



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: December 1, 2022
RE: Monthly Summary for November 2022

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

- Police and Fire Commission meeting
- Common Council meeting
- Attended HR Meeting
- Officers Meeting
- FD/PTD training
- Car seat Clinic at Station I
- Teen Leadership Meeting
- Ready Rebound Meeting
- North Central Fire Chiefs meeting
- Participated in the Rekindle the Spirit Parade
- Fire Training – Car Fires/Emergency Vehicle Operations Course
- Held EMR Training
- Hazardous Materials Refresher given by the REACT center
- Finished Hose Testing for 2022
- Cadet training
- Attended Intern Fair MSTC
- MSTC Fire Advisory meeting
- EMS Training ACLS – EP training
- Mayors Monthly Touch Base Meeting
- All crews are completing Fire Inspections

November Anniversaries: None

Notable Responses:

CO Calls – 2

Car Fire – 1

Cooking Fire – 1

Gas Leak – 1

Motor Vehicle Collisions - 12



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WRFD Notes:

The Fire prevention Division has been very busy lately. The end of the year is always busy beginning in October with Fire Prevention week. The Fire Prevention division then focuses on completing the remaining Fire Inspections for the year. On top of all that work, Fire Marshal Pluess has been installing Smoke Detectors in homes of citizens that either cannot complete the task themselves or simply cannot afford to do it. Within the last 6 weeks, he has installed 48 detectors into 14 different visits. Although every Firefighter enters into this profession for the suppression side, it is truly every Firefighters responsibility to support Prevention as our primary job. The parameters of this program is it needs to be a home that the resident owns and not a rental. The property owners of rentals are responsible to ensure proper Fire detection by law. Restoration costs from fire damage vary depending on the extent of the fire and situation. However, on average, homeowners can expect to pay between \$2,500 and \$5,000 to recover after a small fire. The cost can reach as high as \$50,000 to restore a kitchen or replace a roof after a major home fire. If that home is a total loss replacement cost for a 1,500 square foot home can range between \$150,000 - \$300,000. Every home that we can ensure has proper detection is one less tragedy that we may respond. That is a very good investment of time. The Fire Prevention will be more active as the New Year begins with some activities on the horizon that will further protect the Citizens that we serve with a Community Risk Reduction rollout.

This month we brought Instructors from the Regional Emergency All-Climate Training Center (REACT) to complete a Hazardous Materials Refresher class. Every year we must train for a minimum of 8 hours on Hazardous Materials because we are a Type III Regional Response Team for the State. We train more than 8 hours every year but like to dedicate eight hours to instruction from the best subject matter experts the State has to offer. The Instructors spent a complete day with every crew and that training was recorded for those that were on vacation. This class was possible by a grant that Battalion Chief Joe Kubis received in order to cover those costs. Battalion Chief Kubis is our Special Operations Lead.

Other Fire Training for the month concentrated on Motor Vehicle Fires. This training was completed at MSTC training center using their natural gas props to simulate various types of motor vehicle fires. Today's Motor Vehicle fires are much more complex than years past. We now need to consider L.P. powered vehicle, Electric Vehicles, and the metals used to construct them. Magnesium, a metal used throughout a vehicle is very easily ignited and extremely hard to extinguish. The new challenges of the Lithium batteries in the new Electric Vehicles lead to some extensive extinguishment challenges and many times re-ignition even after the vehicle is in transit to a repair shop or transition point for insurance companies to examine and conduct an investigation. Lastly, every crew finished up a class of Advanced Cardiac Life Support for the experienced provider (ACLS-EP). It was a well-rounded training month for Fire, EMS, and Fire Prevention.



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WRFD November 2022 MONTHLY RESPONSE REPORT

Type of Emergency	November 2022 Responses	Total # of 2022 Responses	November 2021 Responses	Total # of 2021 Responses
EMS 911	360	3,984	373	3769
EMS IFT	2	60	162	162
COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE	0	12	11	11
FIRE	2	36	3	45
EXPLOSION (No Fire)	1	1	0	0
HAZARDOUS CONDITION	5	34	4	43
SERVICE CALLS	4	51	7	79
GOOD INTENT	0	60	0	0
FALSE ALARMS/WEATHER	5	77	9	88
TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE	379	4,315	403	4197

Notes:

- Fire 100 Series: Fire (s *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	November 2022	2022 Totals	November 2021	2021 Totals
Wisconsin Rapids	293	3,175	318	3335
Saratoga	17	280	31	261
Village Port Edwards	4	125	20	128
Village Biron	28	149	12	104
Town of Port Edwards	11	88	0	0
Nekoosa	18	256	0	0
Cranmoor	0	7	0	0
Mutual Aid Given	0	76	12	77
Mutual Aid Received	8	159	10	292
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Confined Space Stand-by	November 2022	Total # 2022	November 2021	Total # 2021
TOTALS	51	434	11	343