



# 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: August 1, 2022  
RE: Monthly Summary for July 2022

WRFDFmeetings, events, training, and notable calls for the month of July:

- Police and Fire Commission meeting
- Common Council meeting
- Finance & Property Meeting
- HR. committee Meeting
- Fire Vision committee meeting
- Labor Management Meeting
- Officers Meeting
- Attended the Wood County Arson Taskforce meeting
- WRFDFHosted the Wood County Fire Chiefs quarterly meeting
- Attended meeting on the Highway 73 project between Industrial Street and Highway 186
- All crews toured the Microwave asphalt plant and Milestone quarry
- EMS training for the month was Airway
- Attended both Bi-weekly Building addition meetings
- Stand by at the BMXBike track for State Qualifiers and the nationals event
- Continued the planning for the Open House/Ribbon cutting ceremony for the Station Addition

July Anniversaries: Sean Murphy 22 Years, Andrew Saxer 3 Years

Notable Responses:

- Assist in the recovery of Skeletal remains 6/18/- 6/21
- Cooking Fire – 7/23
- Suspicious Odor - 7/1, 7/10, 7/12, 7/21
- Motor Vehicle Crashes – 7/8, 7/12, 7/17, 7/18, 7/23, 7/27, 7/27,
- Motor Vehicle Fire – 7/12
- Possible Hazardous Materials release - 7/25
- Large Mutual Aid Structure Fire in Nekoosa



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## WRFD Notes:

July 18<sup>th</sup> the new Station Addition/Renovation was turned over to the department. The members have been diligently working moving into the new space and cleaning so we can prepare for the Ribbon Cutting and Open House being held on August 13<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 P.M – 4:00 P.M We hope that everyone can make at least a portion of the day and walk through the new addition and renovated Station I. Senator Testin and Representative Krug are scheduled to attend and say a few words. There will be a short ceremony to start the event and the doors will open for all to tour. We are excited to show everyone the investment the city has made into the future sustaining a central station that allows for a Gender-neutral workplace, and improves the department operationally, while improving the safety of the members. As a department, we thank the Citizens, Mayor Blaser, and the City governing body for that investment. Every organization needs a strong foundation to operate. That foundation needs to come from Leadership and members, but that also means a strong Muster point that members can decompress when faced with the adversity they see on a day-to-day basis, so they can prepare to face it again with the next call.

WRFD assisted Wood County Sheriff's department for 4 days with the recovery of skeletal remains that were found when the Wisconsin River was drained down for maintenance work on the dams. While the level was low, the remains were reported and a taskforce of Sheriff's department, WRFD, and the State Crime lab as well as other rescue entities collaborated to complete the task of recovery. This four-day operation showed the ability of many entities in central Wisconsin to collaborate to accomplish any task that is presented to them.

As we enter August, we finally are beginning to see some normalcy within the organization. All our Officer staff are now in place and have one month under their belt settling into their new positions and starting to develop the systems needed to complete the tasks assigned to them. The fire inspections that had fallen by the wayside due to limited staff to complete are now on schedule to be completed by the yearend deadline. On August 22, 2022, we will also have all our line staff positions filled with the final candidate beginning their orientation period. That means by end of September all positions in the department will be filled. It has been more than a year since we were at full staff and it is a welcomed addition.



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## WRFD July 2022 MONTHLY RESPONSE REPORT

Type of Emergency	July 2022 Responses	Total # of 2022 Responses	July 2021 Responses	Total # of 2021 Responses
EMS 911	397	2,504	389	2176
EMS IFT	7	40	25	149
COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE	1	10	1	10
FIRE	4	25	6	35
EXPLOSION (No Fire)	0	0	0	0
HAZARDOUS CONDITION	1	17	4	33
SERVICE CALLS	10	35	20	73
GOOD INTENT	7	49	0	0
FALSE ALARMS/WEATHER	9	46	13	59
TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE	436	2,726	458	2535

### 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	July 2022	2022 Totals	July 2021	2021 Totals
Wisconsin Rapids	330	2004	372	2167
Saratoga	24	179	30	150
Village Port Edwards	16	90	17	72
Village Bron	16	67	14	65
Town of Port Edwards	5	46	0	0
Nekoosa	22	168	0	0
Cranmoor	0	6	0	0
Mutual Aid Given	7	61	23	68
Mutual Aid Received	16	105	2	13
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Confined Space Stand-by	July 2022	Total # 2022	August 2021	Total # 2021
TOTALS	37	248	44	191



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