



Wisconsin Rapids Fire Department

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To: Mayor Shane Blaser, Wisconsin Rapids Police and Fire Commission, Wisconsin Rapids Common Council
From: Scott Young, WRFD Fire Chief
Date: August 4, 2020
RE: Monthly Summary for July 2020

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

- Police and Fire Commission meeting
- Common Council meeting
- Wood County Fire Chiefs meeting
- WRFD management team meeting
- Numerous Covid-19 meetings
- Fire safety discussion with residents from Arbor Creek Apartments
- Fire station design plan review with 5 Bugles Design
- Training provided by Clary Safety on metering hazardous atmospheres
- MPO training on the principles in drafting for a water supply
- EMS training for individual members on how to access departments new online platform
- Fire at 2721 Industrial Street. Fire in drying and process system
- Fire at 3320 Engle Road. Air compressor motor overheated/small fire filling structure with smoke. Crew ventilated building, no structural damage

WRFD Notes:

What a difference a year can make. Last July the city was hit by strong storms and the department went on to have the busiest month on record, responding to 380 calls in the month of July with 58 calls alone on July 20th. Fast forward one year later and like most we are dealing with a pandemic that has changed our operations drastically. We have implemented safety measures that focus on protecting our members and the community, which includes a recent face-covering mandate for members while in the fire stations. While our run volume is down slightly from last year, we are still averaging 10½ calls per shift and continue to strive to provide the services the community expects from us.

On July 1st, the Wisconsin Rapids Police and Fire Commission approved and moved firefighter/paramedic Andy Saxer from probationary to permanent status. Congratulations Andy on a job well done!



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WRFD JULY 2020 MONTHLY RESPONSE REPORT

Type of Emergency	July 2020 Responses	Total # of 2020 Responses	July 2019 Responses	Total # of 2019 Responses	Year to Date % 2020/2019
EMS 911	269	1849	275	1868	1%
EMS IFT	28	152	34	236	35.6%
COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE	0	3	0	10	70%
FIRE	3	28	6	33	15.2%
HAZARDOUS CONDITION	8	32	32	62	48.40%
SERVICE CALLS	4	47	14	46	2.2%
FALSE ALARMS	18	74	19	62	16.2%
TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE	330	2185	380	2317	5.7%

Notes:

- Fire 100 Series: Fire (s *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	July 2020	2020 Totals	July 2019	2019 Totals
Wisconsin Rapids	275	1621	323	2027
Saratoga	24	113	37	147
Village Port Edwards	11	53	9	62
Village Biron	15	41	6	55
Mutual Aid Given	5	20	3	13
Mutual Aid Received	0	7	2	13
TOTALS	330	1855	380	2317

Confined Space Stand-by	July 2020	Total # 2020	July 2019	Total # 2019
TOTALS	92	471	59	349