



# 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, WRFD Interim Fire Chief

Date: April 1, 2022

RE: Monthly Summary for March 2022

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

- Police and Fire Commission meeting
- Finance and Property meeting
- Common Council meeting
- Fire Vision committee meeting
- Officers Meeting
- Held interviews for a new Firefighter eligibility list
- Spoke to the graduating classes at MSTC and CVIC as a recruitment tool.
- Attended the Teen Job Fair at Lincoln High School
- Gave away 5 Citizen awards for a Cardiac arrest event at the new Solar Plant in Saratoga
- Held a Speakers Bureau at Station I and Tour for the St. Luke's 4K class.
- Met with Mayor Blaser and Finance Director Tim Desorcey for an update meeting regarding the new Station Addition.
- 3 Members attended the Paramedic Conference
- Cadet Training (Personal Protective Equipment)
- North Central Fire Chiefs meeting
- All three crews completed Behavioral Health Training given by a former Firefighter sharing his mental health crisis.
- Attended both Bi-weekly Building addition meetings
- Held training with our new billing agent Life Quest with all three crews
- EMS Training - Cardiac Pathophysiology
- Charitable Foundation Fund Raiser
- Awarded the Mission Lifeline award to our EMR partners in Saratoga and Biron.

March Anniversaries: Justin Borski 17 years, Adam Yerke 14 Years, Dustin Lease 13 Years, Jarod Miller 4 Years.

Notable Responses:

- Structure fire at Kerry Ingredients Vesper WI. Mutual Aid Request.
- Structure fire at 3211 Franklin Street. Multi family dwelling Room in contents fire.



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## WRFD Notes:

March was a busy month with Training and Public Relations events. Late in the year 2021, we were dispatched to the new Solar Field in Saratoga for a male that was in cardiac arrest. Members of the company that were trained in CPR, and the use of an AED cared for the patient and with the use of that AED brought him back to life. When our staff arrived on scene, they had a patient that was breathing and had a pulse, care continued to the Cath Lab and the patient left the hospital a few days later. He was there on March 17, when we awarded the heroes that saved this person, with our WRFD Citizens award. This was the first time Medics from WRFD and the patient met since that day. As result of this event, the company has made it mandatory that all employees learn CPR, and a new award was initiated called the Blue Heart Award and given to each of those five employees. . This is not an annual award, rather a lifesaving award. These successful outcomes are a direct result to early CPR and AED intervention. Great job by all.

Mission Lifeline award is generated through the American Heart Association and focuses on time from diagnosis of a Heart Attack until time in a Catheterization lab. There are different levels of the award, Bronze, Silver, and Gold. The Gold plus award is a designation for tracking other Metrix like aspirin administered, and stroke diagnosis, etc. This is the fourth year we have met those Metrix and received the award. Nine services in the State received the award and only four that received the Gold Award and WRFD was one of them. Along with our service, our EMR agencies also receive the award. They are a vital piece to the puzzle with these high acuity calls. A key point to consider with regards to the demographics of our system is the closes Cath Labs to us are Marshfield and Wausau. That means when diagnosed in the field, we are against the clock due to transport time and yet we met that standard 100% of the time. We continue to aim higher every year when it comes to patient care, and this award is a testament to the dedication of the members of your department.

We are looking forward to April 8 the day of completion of the new addition and we can move in. On April 11 the renovation, phase II begins in the existing building with completion scheduled for second week of July. These are exciting times at WRFD. We have had some bumps in the road but nothing we cannot overcome. There have been some delays with the supply chain, and some glitches with product delivered and yet we have stayed on schedule and on budget. This is a testament to the Architects, Project managers, and in house staff. Most importantly it is a result of the confidence the City Staff, Council, and Governing bodies have given us with the commitment to invest the allocated funds to the future of this department. We now can enter into the future of serving this city with a safer work environment, a gender-neutral workplace, and a department that can be more efficient from an operational standpoint.



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## WRFD FEBRUARY 2022 MONTHLY RESPONSE REPORT

Type of Emergency	March 2022 Responses	Total # of 2022 Responses	March 2021 Responses	Total # of 2021 Responses
EMS 911	360	1066	283	826
EMS IFT	3	14	17	46
COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE	1	8	0	3
FIRE	2	7	9	20
EXPLOSION (No Fire)	0	0	NA	NA
HAZARDOUS CONDITION	0	4	9	15
SERVICE CALLS	5	11	12	26
GOOD INTENT	4	12	NA	NA
FALSE ALARMS/WEATHER	3	15	7	21
TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE	378	1137	337	307

### 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	March 2022	2022 Totals	March 2021	2021 Totals
Wisconsin Rapids	280	852	302	843
Saratoga	31	82	19	56
Village Port Edwards	9	33	7	28
Village Biron	10	35	8	19
Town of Port Edwards	5	24	NA	NA
Nekoosa	27	79	NA	NA
Cranmoor	1	3	NA	NA
Mutual Aid Given	4	16	1	7
Mutual Aid Received	11	13	0	4
<b>TOTALS</b>	378	1137	337	957

Confined Space Stand-by	March 2022	Total # 2022	March 2021	Total # 2021
TOTALS	31	118	46	136



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