



# 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: May 2, 2022

RE: Monthly Summary for April 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
- Labor Management Meeting
- Fireworks Planning 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
- 2 Members attended the Fire Department Instructors Conference
- Cadet Training (Personal Protective Equipment)
- North Central Fire Chiefs meeting
- Wood County Fire Chiefs meeting
- MSTC Fire Advisory committee meeting
- Fire Investigation Task Force Team 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
- Awarded the Mission Lifeline award to our EMR partners in Saratoga and Biron.



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April Anniversaries: Ben Goodreau – 16 Years, Josh Schoechert – 3 Years, Jake Tomm – 3 Years, Dan Shay – 2 Years.

## Notable Responses:

- Cooking fire in a private residence contained to the container
- Vehicle fire at 3211 Franklin Street

## WRFDNotes:

April saw the department focus a part of the training for the month on Mental Health and awareness around the subject focusing on identifying the signs & symptoms, identifying help for the individuals suffering from the disorder, and helping them on the road to recovery. A local Firefighter from a surrounding department shared their experience from a breakdown they encountered from working on the job. Stress can be from a Acute event or a Chronic buildup from years of what we see on a daily basis in this industry. This will continue to be a focus of the department to ensure health and safety of its members.

A large part of the month was dedicated to the task of moving into the new addition. On April 8<sup>th</sup> the addition was turned over to the department and a large scale move happened over that weekend. From that point, forward time was spent with setting up temporary storage and ensuring that we still met all expectations for response the great Citizens that made that addition happen. Besides expectations, many items needing attention were meeting the standards of the industry as well as State statutes, and our CAAS accreditation. The accounting and double locking of Schedule II drugs and refrigeration of others to ensure compliance with regulatory statute and compliance with CAAS. As all the challenges, we as a department are faced with, the staff acted as they do with everything they face, professionally, and dedicated. Great job by all the Members.

Through The month of April, I was asked to give a presentation on the new addition by a few organizations on the Station I addition and Remodel. During those opportunities, I explained the process and the history behind the decision to the project. With the history, a chronological presentation was given from groundbreaking to present. There were many questions about the project but also many questions about the department in general. What was supposed to be 10-15 minute presentations lasted 30-40 minutes due to the questions generated? Safe to say that the attendees at these organizations are better informed about the Station Renovation/Remodel, but also about the Department in general.



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## WRFD APRIL 2022 MONTHLY RESPOONE REPORT

Type of Emergency	April 2022 Responses	Total # of 2022 Responses	April 2021 Responses	Total # of 2021 Responses
EMS 911	332	1398	274	1041
EMS IFT	6	20	17	80
COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE	0	8	3	3
FIRE	2	9	3	11
EXPLOSION (No Fire)	0	0	0	0
HAZARDOUS CONDITION	3	7	6	18
SERVICE CALLS	6	17	10	28
GOOD INTENT	6	18	0	0
FALSE ALARMS/WEATHER	5	20	7	34
TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE	360	1497	320	1215

### 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	April 2022	2022 Totals	April 2021	2021 Totals
Wisconsin Rapids	270	1122	217	1052
Saratoga	20	102	15	74
Village Port Edwards	11	44	9	45
Village Biron	10	45	5	31
Town of Port Edwards	7	31	NA	NA
Nekoosa	28	107	NA	NA
Cranmoor	0	3	NA	NA
Mutual Aid Given	2	18	2	11
Mutual Aid Received	12	25	1	2
<b>TOTALS</b>	360	1497	249	1215

Confined Space Stand-by	April 2022	Total # 2022	April 2021	Total # 2021
TOTALS	39	157	65	201



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