



# Wisconsin Rapids Fire Department

Fire - EMS - Haz Mat - Rescue - Education - Prevention

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To: Mayor Shane Blaser, Wisconsin Rapids Police and Fire Commission, Wisconsin Rapids Common Council  
From: Todd Eckes, WRFD Fire Chief  
Date: October 2, 2023  
RE: Monthly Summary for September 2023

WRFD meetings, events, training, and notable calls for the month of September 2023:

- Police and Fire Commission meeting
- Common Council meeting
- PD/FD Meeting
- Monthly EMR training
- Wisconsin State Fire Chiefs Board Meeting
- North Central Fire Chiefs meeting
- Attended Legislative Committee meeting.
- Attended Department Heads Meeting
- Attended the Wisconsin Fire Chiefs fall educational summit.
- Held the annual Department Badge Pinning ceremony.
- Attended the Police & Fire Hall of Fame induction ceremony.
- Attended Mayor/Finance Director Budget meeting.
- Station Tour for MSTC Emergency Management Principles students
- Hosted our annual Date Night
- Began a Lieutenants testing process.
- Hosted the Fall Fire Conference partnering with MSTC.
- Two members attended the W. EMS Board meeting
- ERCO Disaster drill planning
- ERCO disaster drill
- Car seat Clinic at Station I
- Attended Port Edwards Safety committee meeting.

September Anniversaries: Mathew Feder 27 Years, Derek Matykowski 23 Years, Aaron Mancl 15 Years, Scott Whitrock 12 Years, Michael Koehler 3 Years.

Notable Responses:

Structure Fire: 0 structure fires, 1 Passenger vehicle fire

Motor vehicle Crashes: 7 Motor vehicle accidents with injuries, 4 Motor vehicle accidents without injuries



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## WRFD Notes:

The month of September held some historic tradition within WRFD. We held our annual Badge pinning ceremony at the Wisconsin State Firefighters Memorial on September 7<sup>th</sup>. The event was well attended by members, Department Retiree's, and the public. Cole Varsho, Caitlin West, and Alexandra Huff all completed their 12-month Probation and were placed on permanent status throughout the year. City Clerk Jennifer Gossick was in attendance to swear them in before having their badge pinned on them. That night also would see Tom Anderson a former member of the department sworn in and pinned as a department Chaplain. Lastly that night two accommodations would be given to FF/Medics Josh Schoechert, and Alexandra Huff. This year, a Mission Accommodation was instituted. An accommodation for members that go above and beyond our Mission Statement. In the middle of the night Josh and Lexi were dispatched to a residence for an elderly lady having problems with her Infusion pump. She was adamant that she did not want to leave home or go to the hospital. We do not program infusion pumps, so it would have been easy for them to tell the lady they needed to go, but instead they found a number for service for the pump, and in the middle of the night called an online service tech. That service Tech. walked them through reprogramming the pump allowing her to stay home. This is above and beyond our Mission Statement and the reason they received the accommodation. They are great examples of the service citizens receive from WRFD every day.

September would also see culmination of many months of preparation for training by WRFD, Wood County EM, ERCO Worldwide and many other agencies throughout south wood county. On September 26<sup>th</sup> a full-scale Hazardous Materials exercise was completed at the entry to ERCO Worldwide that implemented a complete Haz mat deployment of WRFD, the ERCO Response Team and many other agencies. The exercise was the mitigation of 2 1,000# Chlorine tanks and a K size Sulfur Dioxide cylinder that fell off a truck leaving ERCO. The goal was to exercise the deployment of our Haz Mat Team as well as exercise communications between all the responding agencies, and the integration of the ERCO response team with our WRFD Haz Mat Team. The exercise also allowed the implementation of the County Highway department to block roads as they would need to with an actual incident. Wood County Dispatch would also be a part of the exercise to practice dispatching for an incident that is unique and does not happen very often. Other agencies in the exercise included WRPD, Nekoosa and Port Edwards PD. Port Edwards FD. Emergency Management with help from Wisconsin Emergency Management were the initiators of the exercise and would lead the development of the exercise draft as well as leading the exercise itself. These are the types of incidents we need to Train on more often. They are very high risk when they happen and very low frequency. The more we can exercise on these the more experience we have to draw from when they happen. (See ERCO Exercise Photos at the bottom of the summary)



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## WRFD September 2023 MONTHLY RESPONSE REPORT

Type of Emergency	September 2023 Responses	Total # of 2023 Responses	September 2022 Responses	Total # of 2022 Responses
EMS 911	305	3,142	363	3,252
EMS IFT	0	12	5	53
COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE	0	2	0	11
FIRE	4	42	2	29
EXPLOSION (No Fire)	0	0	0	0
HAZARDOUS CONDITON	6	35	4	23
SERVICE CALLS	3	38	4	42
GOOD INTENT	3	46	3	57
FALSE ALARMS/WEATHER	11	61	13	69
TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE	332	3,378	394	3,536

### 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 2023	2023 Totals	September 2022	2022 Totals
Wisconsin Rapids	225	2,539	293	2,596
Saratoga	18	191	25	235
Village Port Edwards	8	81	8	114
Village Biron	15	162	25	96
Town of Port Edwards	9	74	11	69
Nekoosa	30	204	19	213
Cranmoor	0	9	1	7
Mutual Aid Given	2	40	0	65
Mutual Aid Received	25	78	22	141
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>3,378</b>	<b>394</b>	<b>3,536</b>

Confined Space Stand-by	September 2023	Total # 2023	September 2022	Total # 2022
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>331</b>





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## WRFD TRAINING CENTER FOR September 2023

Category	Topic
Fire	Multi-Family Fire Attack & Apartment Line deployment
Officer	"Working with the Media" – Rural Domestic preparedness consortium.
Motor Pump Operator	Drafting Static and Dynamic sources
Technical rescue	Rope Systems
Hazardous Materials	ERCO Full Scale Hazardous Materials Drill
EMS	Hamilton Ventilator
EMR	Patient Assessment
Cadet	Hydrant Operations and hose line deployment

<b>Total Training Hours for the Month</b>	<b>255</b>
<b>Inspections for the month</b>	<b>3</b>

## ERCO Exercise Photos





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