



# 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, 2023  
RE: Monthly Summary for November 2023

WRFDMeetings, events, training, and notable calls for the month of November 2023:

- Police and Fire Commission meeting
- Common Council meeting
- PD/FD Meeting
- Mayors Touch base meeting.
- EMS Committee meeting.
- Monthly EMR training
- Wisconsin State Fire Chiefs Board Meeting
- Attended North Central Fire Chiefs meeting.
- Attended Wood County Fire Chiefs meeting.
- Member attended Opioid Task Force meeting.
- DC. Joling attended Trauma committee meeting.
- Held the Health & Safety Meeting.
- Held Special Operations Committee Meeting.
- Held Entry Level Interviews
- Held MABAS Training for all Dispatchers.
- Participated in the Rekindle the Spirit Parade.
- Attended Festival of Trees and picked Chiefs winner at Masonic Lodge
- Attended CAPS Meeting at ERCO (Wrap up of Exercise)
- Attended committee of the whole for Budget
- Attended Internship Fair at MSTC
- Station Tours by the Boys & Girls Club.
- Station II tour by Head Start
- Two members attended the WI EMS Board meeting
- Ambulance standby at football games
- Ambulance Stand By at 8-man WAA State Championship game.
- Car seat Clinic at Station I

November Anniversaries: None

Notable Responses:

Structure Fire: 4531 8<sup>th</sup> Street South Commercial Fire, 631 East Grand Avenue Commercial Fire, cooking fire contained to container, Motor Vehicle Fire.

Motor vehicle Crashes: 5 MVC with injuries, 1 MVC without injuries.



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## WRFD Notes:

On November 14<sup>th</sup> we held a check presentation for the MDA fill the Boot Campaign for 2024 in the amount of \$8,000. This project has been happening in Wisconsin Rapids for 7 decades and is always one of the largest fund raisers held by the Wisconsin Rapids Firefighters Charitable Foundation. In 1954 the International Association of Firefighters (IAFF) signed a proclamation designating MDA as its charity of choice and vowed to continue raising awareness and funds until cures are found. The project has raised over 679 million Dollars nationwide supported by 300,000 Firefighters working for a cure for Muscular Dystrophy. That money has led in part to over a dozen FDA-approved drugs in as many years for those with neuromuscular disease. As Stated by Donald S. Wood PHD, President & CEO of MDA, "With support from our partners at IAFF, MDA is doing the impossible in accelerating research, advancing care, and advocating for people living with neuromuscular disease." As an organization we are proud to support such a worthy cause and will continue to work in our community to raise awareness and funds for this and many other worthwhile projects.

On Tuesday the 14<sup>th</sup> of November we participated in the Internship Fair at MSTC. DC. Joling and a member from crew 2 represented us at the event. All of these events at the local colleges are very important to our Recruitment and Retention of Firefighter Medics. MSTC though is more important than others. These Students are from the area and generally will stay in the area once employed. Their roots have already been established in most cases and the chance of them leaving after one year is reduced. The other great positive of Students from MSTC is that many of them do their Intern time at our department. This is like a three-month interview where we can monitor their activity and have a great look at their skills as well as their social interaction and how they will get along in our unique work setting. Many of our members are Instructors at MSTC in both the Fire and Ems disciplines, so we have a great influence on these students that we may potentially hire, as well as a greater look at their skills and social skills. We have had great success to date with the many Interns that we have hired that come out of the MSTC Program and look forward to our partnership with the college going forward.

EMS Training in November was on a subject matter that we do not get many calls for, but when we do need the most proficient, and professional response we can give. This month's training was on Pediatric Burn Management. The training was given by Life Link Flight crew and was customized to use our protocols. The training was also scenario based on real calls that the Flight Crew has experienced in their response. This type of training is invaluable from a real-life perspective as well as challenging our Medics to think out of the box when compared to the normal calls that we respond to. We greatly appreciate the opportunity and Thank Life Link for their knowledge and training.



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## WRFD NOVEMBER 2023 MONTHLY RESPONSE REPORT

Type of Emergency	November 2023 Responses	Total # of 2023 Responses	November 2022 Responses	Total # of 2022 Responses
EMS 911	335	3,837	373	3,769
EMS IFT	1	15	162	162
COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE	1	4	11	11
FIRE	5	49	3	45
EXPLOSION (No Fire)	0	0	0	0
HAZARDOUS CONDITION	7	44	4	43
SERVICE CALLS	2	45	7	79
GOOD INTENT	3	51	0	0
FALSE ALARMS/WEATHER	9	83	9	88
<b>TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE</b>	<b>363</b>	<b>4,128</b>	<b>403</b>	<b>4,197</b>

### 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	November 2023	2023 Totals	November 2022	2022 Totals
Wisconsin Rapids	246	3,086	318	3,335
Saratoga	15	226	31	261
Village Port Edwards	8	99	20	128
Village Biron	14	189	12	104
Town of Port Edwards	6	90	0	0
Nekoosa	26	253	0	0
Cranmoor	0	9	0	0
Mutual Aid Given	6	56	12	77
Mutual Aid Received	42	120	10	292
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Confined Space Stand-by	November 2023	Total # 2023	November 2022	Total # 2022
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>393</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>343</b>



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## WRFD TRAINING CENTER FOR NOVEMBER 2023

Category	Topic
Fire	Residential Search & Rescue
Officer	Buddy to Boss Effective Fire Leadership
Motor Pump Operator	Aerial Elevated Attack & Rescue
Technical rescue	Elevator Emergencies
Hazardous Materials	None
EMS	Pediatric Burn Management
EMR	Patient Assessment
Cadet	Squad Review and Vehicle Extrication

<b>Total Training Hours for the Month</b>	<b>518</b>
<b>Inspections for the month</b>	<b>67</b>