



Wisconsin Rapids Fire Department

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To: Mayor Blaser, Wisconsin Rapids Police and Fire Commission, Wisconsin Rapids Common Council
From: Scott Young, WRFD Fire Chief
Date: June 3, 2021
RE: Monthly Summary for May 2021

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

- Police and Fire Commission meeting
- Common Council meeting
- Hosted monthly emergency first responder training
- North Central Fire Chiefs Association meeting
- Fire Vision committee meeting
- Special Operations committee meeting
- Labor-Management meeting
- Conducted entry level firefighter interviews
- Multiple fire station design meetings
- Aerial operations training focusing on T-5 deployment and set-up
- Hands on training focusing on Rapid Intervention Team scenarios
- All three crews completed blood draw review and training for potential stroke patients
- Natural Gas leak at 3750 Blue Violet Lane. The source of the leak was a disconnected gas line at a stove. The residents were evacuated due to high gas levels inside the building. Residents were allowed to return after ventilation
- Oven fire at 3110 Midas Court. Fire contained to range, no structural damage. House was ventilated
- While providing EMS stand-by for a structure fire in the Town of Saratoga, WRFD EMS was called for a firefighter down. EMS resuscitated patient, who was transported to the hospital. The importance of bystander CPR was pivotal in the patient outcome
- Structure fire at 1721 Riverwood Lane. Fire was located in attic and the home sustained significant damage. Port Edwards, Grand Rapids and Biron fire departments assisted at the scene
- Structure fire at 1120 5th Avenue North, Verso. A fiberglass smoke stack was involved. There was active fire from the 5th thru the 8th floors and extended to the roof. The stack would eventually collapse, causing several spot fires on multiple rooflines. A quick knock down of the fire on the 5th floor prevented potential fire spread into material handling systems that could have had a detrimental impact on future operations. Assistance was provided by; Port Edwards, Grand Rapids, Biron, Nekoosa, Vesper, and Rudolph fire departments. Rehabilitation was completed by Saratoga EFR's
- Responded to 16 Motor Vehicle Accidents (MVA's) with seven injuries
- MVA at CTH GG & 173. WRFD transported 3 patients w/ direct transport of two to MMC
- MVA, motorcycle -vs- truck on W. Grand Ave. One patient transported directly to MMC
- ATV crash in the 900 block of STH 73 South, resulted in two injuries with one patient flown to MMC



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WRFD Notes:

In May 2021, the Wisconsin Rapids Fire Department was recognized as a Training Center through the State of Wisconsin EMS office. Becoming a training center provides the department the flexibility to conduct education and in-house training for department members and partner agencies. State and National standards require EMS personnel to maintain a specific amount of continuing education to retain licensure. For WRFD staff, this is typically forty hours of content specific education each year. In addition, the training center is able to provide continuing education for our emergency medical responder (EMR) groups that allows them to meet their required standards. The EMR agencies provide valuable assistance to WRFD crews during emergencies and the training center allows monthly interaction and effective interoperability between our agencies. Lastly, the training center status provides financial relief for the department in that we are no longer reliant on outside educational institutions to provide the training and education on many of our certification requirements. This further allows WRFD staff to tailor the training to meet the needs of the community and department.

On May 17th Division Chief of EMS Jason Joling presented three members with the Aspirus Health Foundation's Hero Award. A patient that they treated earlier this year nominated WRFD firefighters Dustin Lease, Danny Shay, and Michael Koehler. In the nomination, the patient stated "*You worked to save my life and I sincerely appreciate all of you. You are my angels and without you all of you I would not be here today. Many Thanks and God Bless!*" Congratulations to all three on receiving the Hero Award!

On May 25th members of the WRFD and Aspirus/Riverview ER staff were presented with a Aspirus Riverview Hospital and Clinics Spot-On award for patient care that was delivered on April 5th. On April 5th the WRFD was called to Wisconsin Rapids Aspirus Emergency Department for a patient in critical condition having an active heart attack. The ER staff that day in coordination with WRFD paramedics played an instrumental role in the patient's outcome. The decisions and actions that were made by the staff and paramedics stabilized the patient that allowed for transport directly to a cath lab, ultimately saving his life. WRFD members that were involved in patient care were firefighter/medic Scott Whitrock and firefighter/medic Michael Koehler. The award nominated by the patient, stated, "Outcomes like this is a direct result of awesome teamwork between both organizations".

One last note.... Congratulations to Battalion Chief Mike Lisitza on his 20-year WRFD anniversary!



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WRFD MAY 2021 MONTHLY RESPONSE REPORT

Type of Emergency	May 2021 Responses	Total # of 2021 Responses	May 2020 Responses	Total # of 2020 Responses
EMS 911	334	1434	265	1306
EMS IFT	25	88	22	102
COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE	1	7	0	3
FIRE	3	26	7	18
HAZARDOUS CONDITON	3	24	1	19
SERVICE CALLS	10	46	9	37
FALSE ALARMS	6	34	8	42
TOTALS	382	1659	312	1527

Notes:

- Fire 100 Series: Fire (*structure, vehicle, wildland*)
- Fire 400 Series: *Hazardous Condition (spills, leaks with no fire)*
- Fire 500 Series: Service Calls (water & smoke problems, burning complaints)
- Fire 700 Series: False Alarms

Runs by District	May 2021	2021 Totals	May 2020	2020 Totals
Wisconsin Rapids	326	1450	277	1329
Saratoga	21	97	18	92
Village Port Edwards	7	45	7	52
Village Biron	11	37	3	34
Mutual Aid Given	10	19	4	15
Mutual Aid Received	7	11	3	5
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Confined Space Stand-by	May 2021	Total # 2021	May 2020	Total # 2020
TOTALS	42	147	72	273