



Wisconsin Rapids Fire Department

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To: Mayor Matt Zacher, Wisconsin Rapids Police and Fire Commission, Wisconsin Rapids Common Council
From: Todd Eckes, WRFDFire Chief
Date: October 1, 2024
RE: Monthly Summary for September 2024

WRFDFmeetings, events, training, and notable calls for the month of September 2024:

- Police and Fire Commission Meeting
- Attended HR Meeting
- Held Fire Department Open House
- Attended Emergency Planning Meeting
- Common Council Meeting
- Attended Finance Meeting
- Held a department management meeting
- PD/FDM Meeting
- Active Shooter Training
- North Central Regional Trauma Advisory Meeting
- Monthly EMR training
- Monthly Cadet Training
- All Three crews received a tour of the new jail.
- Wisconsin State Fire Chiefs Board Meeting
- Attended North Central Fire Chiefs Meeting
- Met with Billerud on the demolition program.
- Held our Annual Badge Pinning at the Firefighters Memorial
- Attended the Final Alarm Ceremony and silent night procession.
- Held a Lieutenants test.
- Held Fire Safety Talk at Head Start
- Chief gave a talk on being a Firefighter for Community Service week at Immanuel Lutheran
- Car seat Clinic at Station I
- Standby at Josh Turner Concert in at Ho Chunk Casino
- Standby at Lincoln High School Football game

September Anniversaries: Matthew Feder 28 Years, Derel Matykowski 24 Years, Aaron Mancl 16 Years,
Scott Whitrock 13 Years, Michael Koehler 4 Years, Josh Mancl 1 Year

September Notable Responses: Structure Fire: Rubbish Fire: Vehicle Fire: 0 MVC With Injuries: 13

MVC Without Injuries: 5 Gas Leak: Rescue/EMS Standby: 1 Cooking Fires: 1 MVC VS Ped: 2



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September WRFD Notes:

On September 7th we held our annual Open House. Every year we open up the station for citizens to meet the Firefighters and see the station as well as the equipment that we use. This gives us a chance to interact with the Citizens that we serve and answer any question that they may have about what we do or why we do things the way we do. As you would think the children are who enjoy this day more than anyone. They have a chance to spray some water and use our fire extinguisher prop. They have a chance to get in our Fire Trucks and ambulances. This allows us some time to ease any fears they may have if they see us for some unforeseen event and maybe they will not be as scared of us. This year we introduced Freddy the Firetruck. A new Public Education/Fire Prevention tool we received this last year. Freddy is remotely driven and has a synthesized voice so whoever is talking it sounds like a cartoon character. The younger children loved him and followed him all around the station and parking lot. This year we also invited many organizations that we work with to participate. Saratoga First Responders, Wood County Dispatch, Wood County Sheriff's department and Rescue. It was a great day attended by many who enjoyed the morning. Some of our Cadets from our Cadet Program were on site also helping with the event. We intend to have this again next year but maybe late August before school starts up again. Some photos are attached for your viewing.

The month of September we held our annual Badge Pinning ceremony at the Firefighters Memorial on the 19th. The ceremony was well attended by members and their families as well as some public. The night started with a pledge allegiance and a prayer from Chaplain Deacon Tom Anderson and a speech from the Mayor and PFC president Bruce King. The Fire Chief gave a short speech and some words about each candidate that was being pinned followed by their swearing in by City Clerk Jennifer Gossick. This is a very important night for the members of the department. These accomplishments come from a lot of hard work and training and in some instances many years of that training. These accomplishments need to be recognized, by the department and by their families and the public. A list of the members and their promotions are below.

Brennan Agen – Division Chief of Fire
Joel Fetterer – Division Chief of EMS
Dustin Lease – 2nd Lieutenant
Joshua Russell – Motor Pump Operator
Addey Cronkrite – Firefighter/Medic
Justin Shaffer – Firefighter/Medic
Josh Mancl – Firefighter/Medic



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WRFD September 2024 MONTHLY RESPONSE REPORT

Type of Emergency	September 2024 Responses	Total # of 2024 Responses	September 2023 Responses	Total # of 2023 Responses
EMS 911	386	3,368	305	3,142
EMS IFT	0	9	0	12
COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE	1	4	0	2
FIRE	3	36	4	42
EXPLOSION (No Fire)	0	1	0	0
HAZARDOUS CONDITION	2	37	6	35
SERVICE CALLS	7	39	3	38
GOOD INTENT	10	61	3	46
FALSE ALARMS/WEATHER	17	115	11	61
TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE	426	3,670	332	3,378

Notes:

- Fire 100 Series: Fire (s *tructure, 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 2024	2024 Totals	September 2023	2023 Totals
Wisconsin Rapids	306	2,662	225	2,539
Saratoga	24	222	18	191
Village Port Edwards	7	107	8	81
Village Biron	19	135	15	162
Town of Port Edwards	8	41	9	74
Nekoosa	24	224	30	204
Cranmoor	3	6	0	9
Mutual Aid Given	15	105	2	40
Mutual Aid Received	20	168	25	78
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Confined Space Stand-by	September 2024	Total # 2024	September 2023	Total # 2023
TOTALS	20	162	11	272



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WRFD TRAINING CENTER FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

Category	Topic
Fire	Jail Tour/ Fire Attack
Officer	
Motor Pump Operator	Quick Water & Survivability from Streams
Technical rescue	Vehicle Stabilization & Extrication
Hazardous Materials	Homemade explosives: Awareness, Recognition, & Response
EMS	Active Shooter Exercise
EMR	Legal and Ethical
Cadet	Search & Rescue
Total Training Hours for the Month	294
Inspections for the month	



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September Overtime Paid Summary

Overtime Summary in Hours													
Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Running Total
Category													
Comp Paid Out	2.75	24	0	72	0	0	0	0	10				108.75
FMLA	24	0	72	24	168	312	48	0	48				696.00
Emergency Call ins	23.5	104	87.54	156.4	162	71.28	85	55.16	95.86				840.74
Sick	146.3	86	96.5	12.4	261.5	155.3	48	100.8	214				1120.80
Stay-Over	5.5	3.5	2.54	74	11.83	7.25	14.3	2.75	1.75				123.42
Meeting/Committee	0	5.5	0	0	0.75	1	0	0	7				14.25
BC VAC	0	12	48	17	72	196.5	72	21	72				510.50
ODT	0	5			0	0	3	0	0				8.00
Training	26.75	19.17	28	80	4	196	4	10	20.33				388.25
Short Crew	0	0	72	152	120	96	0	0	21.5				461.5
Monthly Total	228.80	259.17	406.54	587.80	800.08	1035.33	274.30	189.71	490.44	0.00	0.00	0.00	4272.21

O.T. Rate \$39

Comp Pay Out over 100 hours \$7,832

September Total O.T. Cost \$19,127.00
 Year to Date O.T. Cost \$168,822.26

Crew Transfer Pay to date \$1,600



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