



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: November 1, 2024
RE: Monthly Summary for October 2024

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

- Police and Fire Commission Meeting
- Attended HR Meeting
- Held Fire Department Open House
- Attended Emergency Planning Meeting
- Common Council Meeting
- Committee of the Whole
- Department Heads Meeting
- Held a department management Officers.
- Held an EMS Committee Meeting
- Attended the Local Emergency Planning Committee Meeting
- Attended the Fire Advisory Board meeting at MSTC.
- Attended a meeting with our third-party billing agent.
- Held a Night Drill with surrounding Mutual Aid departments on Water Rescue Operations
- Fire Marshal did a taping on Fire safety with WFHR.
- Fire Marshal attended the Boys & Girls club Safety Meeting by invite.
- Division Chief of EMS attended the EMSPIRE conference sponsored by EMS-MC our third-party billing agent.
- Held Candidate Interviews for two Firefighter Openings
- Hosted the Citizens academy at Station I
- Fire Prevention Kids Workshop at Home Depot
- Attended Trunk or Treat at Edenbrook.
- Attended First responder day at Tractor Supply Company
- Monthly EMR training
- Monthly Cadet Training
- Wisconsin State Fire Chiefs Board Meeting
- Attended North Central Fire Chiefs Meeting
- Attended Wood County Fire Chiefs Meeting.
- Car seat Clinic at Station I
- Standby at Lincoln High School Football game

October Anniversaries: Austin Erdman 6 Years

October Notable Responses: Structure Fire: 1 Rubbish Fire: 2 Vehicle Fire: 1 MVC With Injuries: 3

MVC Without Injuries: 4 Gas Leak: Rescue/EMS Standby: 2 Cooking Fires: 0 MVC VS Ped: 1



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October WRFD Notes:

October is always a month that is action packed and very enjoyable as we get to go into all the schools in the city and present Fire Prevention activities. Fire Prevention week is always scheduled for the week of October 10th the last day of the Great Chicago Fire which started during the evening of October 8th, 1871, on the property of Patrick and Catherine O'Leary at 137 DeKoven Street on what was then the southwest side of Chicago, but quickly spread northeastward into the main business district and the heart of the city. The fire left in its wake 300 fatalities, approximately 100,000 left homeless (about 3% of the population at the time) and roughly 2,124 acres of the city burned. At that same time a much larger fire would happen in Peshtigo Wisconsin that would be declared one of the worst Fires of all time. This fire would cause more than 1,200 fatalities and burn more than 1.5 million acres. This fire to this day is the deadliest fire in U.S. History. Many years prior national research was completed in the number of fire related deaths that happened in the U.S. compared to other industrialized countries. At the time we were number one for deaths related to Fires. The suggestion from that research was to start in the grade school so it became a natural habit from early on. Today we are still high on a scale worldwide but now rank #14 in the world at 12.4 fire related deaths per million population. Better but we still have a long way to go.

Our fire prevention activities find us in the kindergarten talking to these young students and exposing them to their first experience with Firefighters and Fire Safety. A fire safety video is watched, and Firefighters talk to them about items like, not playing with matches and lighters, when to call 911, and getting out of the house and staying out when there is a fire. The always fun STOP, DROP, & Roll activity is always a class favorite. Lastly a Firefighter dresses into their turnout clothing and SCBA so the students realize if they see them in a Fire, they are there to help them and not some scary monster, so they should go to them and not hide.

Third grade is also one of our stops at the schools, at this point since kindergarten they have watched the series of videos on Fire Prevention week, provided by WRFD to every school in the district with a grant from the Riverview foundation, and is time for them to learn Fire Safety in the home. We take the Fire Trailer that the Wood County Fire Chiefs purchased through a Fund Raiser available for all departments in the County. In the trailer each third grader is taught Kitchen safety, safety in the living room, and Fire Safety in the Bedroom. A 911 call can be placed and the children practice escaping a second story window using an escape ladder.

When the presentation is completed Fire safety items are left for each child. Items are Fire Helmets and Water Bottles with fire safety slogans on them for the kindergarten classes, and Fire Safety workbooks and Water Bottles for the Third Grades. The workbooks are supplied by Community Safety Net who solicits donations from the area to print and deliver those books to the departments that participate.



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WRFD October 2024 MONTHLY RESPONSE REPORT

Type of Emergency	October 2024 Responses	Total # of 2024 Responses	October 2023 Responses	Total # of 2023 Responses
EMS 911	364	3,732	360	3,502
EMS IFT	2	11	2	14
COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE	0	4	1	3
FIRE	5	41	2	44
EXPLOSION (No Fire)	0	1	0	0
HAZARDOUS CONDITION	4	41	2	37
SERVICE CALLS	6	45	5	43
GOOD INTENT	17	78	2	48
FALSE ALARMS/WEATHER	16	131	13	74
TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE	44	4,084	387	3,765

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	October 2024	2024 Totals	October 2023	2023 Totals
Wisconsin Rapids	311	2,973	301	2,882
Saratoga	22	244	20	263
Village Port Edwards	10	117	10	121
Village Biron	23	158	13	121
Town of Port Edwards	4	45	10	77
Nekoosa	25	249	23	238
Cranmoor	0	6	0	7
Mutual Aid Given	1	106	10	76
Mutual Aid Received	18	186	0	152
TOTALS	44	4,084	387	3,936

Confined Space Stand-by	October 2024	Total # 2024	October 2023	Total # 2023
TOTALS	43	205	102	374



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WRFD TRAINING CENTER FOR OCTOBER 2024

Category	Topic
Fire	Firefighter Survival RIT
Officer	All Hazards Communications
Motor Pump Operator	Drive to Survive
Technical rescue	High Angle Rope Rescue
Hazardous Materials	Energy Storage systems and Solar Power
EMS	
EMR	Gun Shot Wounds & Suspension Trauma
Cadet	Ladder Operations
Total Training Hours for the Month	499.25
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	No v	De c	Runni ng Total
Category													
Comp Paid Out	2.75	24	0	72	0	0	0	0	10	0			108.75
FMLA	24	0	72	24	168	312	48	0	48	72			768.00
Emergency Call ins	23.5	104	87.54	156.4	162	71.28	85	55.16	95.86	50.33			891.07
Sick	146.3	86	96.5	12.4	261.5	155.3	48	100.8	214	204.5			1325.30
Stay-Over	5.5	3.5	2.54	74	11.83	7.25	14.3	2.75	1.75	5.24			128.66
Meeting/Committ ee	0	5.5	0	0	0.75	1	0	0	7	0			14.25
BC VAC	0	12	48	17	72	196.5	72	21	72	72			582.50
ODT	0	5			0	0	3	0	0	0			8.00
Training	26.75	19.17	28	80	4	196	4	10	20.33	43.5			431.75
Short Crew	0	0	72	152	120	96	0	0	21.5	0			461.5
Monthly Total	228.80	259.17	406.58	587.80	800.08	1035.33	274.30	189.71	490.44	447.57	0.00	0.00	4719.78

O.T. Rate	\$39
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Comp Pay Out over 100 hours	\$7,832
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September Total O.T. Cost	\$17,433.00
Year to Date O.T. Cost	\$186,255.26

Crew Transfer Pay to date	\$1,600
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