



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: February 1, 2024
RE: Monthly Summary for January 2024

WRFDMeetings, events, training, and notable calls for the month of January 2024:

- Police and Fire Commission meeting
- Common Council meeting
- Held a department Officer meeting.
- PD/FD Meeting
- Monthly EMR training
- Wisconsin State Fire Chiefs Board Meeting
- Attended North Central Fire Chiefs meeting.
- Attended Insurance Services Office Training
- Attended Citizen Academy Graduation
- Attended Wausau Chief Barteck Retirement ceremony.
- Held Live training at an acquired house all month long.
- 2 members attended the State EMS Board meeting.
- Numerous EMT basic interns through the month of December
- Hired two new Firefighters.
- Girl Scout Tour Station I and First Aid training
- Met with Haferman counseling about Mental Health Checkups.
- Held a Family Christmas Party for Members, Retirees and Families at Station I.
- Car seat Clinic at Station I

January Anniversaries: Battalion Chief Joe Kubis 28 Years, Deputy Chief Jason Joling 26 Years, Fire Chief Todd Eckes 17 Years, Pastor Daniel DeRoche 10 Years, FF Josh Russell 8 Years, FF Mike Duchrow 8 Years.

Notable Responses:

Structure Fire: 0

Motor Vehicle: 10 Motor Vehicle Crashes

Carbon Monoxide/Odor Calls: 9 Suspicious Odor and CO Calls

Fals Alarms: 17



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WRFD Notes:

January was another busy month. Starting the month off was three promotions within the department. Sadly, we say goodbye to Division Chief Justin Pluess who accepted a position as the Deputy Chief of department for Wausau Fire Department. We are sad to see him leave but wish him all the best in his new endeavor. Although we will miss him his position will be well maintained with the promotion of Brennan Agen to Division Chief of Fire. Brennan has been working hard behind the scenes on his bachelor's degree, and every day he comes to work always eager to learn more about the fire service. Congratulations Brennan we look forward to the great things you will do in your new position. With a vacancy like that at the top of the organizational structure there are always many moves throughout the crews. There were 8 different crew changes and 2 other promotions before it was done. Congratulations to Dustin Lease and Scott Whitrock who were promoted to the rank of Motor Pump Operator.

Through attrition we hired two new Firefighter Medics. Jodh Mancl who comes to us from Port Edwards Fire Department. Josh started as a part time employee with so many vacancies and eventually was promoted to full time duty as he finishes Paramedic class expected to graduate this spring. Also hired was Catherine (Catie) Jasin. Catie comes to us from the Nekoosa area and Town of Rome. Catie was on Nekoosa ambulance until their closure and was most recently serving as a Police Officer in the Town of Rome where she also served on both the Town of Rome and Nekoosa Volunteer Fire Departments. We welcome them both to the WRFD Family. They spent the month of January in Recruit Academy. This academy covers everything from Fire and EMS Response to payroll, and Standard Operations Guidelines, Rules and Regulations, and Policies. Once completed they will be assigned to their crews where they will spend three shift days not counting to staff as an on-crew orientation. They then will be assigned full status on the crew.

January is usually renewal month. Crews spent the month refreshing and re-certifying CPR and Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS). This is usually a day of lectures on the new research in cardiac arrest care, as well as hands-on practical using the skills we just learned. This certification is required every two years as well as Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS).

Lastly, we onboarded two more new Cadets for the Firefighter Cadet program. They will join the current cadets meeting once a month learning Firefighter and EMS skills. Many of these cadets wish to pursue a career in the Fire/EMS services, and it is important to expose them early hopefully teaching them skills to set them up for success as they move on.



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WRFD January 2024 MONTHLY RESPONSE REPORT

Type of Emergency	January 2024 Responses	Total # of 2024 Responses	January 2023 Responses	Total # of 2023 Responses
EMS 911	406	406	338	338
EMS IFT	4	0	0	0
COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE	0	0	0	0
FIRE	0	0	3	3
EXPLOSION (No Fire)	0	0	0	0
HAZARDOUS CONDITION	2	2	4	4
SERVICE CALLS	6	6	2	2
GOOD INTENT	4	4	3	3
FALSE ALARMS/WEATHER	17	17	4	4
TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE	439	439	354	354

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	January 2024	2024 Totals	January 2023	2023 Totals
Wisconsin Rapids	321	321	271	271
Saratoga	30	30	21	21
Village Port Edwards	17	17	9	9
Village Bron	17	17	24	24
Town of Port Edwards	2	2	4	4
Nekoosa	28	28	16	16
Cranmoor	1	1	1	1
Mutual Aid Given	1	1	2	2
Mutual Aid Received	22	22	6	6
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Confined Space Stand-by	January 2024	Total # 2024	January 2023	Total # 2023
TOTALS	24	24	43	43



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WRFD TRAINING CENTER FOR January 2024

Category	Topic
Fire	SCBA confidence
Officer	Command & Control
Motor Pump Operator	None
Technical rescue	Squad Operations
Hazardous Materials	Metering
EMS	CPR/ACLS Re-certification
EMR	Basic Trauma Care
Cadet	Orientation with new Cadets

Total Training Hours for the Month	548
Inspections for the month	0



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January Overtime Paid Summary

		Overtime Summary in Hours									
Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Category											
Comp Paid Out	2.75										
FMLA	24										
Emergency Call ins	23.5										
Sick	146.3										
Stay-Over	5.5										
Meeting/Committee											
BC VAC											
ODT											
Training	29.75										
Monthly Total Hours	231.5	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

O.T. Rate	\$39
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Comp Pay Out over 100 hours	\$7,442
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January Total O.T. Cost	\$9,030.45
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Jan. Crew Transfer Pay	\$200
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