



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

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

- Police and Fire Commission meeting
- Common Council meeting
- Finance & Property Meeting
- Fire Vision committee meeting
- Attended Fire Investigation Response Team meeting
- Labor Management Meeting
- Attended HR Roundtable meeting
- Mayors Monthly Touch Base Meeting
- Attended the Crisis action meeting at WRPS district offices
- Attended the Local Emergency Planning committee meeting at Wood County Emergency Management
- National Night Out
- Stand by at Lincoln High School football games
- Stand by at the Bridge to Bridge walk/Run
- We hosted a picnic for the Woodlands Vacation Bible School
- Held the Ribbon cutting/Open House for the new remodel at Station I
- WRFDFHosted the North Central Fire Chiefs meeting
- All crews are completing Fire Inspections this month
- Attended both Bi-weekly Building addition meetings

August Anniversaries: Maximillian Breidel 2 Years

Notable Responses:

- Rubbish/Prescribed Fire - 2
- False Alarms - 9
- Electrical Fire - 1
- Water Rescue - 1
- Kitchen cabinet fire - 1
- Motor Vehicle accidents - 12
- Elevator Rescue - 1
- Flammable Liquid Spill - 1



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## WRFD Notes:

August 12<sup>th</sup> we held our first Retiree breakfast at our new Station I. Many of the former members that set the foundation that we currently work from were in attendance. The day started off with a breakfast cooked by our members and sponsored by Local 425 that saw many of our past members getting to know all the new faces of WRFD. What a great networking for both groups. Our younger members were able to hear the way it used to be and for the Retirees to see the advances in the industry from their era. Most of these members were a part of the service when we ran 1,000 – 2,000 calls a year versus 4,600 calls a year. The carcinogen free concept was one of the items they were most impressed about, and made many comments about never knowing their affect in their day. In the end they were all very appreciative of the day and there are plans to invite them in more often to be a part of what they built.

August 13<sup>th</sup>, was a historic day for WRFD. We held the Ribbon Cutting for the Station Renovation/Addition. The event was well attended even though the weather did not cooperate. The event began with an Invocation from the Pastor from Woodlands Church, followed by some words from Mayor Blaser, Senator Testin, and Representative Krug. A short review of the project was given by Chief Eckes followed by a Hose uncoupling instead of a ribbon cutting. The hose is a lifeline for Firefighters and the Citizens that we serve. What better symbolic item for the opening of the new Station I. Our most tenured member Battalion Chief Joe Kubis and the youngest members on duty completed the uncoupling that day Firefighter/Medic Cole Varsho. Many Citizens, dignitaries, friends, & family members were then guided through the new Station identifying to them the upgrades and changes. Every member at WRFD Thank the Citizens and decision makers that made this project happen. This will make a tremendous difference in our response, our safety, and our living conditions for many year into the future.

August 22<sup>nd</sup> marked another historic day. The first time in 5 years that our staffing was at 36 members. On this date, Alexandra Huff started at WRFD making our Roster full. She will spend the next three weeks going through Orientation, and then spend two shifts riding on the ambulance not counting to staff. Once that time is complete, she will be assigned to Crew 2 where she will work through her Firefighter Task book completing her 12-month probationary period. Alexandra comes to us from the Altoona area where she has been a member since 2016 and worked for the MAYO hospital system since 2019 working as a Paramedic in their ambulance system. WRFD welcomes Lexi aboard and know that she will be a great asset to our team and an even better member of our Fire Department Family.



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## WRFD August 2022 MONTHLY RESPONSE REPORT

Type of Emergency	August 2022 Responses	Total # of 2022 Responses	August 2021 Responses	Total # of 2021 Responses
EMS 911	385	2,889	407	2583
EMS IFT	8	48	39	188
COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE	1	11	0	10
FIRE	2	27	2	37
EXPLOSION (No Fire)	0	0	0	0
HAZARDOUS CONDITION	2	19	5	38
SERVICE CALLS	3	38	10	83
GOOD INTENT	4	53	0	0
FALSE ALARMS/WEATHER	10	56	8	67
TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE	415	3,141	471	3006

### Notes:

- Fire 100 Series: Fire (*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	August 2022	2022 Totals	August 2021	2021 Totals
Wisconsin Rapids	297	2301	392	2559
Saratoga	31	210	30	180
Village Port Edwards	16	106	12	84
Village Biron	14	81	10	75
Town of Port Edwards	12	58	0	0
Nekoosa	26	194	0	0
Cranmoor	0	6	0	0
Mutual Aid Given	4	65	23	91
Mutual Aid Received	15	120	4	17
<b>TOTALS</b>	415	3141	471	3006

Confined Space Stand-by	August 2022	Total # 2022	August 2021	Total # 2021
TOTALS	31	279	64	290



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