



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: August 2, 2021
RE: Monthly Summary for July 2021

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

- Police and Fire Commission meeting
- Common Council meeting
- Hosted monthly emergency first responder training
- North Central Fire Chiefs Association meeting
- Health & Safety committee meeting
- Labor Management Meeting
- Management Team Meeting
- Officers Meeting
- Probationary Firefighter Maximillian Breidel was approved to Full Time Status
- Multiple fire station design meetings
- Water Rescue and River Navigation Training
- Ladder Proficiency training
- Stroke Education
- Search & Rescue Training at Quality Door Structure
- DOT inspections continue with the Fleet at Red Power Diesel
- Responded to 16 Motor Vehicle Accidents (MVA's) with seven injuries
- Structure fire on 6/17/21 at 2621 Lincoln Street. Garage fire melting the home.

WRFD Notes:

Annually we receive many requests to provide EMS coverage for a number of events throughout the city. Every organization realizes that in the event we are dispatched to a Fire or many EMS calls in a row we may need to leave. This is a great opportunity for the citizens that we serve to meet their Firefighters, while maintaining coverage for the rest of the city. This month we collaborated with the BMX Bike track as they held one of their major annual events on 7/9 & 7/10.

The Fourth of July event was well attended by many from across the central region. After missing the event last year due to the COVID pandemic citizens were eager to get out in public and socialize again, and the fireworks was a great avenue for that meeting. The show was as usual a great show and went off without a hitch. There are a lot of background hours of work put into this show from planning meetings attended by all departments within the city, each having input in one way or another. Set up and preparation by DPW, Security by PD of the shoot site and the event, and the safety compliance checks by the Fire Department ensuring they meet the NFPA 1123 Code for Fireworks Display, and NFPA 1124 Code for the Manufacture,



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Transportation, and Storage of Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles. Every hour well worth the work for the citizens of Wisconsin Rapids to enjoy.

On July 14th the PFC, with recommendation from the Department leadership, approved the promotion of Firefighter/Medic Maximillian Breidel to full time status on his one year anniversary date fulfilling his one year of Probation, and successfully completing his task book. Congratulations Max and welcome to the department.

The numbers for Mutual Aid Given have been unusually high the last few months. These numbers are a result of a temporary coverage agreement we have with Nekoosa Ambulance service as they work through some staffing issues. For many years Nekoosa Ambulance Service has given us mutual aid coverage at our stations giving the citizens of Wisconsin Rapids quick, Professional EMS coverage when we have been dispatched to mitigate those large scale incidents such as a fire. This agreement will terminate on October 31 giving them time to re-organize those staffing issues.

Anniversaries in July: LT. Sean Murphy (22 yrs.), FF/MEDIC Andrew Saxer (2 yrs.)



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WRFD JULY 2021 MONTHLY RESPONSE REPORT

Type of Emergency	July 2021 Responses	Total # of 2021 Responses	Jul7 2020 Responses	Total # of 2020 Responses
EMS 911	389	2176	269	1849
EMS IFT	25	149	28	152
COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE	1	10	0	3
FIRE	6	35	3	28
HAZARDOUS CONDITON	4	33	8	32
SERVICE CALLS	20	73	4	47
FALSE ALARMS	13	59	18	74
TOTALS	458	2535	330	2185

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	July 2021	2021 Totals	July 2020	2020 Totals
Wisconsin Rapids	335	2120	275	1896
Saratoga	30	50	24	137
Village Port Edwards	17	66	11	64
Village Biron	14	65	15	56
Mutual Aid Given	62	63	5	25
Mutual Aid Received	0	11	0	7
TOTALS	458	2375	330	2185

Confined Space Stand-by	July 2021	Total # 2021	July 2020	Total # 2020
TOTALS	35	226	92	471