



# 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, WRFD Fire Chief  
Date: December 1, 2024  
RE: Monthly Summary for November 2024

WRFD meetings, events, training, and notable calls for the month of November 2024:

- Police and Fire Commission Meeting
- Attended HR Meeting
- Attended Emergency Planning Meeting
- Common Council Meeting
- Committee of the Whole
- Public Hearing on the Budget
- Held a Health and Safety Committee Meeting
- EMS Documentation Training with Division Chief of EMS
- Attended State Grant Seminar at MSTC
- Participated in Internship Fair at MSTC
- Crew safety walkthrough at Ocean Spray Plant
- Hosted a Retiree Recognition Breakfast
- Monthly EMR training
- Monthly Cadet Training
- Wisconsin State Fire Chiefs Board Meeting
- Attended North Central Fire Chiefs Meeting
- Standby at Lincoln High School Football game
- Standby at LHS for WAA State 8 vs. 8 Football Championship
- Held Special Operations Committee Meeting
- Hosted Wood County Health Department for Food Safety
- Hosted Seniors from area High Schools for Teen Leadership Program
- Participated in Rekindle the Spirit Parade Downtown
- Hosted multiple EMS Intern Students from MSTC
- Opened Internal Applications for Executive Officer Testing

November Anniversaries: Two new employees began on November 25<sup>th</sup>

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

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



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## November WRFD Notes:

As noted above, November was a very busy month at the Fire Department. One of the most notable calls was a request for Mutual Aid in Grand Rapids for a fatal fire. We hosted multiple public events and attended planning meetings associated with the successful approval of the 2025 Budget. Aside from the increase in call volume as compared to last November, the department focused on investing in future recruitment, internships from MSTC, and onboarding of two new employees. We are very excited to welcome two new employees, Trey and Gage, firefighters who are attending MSTC's paramedic program. We also attended MSTC's Internship Fair, showcasing to students and youth the Fire and EMS profession. This provides a great opportunity to connect with interested students and youth who can speak with employees doing the work every day. We offer a cadet program which starts again in January and internship opportunities through the college. The WRFD also participated in the Heart of Wisconsin's C.O.O.L Teen Leadership Program; the mission of the program is to improve area high school students' understanding of Community, Occupations, Organizations, and Leadership. Large groups of teens from area schools spent time with staff who provided them opportunities to utilize medical and fire equipment as well as discuss the importance of leadership in public service. As the EMT-Basic coursework concludes, students from MSTC utilize WRFD as an internship location to gain the required contact hours. This provides students with the opportunity to experience to profession and for us to build a rapport with potential recruits.

Internally, the department held many committee meetings. The Special Operations Committee discussed operations after recent incident reviews and received a State Grant for Hazardous Materials equipment. The Health and Safety Committee reviewed and recommended changes to equipment to enhance emergency operations and responder safety. The Wood County Health Department provided training on food safety and health to proactively raise awareness around sanitization and cleaning. Other focused trainings included EMS documentation to enhance record keeping and data retrieval systems. Due to the age of our fire apparatus, significant mechanical issues related to safety left the department without a Ladder Truck and one Engine for most of the month.



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## WRFD NOVEMBER 2024 MONTHLY RESPONSE REPORT

Type of Emergency	November 2024 Responses	Total # of 2024 Responses	November 2023 Responses	Total # of 2023 Responses
EMS 911	350	4,081	335	3,837
EMS IFT	1	12	1	15
COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE	0	4	1	4
FIRE	6	47	5	49
EXPLOSION (No Fire)	0	1	0	0
HAZARDOUS CONDITON	6	47	7	44
SERVICE CALLS	1	46	2	45
GOOD INTENT	8	87	3	51
FALSE ALARMS/WEATHER	7	138	9	83
TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE	379	4,463	363	4,128

### 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 2024	2024 Totals	November 2023	2023 Totals
Wisconsin Rapids	276	3,249	246	3,086
Saratoga	24	268	15	226
Village Port Edwards	10	127	8	99
Village Biron	13	171	14	189
Town of Port Edwards	7	52	6	90
Nekoosa	25	274	26	253
Cranmoor	0	6	0	9
Mutual Aid Given	4	110	6	56
Mutual Aid Received	20	206	42	120
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>379</b>	<b>4,463</b>	<b>363</b>	<b>4,128</b>

Confined Space Stand-by	November 2024	Total # 2024	November 2023	Total # 2023
TOTALS	14	219	19	393



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## WRFD TRAINING CENTER FOR November 2024

Category	Topic
Fire	Residential Primary Search & "Transitional Search, Finding & Removing Victims" - FDIC
Officer	"Buddy to Boss: Effective Fire Service Leadership" - FDIC
Motor Pump Operator	Aerial Apparatus: Elevated Attack & Rescue
Technical rescue	Elevator Emergencies & Extractions
Hazardous Materials	
EMS	ALS Skills - Crew Led
EMR	Hypothermia & Medical Equipment Review
Cadet	Firefighter Maze and Forcible Entry Skills

<b>Total Training Hours for the Month</b>	<b>219.5</b>
<b>Inspections for the month</b>	<b>121</b>



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## November Overtime Paid Summary