



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: July 5, 2022
RE: Monthly Summary for June 2022

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

- Police and Fire Commission meeting
- Common Council meeting
- Fireworks Planning Meeting
- Fire Vision committee meeting
- Labor Management Meeting
- Attended a Table top exercise for an Crude Oil spill in Port Edwards
- Officers Meeting
- EMS Committee Meeting
- EMS training for the month was Cardiac
- CPR/First Aid training for the Aquatics center staff
- Annual Ladder testing was conducted in June
- Cadet Training (Search & Rescue, Water Hoses and Flow Patterns)
- Station Tours were conducted for 6-8th Graders
- Station Tour by the Boys & Girls club
- Attended the State Fire Chiefs Conference
- Attended the Cranberry Fest Parade
- Firefighters Charitable Association held their annual Duck drop a
- Attended both Bi-weekly Building addition meetings
- Continued the planning for the Open House/Ribbon cutting ceremony for the Station Addition
- Held a department Pinning Ceremony for Promotions

June Anniversaries: Brian St. Myers 16 Years, Steve Koch, 16 Years, Trent Aldrich 3 Years, Dylan West 1 Year.

Notable Responses:

- 6/10/22 Passenger Vehicle Fire
- 6/13/22 Residential Structure Fire
- 6/13/2022 Residential Lightning Strike
- 6/14/22 Residential Structure Fire
- 6/14/22 Cooking fire confined to container
- 6/18/22 Elevator Rescue of a victim in a stalled Elevator
- 6/18/22 Gas leak
- 6/20/22 Residential Structure fire
- 6/27/22 5000 Gallon LP. Tanker truck Leak Town of Cranmoor
- 6 total Motor Vehicle Collisions



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WRFD Notes:

In June we had Great Lakes Ladder testing in the department to complete an NFPA required annual testing of all our Ladders. All ground ladders are load tested and visually inspected for any undue wear or damage that could have occurred throughout the year. They also receive new heat indicators on the rails that give us a visual indication on ladders subjected to undue heat. When these indicators change color, that ladder needs to be removed from service until inspected and tested again. The Truck ladder also receives an annual inspection and testing, but every 5 years receives a magna flux inspection that will identify possible cracks and fractures the naked eye cannot see. This is necessary to prevent any unforeseen failure while in service. All of our ladders in this annual inspection passed.

On the thirteenth of this month, our new Probationary Firefighter Caitlin West joined our department. Caitlin is finishing her orientation period and will begin her career on Crew 1 in early July. Caitlin comes to us from Evansville Wisconsin where she attended High school and while in high school completed her EMT basic. She then attended Madison Area Technical College receiving her Fire Degrees and later attended Mercy training center for her Paramedic certification. Caitlin has finished her Orientation period and will soon be starting on her assigned crew where she will spend the next year on probation completing her entry level Firefighter Task Book. Welcome Caitlin to our WRFD family, we expect great things from you.

July 18th the new Station Addition/Renovation is turned over to us. This has been a long but welcomed project that will improve our living quarters, enhance our operational response and much improve the safety for our members when returning from Fire Scenes by containing those carcinogens that are ever present in those immediately Dangerous to Life and Health (IDLH) environments. The ability for the members to get in steam showers and open their pores to release those carcinogens rather than absorb them into their bodies where lay dormant until the cancer cells begin to grow. This was a great investment by the City in the infrastructure, but most importantly in the greatest resource they have, their employees and their health. As a department we have said it before and will continue to say Thank You for your investment into the future of the Fire Department and the members that serve the citizens of the great city of Wisconsin Rapids.

In closing as always every one of you are always welcome to visit the Stations and spend some time with the members to get to know them and ask them questions. On another note please keep Saturday August 13th open. That day at 1:00 P.M we will be holding the Ribbon Cutting and an open house for the new Station I Addition/Renovation. We will be having a ceremony prior to the ribbon cutting and I have reached out to our State Representative and Senator to see if they could be in attendance and maybe say a few words prior to the cutting. Tours of the station will follow and we will have some hot dogs, chips, water and Soda available. Please join us for this great event.



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WRFD June 2022 MONTHLY RESPONSE REPORT

Type of Emergency	June 2022 Responses	Total # of 2022 Responses	June 2021 Responses	Total # of 2021 Responses
EMS 911	340	2,107	353	1787
EMS IFT	4	33	36	124
COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE	0	9	2	9
FIRE	7	21	3	29
EXPLOSION (No Fire)	0	0	0	0
HAZARDOUS CONDITION	5	16	5	29
SERVICE CALLS	4	25	7	53
GOOD INTENT	8	42	0	0
FALSE ALARMS/WEATHER	8	37	12	46
TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE	376	2,290	418	2077

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	June 2022	2022 Totals	June 2021	2021 Totals
Wisconsin Rapids	280	1674	345	1795
Saratoga	17	155	23	120
Village Port Edwards	12	74	10	55
Village Biron	4	51	14	51
Town of Port Edwards	12	41	0	0
Nekoosa	18	146	0	0
Cranmoor	0	6	0	0
Mutual Aid Given	19	54	26	45
Mutual Aid Received	14	89	0	11
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Confined Space Stand-by	June 2022	Total # 2022	June 2021	Total # 2021
TOTALS	34	211	44	191



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