



# Wisconsin Rapids Fire Department

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To: Mayor Blaser, Wisconsin Rapids Police and Fire Commission, Wisconsin Rapids Common Council  
From: Todd Eckes, WRFD Interim Fire Chief  
Date: November 1, 2021  
RE: Monthly Summary for October 2021

## WRFD meetings, events, training, and notable calls for the month of August:

- Police and Fire Commission meeting
- Common Council meeting
- Attended North Central Fire Chiefs meeting
- Attended Wood County Fire Chiefs meeting
- Attended the Finance & Property meeting
- Hosted monthly emergency first responder training
- Labor Management meeting
- Attended the Fire Advisory Board meeting at MSTC
- Attended the Teen Leadership Program meeting
- Fire Prevention in the Schools
- Training: Annual Emergency Vehicle Operations Course
- Attended the Firefighters Final Alarm Ceremony
- Attended the Final Alarm Procession
- Held the Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Addition/Renovation of Station I
- Opportunity Development Center visited Station I for a tour
- Ambulance standby for the 5K Run with Cops
- Ambulance Stand by for Lincoln High School Football
- Attended the Career day at MSTC for area Sophomores
- Attended Career Day at Lincoln High School



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## WRFD Notes:

October was a busy Month, and yet a sad month. On October 31, Fire Chief Scott Young finished a Dedicated 30 plus year career at WRFD. Scott was a Lead from the front Fire Chief. He never asked any member to do anything he had not already experienced. Teddy Roosevelt once said, "Nobody cares how much you know until they know how much you care." Scott's leadership emulated that very statement. His actions always had the wellbeing of the citizens of this great city, the department, and the members that served with him as a priority with every decision. His Leadership and Friendship will be truly missed. We are also extremely happy for Scott and wish him the best with his retirement. It is well deserved!!

With the recent outbreak of COVID in central Wisconsin, we opted for a virtual Fire Prevention program this year. A virtual program using the PowerPoint Platform included videos that are age specific to the target grade generated by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and the United States Fire Administration (USFA). In between each video, a Firefighter would interact with the Students through a ZOOM Link previously sent to the Class teacher. At the end of the program student, generated questions were answered. Feedback of the program was great with many comments saying they were glad we could make accommodations since we had no contact in the previous year.

On October 5 a ground, breaking ceremony was held at Station I for the Renovation/Addition project that we have been working on for two years. A long process took a collaboration effort within not only our own organization but also including Five Bugles, our Architect, and Miron Construction our Project Manager. As an organization throughout this entire project, we tried to be as fiscally responsible as possible. In the end, I believe the product will be a safe, functional, and sustainable building for 50 years or more. We also would like to give great thanks to the citizens of the city, Council members, and city leadership for their support throughout this entire project.

On October 26<sup>th</sup> Firefighter/Paramedic Dustin Lease visited the Capitol in Madison to receive the First Responder of the Year award for the 72<sup>nd</sup> district from Representative Scott Krug. While transporting a patient to Wausau Aspirus hospital that was having a heart attack, he and his crew came upon a motor cycle accident. Dustin quickly assessed the patient and knew he needed definitive care and realizing his original patient was stabilized and they were ten minutes from the hospital he sent them on their way to get the patient to the Catheterization lab and he stayed back to care for the patient that would eventually get airlifted to a Trauma Center. If not for Dustin's professional care the outcome may have been a lot different. Our Mission Statement is "Professional at all times, Proficient in all tasks, Polite to everyone we meet, and compassionate to anyone in need". That day Dustin emulated every aspect of that statement. Congratulations Dustin!!

Anniversaries in October: Firefighter/Medic Austin Erdman (3YRS)



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## WRFD October 2021 MONTHLY RESPONSE REPORT

Type of Emergency	October 2021 Responses	Total # of 2021 Responses	October 2020 Responses	Total # of 2020 Responses
EMS/Rescue 911	364	3396	297	2456
EMS IFT	6	156	36	211
COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE	0	10	1	10
FIRE	5	42	2	34
HAZARDOUS CONDITON	1	39	3	41
SERVICE CALLS	19	72	9	62
FALSE ALARMS	12	79	14	93
TOTALS	407	3794	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	October 2021	2021 Totals	October 2020	2020 Totals
Wisconsin Rapids	331	3017	323	2533
Saratoga	29	230	17	172
Village Port Edwards	16	108	10	89
Village Biron	6	92	10	74
Mutual Aid Given	2	65	30	30
Mutual Aid Received	23	282	1	9
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Confined Space Stand-by	October 2021	Total # 2021	October 2020	Total # 2020
TOTALS	42	332	55	615