



# Wisconsin Rapids Fire Department

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To: Mayor Shane Blaser, Wisconsin Rapids Police and Fire Commission, Wisconsin Rapids Common Council  
From: Scott Young, WRFD Fire Chief  
Date: May 5, 2020  
RE: Monthly Summary for April 2020

## WRFD meetings, events, training, and notable calls for the month of April:

- Police and Fire Commission meeting
- Common Council meeting
- Wood County Fire Chiefs meeting
- Officers meeting
- Numerous city and county Covid-19 meetings
- Entry Level Firefighter Field Training
- Advanced training on Strategy and Tactics Considerations for Incoming Company Officers
- Wisconsin State Firefighters Memorial lawn care and spring clean-up
- Structure fire at 340 7<sup>th</sup> St So. Excellent size-up and a quick knock down by first arriving engine company prevented major loss. No civilian or firefighter injuries

## WRFD Notes:

As you see in the run data on the page below, the department responded to 249 calls for service in the month of April, the lowest total in over 6 years. The good news with this number is that people are taking DHS recommendations regarding Covid-19 seriously and there is less travel and outdoor activities, lessening the chance of exposure to the community and our members. On the down side the departments EMS revenue may see an unexpected decrease as revenue is generated by run volume.

In the last 2 ½ years the departments make-up has seen a significant change. We currently have ten firefighters with less than 26 months of experience. With restrictions in place that prevent certain crew drills the department is working to find creative alternatives to give these members the training necessary that allows them to operate confidentially and independently in emergency operations. While we have cancelled large group trainings, we have emphasized training in small groups that focus on low frequency/high risk events, such as; search and rescue tactics, firefighter survivability, SCBA confidence drills, ventilation, confined space operations, and fire ground awareness. When social distancing restrictions ease we will begin conducting live fire training that ties all operations together.

The department has two new members we would like to welcome, Danny Shay and Rachel Zorn. Danny's first shift was April 22<sup>nd</sup>, and he will be assigned to crew #2. Rachel will be assigned to crew #1 and she began on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. The two will begin to count towards staffing later in May after they complete their entry-level field training requirements. We are very excited to have both of them on board!



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## WRFD APRIL 2020 MONTHLY RESPONSE REPORT

Type of Emergency	April 2020 Responses	Total # of 2020 Responses	April 2019 Responses	Total # of 2019 Responses	Year to Date % 2020/2019
EMS 911	203	1041	249	1049	.008%
EMS IFT	16	80	35	133	39.9%
COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE	0	3	0	6	50%
FIRE	2	11	1	12	9.5%
HAZARDOUS CONDITION	8	18	1	16	11.2%
SERVICE CALLS	11	28	8	22	21.5%
FALSE ALARMS	9	34	3	25	26.5%
TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE	249	1215	297	1263	3.8%

### Notes:

Fire category includes structure, vehicle rubbish, and wildland fires. Hazardous conditions include chemical release and spills, combustible/flammable leaks and spills, electrical wiring or equipment problems. False Alarms commercial fire alarm system activation, no fire. Service calls include smoke and carbon monoxide activation, water removal, burning complaints and public assistance.

Runs by District	April 2020	2020 Totals	April 2019	2019 Totals
Wisconsin Rapids	217	1052	267	1112
Saratoga	15	74	11	69
Village Port Edwards	9	45	8	33
Village Biron	5	31	8	32
Mutual Aid Given	2	11	2	8
Mutual Aid Received	1	2	1	9
<b>TOTALS</b>	249	1215	297	1263

Confined Space Stand-by	April 2020	Total # 2020	April 2019	Total # 2019
TOTALS	65	201	66	191