



Wisconsin Rapids Fire Department

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To: Mayor Blaser, Wisconsin Rapids Police and Fire Commission, Wisconsin Rapids Common Council

From: Todd Eckes, WRFDDeputy Fire Chief

Date: October 1, 2021

RE: Monthly Summary for September 2021

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

- Police and Fire Commission meeting
- Common Council meeting
- Hosted monthly emergency first responder training
- Public Education committee meeting
- Officers meeting
- Annual Fire Hose testing with all 3 crews
- Aerial operations training with all 3 crews
- Oath of Office at Firefighters memorial
- Attended the 911 Soles for Souls ceremony at the Memorial
- Attended the Hazardous Materials Coordinators meeting held in Plover
- Continued work on finalizing the 2022 department budget for submission to the finance director
- Meeting with local mutual aid departments about REHAB policy
- Held the renovation bid opening
- MSTC Fire Protection students department visit
- Crew 1 and Crew 3 held their Day drills
- Annual Ladder testing of all the department emergency service ladders
- Recruitment visit to Lincoln High School
- Planning commission meeting on the Station I renovation project
- Attended a meeting of the Chiefs from central Wisconsin
- High School sport events EMS standby
- Helped local businesses with Fire Safety concerns/Drills
- 2 Community Care Calls
- Responded to multiple motor vehicle accidents that required advanced patient care.
 - Motor Vehicle versus bike on Baker Drive, No transport
 - Motor Vehicle Rollover County Hwy U and Hwy 73 S patient transported to local hospital
 - Truck Versus Motorcycle 8th Street & Expressway No transport
 - 2-vehicle Motor Vehicle collision on 8th Street. No Transport
 - Motor Vehicle versus pedestrian 11th Street/Grove Transported to local hospital.



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WRFD Notes:

Due to COVID the last year and a half, we have held off our promotional and retirement ceremonies. On September 14 at the Firefighters memorial, we recognized the dedicated work of the following members. Those promoted to fulltime Firefighter/Paramedic status were Maximillian Briedel, Michael Koehler, Daniel Shay, and Andrew Saxer. On this night Aaron Palbrach, and Adam Yerke promoted to Motor Pump Operator, and Steven Koch promoted to Lieutenant. Also on this night we recognized for his 30 years of dedicated service former Lieutenant Steven Belter. Steve had retired in March of 2020 and like the other members recognized needed to wait until a ceremony could be held. All members were sworn in by City Clerk Jennifer Gossick, as family members, department members, and some public were in attendance.

Work has begun between MSTC and WRFD to develop a Fire Academy that will allow High School students in their Junior & Senior years to join and attend classes necessary for them to work in the Fire & EMS industry while finishing High School. As recruitment constantly becomes more difficult with the building of every candidate list, this type of program could give us an opportunity to help develop a constant workforce for central Wisconsin departments to draw from, while exposing interested students of our profession the opportunity to jump-start their chosen career.

Late in September, final planning & preparation for the department renovation has taken place as well as finalizing the final budget for the project. The groundbreaking ceremony will be held Tuesday October 5th at 11:00 a.m. Any available Police & Fire Commission members and Common Council members are invited to attend. We would also like to take the opportunity to thank the City, PFC Committee, and the City Council for their support with this project. It was more than just the age of the station and compliance issues. The engineered safety factors in this project as well as the improvements to the operations of the department will help to ensure the safety of the Members of WRFD as well as the citizens that we serve for many years into the future.

Anniversaries in September: L.T. Mathew Feder (25yrs), L.T. Derek Matykowski (2lyrs), FF/Medic Aaron Mancl (13yrs), FF/Medic Scott Whitrock (10yrs), FF/Medic Michael Koehler (1yr).



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WRFD AUGUST 2021 MONTHLY RESPONSE REPORT

Type of Emergency	September 2021 Responses	Total # of 2021 Responses	September 2020 Responses	Total # of 2020 Responses
EMS/Rescue 911	358	2941	297	2456
EMS IFT	12	200	36	211
COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE	3	13	1	10
FIRE	2	39	2	34
HAZARDOUS CONDITION	3	41	3	41
SERVICE CALLS	8	91	9	62
FALSE ALARMS	5	72	14	93
TOTALS	391	3397	362	2907

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	September 2021	2021 Totals	September 2020	2020 Totals
Wisconsin Rapids	332	2907	323	2533
Saratoga	31	192	17	172
Village Port Edwards	7	93	10	89
Village Biron	8	84	10	74
Mutual Aid Given	11	102	30	30
Mutual Aid Received	2	19	1	9
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Confined Space Stand-by	September 2021	Total # 2021	September 2020	Total # 2020
TOTALS	42	332	55	615