



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: May 1, 2024
RE: Monthly Summary for April 2024

WRFDMeetings, events, training, and notable calls for the month of April 2024:

- Police and Fire Commission meeting
- Common Council meeting
- Held a Management Meeting
- Held a Guardian Angel Project meeting.
- Attended Active Shooter presentation of Coors Molson shooting in Milwaukee.
- Attended the Counterfeit Lighter bill signing in Pittsville.
- One Member attended the HERC Surge Exercise
- One member attended the North Central Regional Trauma Advisory Council meeting.
- Held a day drill at Billerud with 19 members.
- Held a Day Drill at Ocean Spray with 18 total attending.
- Hosted the Wood County Fire Investigation Task Force meeting.
- Held a Night Drill on extrication partnered with Wood County Rescue 32 Total attending.
- Attended Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting.
- Attended Healthy Kids Day at the YMCA
- Gave a Disaster talk at WRAMS Middle School.
- Gave a CPR talk to the Senior Center
- Held a Retiree Breakfast
- PD/FD Meeting
- Attended a Lieutenant/Captain Assessment center in Oshkosh.
- Fire Vision Committee meeting
- Gave three tours of Station I
- Monthly EMR training
- Monthly Cadet Training
- Wisconsin State Fire Chiefs Board Meeting
- Attended North Central Fire Chiefs meeting.
- Held Candidate Interviews
- Car seat Clinic at Station I
- Ambulance Standby for Run the Rapids Race

April Anniversaries: Ben Goodreau 18 Years, Josh Shoechert 5 Years, Jake Timm 5 Years, Dan Shay 4 Years

Notable Responses:

Cooking Fires: **4 cooking fires confined to container** Alarm Activations: **24 Alarm Activations**
Structure Fire: **3 in city Structure Fires 2 Mutual Aid** Transport Vehicle Fire: **1 Semi Tractor**
Rubbish Fires: **4 outside rubbish trash or waste** Wildland Fire: **1 Wildland fire by Railroad Tracks**



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WRFD Notes:

April 1st the Truck Committee visited Pierce Manufacturing for the day finalizing the specifications for the replacement of Truck V. While visiting the factory we were exposed to all the various components available and layouts of the cab that could be used with the model of Truck we had chosen. This would be the culmination of many months of work by the committee researching and evaluating all the possibilities available. Throughout the process an evaluation of our deployment model was needed to ensure that we were fiscally responsible for the allocation of funds for the project. It was decided that designing a Truck that would be frontline every call and could be deployed as an Engine or a Ladder was the best model. This was integral with the decision on the type of Ladder Truck we designed. After the size and type of response was completed three different manufacturers brought their model of Ladders on site as well as a quote on cost, payment options, and time of build. Seagrave fire apparatus from Clintonville WI, Sutphen Corporations from Dublin Ohio, and Pierce manufacturing from Appleton WI. All were viewed and many questions from the committee were answered by all vendors. After much deliberation Pierce Manufacturing was chosen. A Purchase Order was developed and signed by Mayor Blaser for a 2027 Impel PUC single axle 110" aerial with a platform. Final cost quoted was \$1,591,900.00. The committee made up of Officers, Motor Pump Operators and Firefighters that will be using this apparatus going forward were targeted since they will be the members responding with this apparatus for many years going forward. Many Thanks to Mayor Blaser, and the Council for their commitment to the Safety of the Citizens of Wisconsin Rapids.

April also was the month that a program we have been working on for about a year now would be unveiled, The Guardian Angel program. This was a vision of Alderperson Patrick Delaney when he brought it to me a year ago. At the time we had no idea how to accomplish it, but we developed a framework we thought would work, and contacted Wood County Health for some Statistics. They not only gave us the information we needed but signed on to help move this project forward. Throughout the process we knew that Volunteers would be an integral resource to accomplish this, and the United Way came on board. They have a vast network of Volunteers and can also help to Vet any new volunteers. The week of April 15th the project was unveiled. This project will pair local volunteers once vetted, with Citizens needing help during large scale electricity outages that will check on them and help them with any needs. Not only does this ease a workload on First Responders during these types of events, but it quickly prevents long term effects for these patients from their lack of the medical care they would no longer have access to that are dependent on electricity. This phase of the project we are collecting data to determine how big of a population needing this type of help exists, to arrange enough volunteers to help. We hope to pair up volunteers and engage this program in the next couple of months once all the data is collected. A true definition of Neighbors helping Neighbors, a community driven program that we hope will show great results.



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WRFD April 2024 MONTHLY RESPONSE REPORT

Type of Emergency	April 2024 Responses	Total # of 2024 Responses	April 2023 Responses	Total # of 2023 Responses
EMS 911	373	1,524	373	1,429
EMS IFT	2	6	1	4
COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE	0	2	0	0
FIRE	8	15	5	16
EXPLOSION (No Fire)	1	1	0	0
HAZARDOUS CONDITION	6	19	4	11
SERVICE CALLS	5	20	15	20
GOOD INTENT	3	19	6	15
FALSE ALARMS/WEATHER	5	41	4	16
TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE	403	1,647	408	1,511

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	April 2024	2024 Totals	April 2023	2023 Totals
Wisconsin Rapids	305	1,226	314	1,155
Saratoga	20	90	27	98
Village Port Edwards	7	52	7	37
Village Bron	15	62	14	73
Town of Port Edwards	2	19	10	33
Nekoosa	26	113	27	81
Granmoor	0	1	2	3
Mutual Aid Given	11	27	6	17
Mutual Aid Received	17	57	1	14
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Confined Space Stand-by	April 2024	Total # 2024	April 2023	Total # 2023
TOTALS	19	81	26	156



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WRFD TRAINING CENTER FOR APRIL 2024

Category	Topic
Fire	Vent, Enter, Isolate, Search
Officer	Servant Leadership
Motor Pump Operator	Fire Ground positioning of the engine & Aerial
Technical rescue	Open Water Rescue and Drowning Resuscitation
Hazardous Materials	Leak & Spill Mitigation
EMS	Airway Training
EMR	Patient Assessment
Cadet	Canceled due to Snow Storm

Total Training Hours for the Month	455.25
Inspections for the month	135



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April Overtime Paid Summary

Overtime Summary in Hours												
Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Running Total
Category												
Comp Paid Out	2.75	24		72								98.75
FMLA	24		72	24								120.00
Emergency Call ins	23.5	104	87.54	156.4								371.44
Sick	146.3	86	96.5	12.4								341.20
Stay-Over	5.5	3.5	2.54	74								85.54
Meeting/Committee		5.5										5.50
BC VAC		12	48	17								77.00
ODT		5										5.00
Training	26.75	19.17	28	80								153.92
Short Crew			72	152								224
Monthly Total	228.80	259.17	406.58	587.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1482.35

O.T. Rate	\$39
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Comp Pay Out over 100 hours	\$7,442
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April Total O.T. Cost	\$22,928.00
Year to Date O.T. Cost	\$57,811.00

Crew Transfer Pay to date	\$1,000
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