



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

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

- Police and Fire Commission meeting
- Common Council meeting
- Hosted monthly emergency first responder training
- Fire Vision committee meeting
- Public Education committee meeting
- Attended the North Central Fire Chiefs Association meeting held in Stratford
- Participated in National Night out with local Law Enforcement agencies
- Presented a recognition plaque to Niemen's Towing in appreciation for their continued support of the WRFD for vehicle extrication training
- Potential contractors completed a pre-bid walk through of fire station #1 as part of the station renovation process
- Haz-Mat discussions with Gardner cold storage in Pittsville focusing on response plans to a potential anhydrous ammonia leak
- Attended annual Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting hosted by Wood County Emergency Management
- Continued work on finalizing the 2022 department budget for submission to the finance director
- Provided EMS stand-by for BMX races held on August 28 & 29
- EMS stand-by provided for Run the Rapids
- Chief Briefs held with all three crews
- Difficult airway class delivered by Foam Frats Inc.
- Stroke education and awareness training delivered by Marshfield Medical Center
- All three crews received gas metering refresher
- Forcible entry training conducted at MSTC
- Motor Pump Operator training focusing on relay pumping and standpipe operations
- Electrical fire at 3551 8th Street South, arcing wires in ceiling of laundry mat. Power was disconnected to the business
- Natural Gas leak at 1420 Saratoga Street. The occupants were evacuated with elevated readings in residence. The gas was shut off and house was ventilated
- Lightning strike at 1741 1st Street North causing electrical issues in the house. No active fire and the home was cleared with the use of a thermal imaging camera



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- Responded to multiple motor vehicle accidents that required advanced patient care.
 - STH 13 and Townline. Single patient involving motorcycle, patient was flown to local trauma center
 - 1st St and Pepper, requiring extrication of three patients. Two were flown to local trauma centers
 - STH 73 & CTH Z, two patients with one transported directly to a local trauma center
 - STH 73 and Evergreen, two patients resulting in one fatality
 - STH 73 and 80th. Motorcycle - vs- deer. Patient flown to local trauma center

WRFD Notes:

Over the last three months the WRFD has responded to consecutive record calls for service. June (418), July (458), and August (471) of 2021 have been the three busiest months in department history with runs totaling 1,347. Call volume to this extent is pushing the departments resources, however, the members continue to deliver professional, proficient, and compassionate services to the community.

The department received a new Braun Type III ambulance on August 10th as part of the 2021 budget. Unfortunately, the color did not meet the specification standards and it was sent back for a new paint job. Braun has been more than accommodating in correcting the oversight and the department is eager to get it back and place the new ambulance in-service.

In August the management team began Blue Card training in an effort to improve fire ground consistency and accountability. The 50-hour course is designed to bring command safety in a standardized approach to emergency scenes and operations, focusing on incidents with short operational periods. The goal is to send the remainder of the department's officers through the training as part of the 2022 budget. The class has provided valuable information that will enhance our officer's knowledge base.

Anniversaries in August: FF/P Max Breidel (1-year)



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WRFD AUGUST 2021 MONTHLY RESPONSE REPORT

Type of Emergency	August 2021 Responses	Total # of 2021 Responses	August 2020 Responses	Total # of 2020 Responses
EMS/Rescue 911	407	2583	310	2159
EMS IFT	39	188	23	175
COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE	0	10	6	9
FIRE	2	37	4	32
HAZARDOUS CONDITON	5	38	6	38
SERVICE CALLS	10	83	6	53
FALSE ALARMS	8	67	5	79
TOTALS	471	3006	360	2545

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	August 2021	2021 Totals	August 2020	2020 Totals
Wisconsin Rapids	392	2559	314	2210
Saratoga	30	180	18	155
Village Port Edwards	12	84	15	79
Village Biron	10	75	8	64
Mutual Aid Given	23	91	4	29
Mutual Aid Received	4	17	1	8
TOTALS	471	3006	360	2545

Confined Space Stand-by	August 2021	Total # 2021	August 2020	Total # 2020
TOTALS	64	290	89	560