses	Total # of 2022 Responses
EMS 911	360	3,502	372	3,624
EMS IFT	2	14	5	58
COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE	1	3	1	12
FIRE	2	44	5	34
EXPLOSION (No Fire)	0	0	0	0
HAZARDOUS CONDITION	2	37	6	29
SERVICE CALLS	5	43	5	47
GOOD INTENT	2	48	3	60
FALSE ALARMS/WEATHER	13	74	3	72
TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE	387	3,765	400	3,936

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	October 2023	2023 Totals	October 2022	2022 Totals
Wisconsin Rapids	301	2,840	285	2,882
Saratoga	20	211	28	263
Village Port Edwards	10	91	7	121
Village Biron	13	175	25	121
Town of Port Edwards	10	84	8	77
Nekoosa	23	227	25	238
Granmoor	0	9	0	7
Mutual Aid Given	10	50	11	76
Mutual Aid Received	0	78	10	152
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Confined Space Stand-by	October 2023	Total # 2023	October 2022	Total # 2022
TOTALS	102	374	52	383



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WRFD TRAINING CENTER FOR OCTOBER 2023

Category	Topic
Fire	Firefighter Survival/Rapid Intervention Team
Officer	Incident Command
Motor Pump Operator	Effective Apartment Lines
Technical rescue	Vehicle Extrication
Hazardous Materials	Photovoltaic Emergencies
EMS	Foam Frat Online
EMR	Patient Assessment
Cadet	Aerial Operations

Total Training Hours for the Month	688
Inspections for the month	1