



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: October 3, 2022
RE: Monthly Summary for September 2022

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

- Police and Fire Commission meeting
- Common Council meeting
- Finance & Property committee Meeting
- Attended Human Resources Committee meeting
- Attended the MABAS Conference
- Management Meeting
- North Central Fire Chiefs meeting
- Attended the Modern Day Recruiter Class at Foxe Valley Technical College
- Special Operations committee meeting
- EMS Committee meeting
- Held EMR Training – State Trauma TRIAGE & Mass Casualty Guidelines
- Cadet training Topic -
- Labor Management Meeting
- Mayors Monthly Touch Base Meeting
- Meeting with MSTC administration
- Held a Station Tour for Fire Interns from MSTC
- Stand by at Lincoln High School football games
- EMS Training Topic - (On scene death responsibilities, FOG review, EKG case studies)
- All crews are completing Fire Inspections this month
- September 22 All day Drill with all crews
- September 23 – 24 Crews held the Fill the Boot MDA fund raiser
- September 30 Mental Health Training for the department

September Anniversaries: Mathew Feder 26 Years, Derek Matykowski 22 Years, Aaron Mancl 14 Years, Scott Whitrock 11 Years, Michael Koehler 2 Years

Notable Responses:

Motor Vehicle Crashes – 13

Car Fire – 2

Gas Leak – 1

Oil Spill – 1

Motor vehicle vs. pedestrian – 1

Smoke or odors - 1



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WRFDNotes:

This month we were notified we had received the EMS Flex Grant that we had applied for. Our award of \$18,000 instead of the \$41,000 we had applied for was comparable to what other departments received across the State. This money will be applied to a new Ventilator that within the last month failed and cannot be repaired. With our increase in call volume, we have seen a drastic increase with concurrent calls. Concurrent calls is defined as times that a piece of apparatus is placed into service and there is one, two, or three other units already in service. If we have an ambulance in for maintenance, we sometimes fall short one when this happens. We could foresee this and kept the ambulance that was replaced last year. This vehicle is used as a backup in just these instances. This decision and change in operations has paid dividends already when these concurrent calls have happened. We have started to outfit that ambulance so it can always be operationally ready with ARPA funds that we received that came directly to the EMS department and must be allocated to these types of purchases. Both of these lifesaving projects have cost the city and taxpayers zero dollars through the budget process.

The past few months we have been working with Human Resources after we had found a possible other supplier for our Hazardous Materials physicals that are mandated annually by both NFPA and OSHA if you operate a Hazardous Materials team. Historically we have done these through local vendors from Saints and Aspirus. As we used these vendors, it becomes both logistically and financially difficult to operate with scheduling and transporting members back and forth from the department to these vendors. The vendor we looked at was Med Compass. They focus on Medical Assessments in the workplace, especially with Fire Departments. A meeting to confirm that the assessments historically completed and the proposed future ones would be an apples to apples change. That comparison completed was a cooperative effort with WRFD and HR. Personnel. Results of that meeting found that they were, and in some instances, an increase in service with other testing we need to stay compliant. We agreed to change to them in 2023 finding the comparison to be the same service. This is a savings of roughly a \$14,000 annually from the previous vendors.

September 30th WRFD brought in a world-renowned speaker Mike Gagliano. He presented two daytime presentations attended by 90 Firefighters from 23 different departments across the State. That evening our Speaker, Mike Gagliano and his Wife Anne, presented their presentation of Challenges of the Firefighter Marriage. This presentation was the reason for bringing them in as part of a Mental Health Initiative we have undertaken trying to keep our Firefighters both physically and mentally fit for the job as well as when they go home to their families. Between donations from the community, and registration money received for attendance of other departments, we were able to put this mental health awareness training together. This was held at Cross view Church and attended by the firefighters and their spouses/significant others. Many Thanks to Cross view Church for letting us use their facility and their gracious hospitality.



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WRFD September 2022 MONTHLY RESPOONE REPORT

Type of Emergency	September 2022 Responses	Total # of 2022 Responses	September 2021 Responses	Total # of 2021 Responses
EMS 911	363	3,252	358	2,941
EMS IFT	5	53	12	200
COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE	0	11	3	13
FIRE	2	29	2	39
EXPLOSION (No Fire)	0	0	0	0
HAZARDOUS CONDITON	4	23	3	41
SERVICE CALLS	4	42	8	91
GOOD INTENT	3	57	0	0
FALSE ALARMS/ WEATHER	13	69	5	72
TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE	394	3,536	391	3,397

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	September 2022	2022 Totals	September 2021	2021 Totals
Wisconsin Rapids	293	2,596	332	2,907
Saratoga	25	235	31	192
Village Port Edwards	8	114	7	93
Village Biron	15	96	8	84
Town of Port Edwards	11	69	0	0
Nekoosa	19	213	0	0
Cranmoor	1	7	0	0
Mutual Aid Given	0	65	11	102
Mutual Aid Received	22	141	2	19
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Confined Space Stand-by	September 2022	Total # 2022	September 2021	Total # 2021
TOTALS	52	331	42	332



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