



OFFICIAL NOTICE AND AGENDA

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Meeting of the: **PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE**
 Date/Time: **Monday, December 18, 2023 @ 5:00 pm**
 Location: **City Hall (407 Grant Street) - Council Chambers**
 Members: Lisa Rasmussen (C), Doug Diny (VC), Becky McElhaney, Lou Larson, Chad Henke

AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION / ACTION

- 1 Approve minutes of previous meeting (11/20/2023)
 - 2 Consider approval or denial of various license applications
 - 3 Consider the complaint filed regarding Kevin Steinke d/b/a Campus Pub Inc and take possible action on issuance of a summons commanding Kevin Steinke d/b/a Campus Pub to appear before the Committee for a hearing pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 125.12 and Wausau Municipal Code § 5.64.076 to show cause why the "Class B" Beer & Liquor License issued should not be revoked or suspended."
 - 4 Discussion and possible action to approve the Automatic Aid Agreement with SAFER (South Area Fire and Emergency Response) District and the Wausau Fire Department.
 - 5 Operations Report from Fire Department November 2023
 - 6 Tavern Activities Report - November 1, 2023 through October 30, 2023
 - 7 Community Outreach Update
- Adjourn

Lisa Rasmussen, Chairperson

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PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE

Date and Time: Monday, November 20, 2023, at 5:15 P.M., (Council Chambers)

Members Present: Lisa Rasmussen (C), Doug Diny (VC) Becky McElhaney, Lou Larson, Chad Henke

Others Present: Mayor Rosenberg, Melinda Pauls, Robert Barteck, Tegan Troutner, Tracy Rieger, Ashlee Bishop
Kody Hart

Noting the presence of a quorum, Chairperson Rasmussen called the meeting to order at 5:15 P.M.

Approve minutes of previous meeting (10/16/2023).

Motion by McElhaney, second by Diny, to approve the minutes of the previous meetings. Motion carried 5-0.

Consider approval or denial of various license applications

Jason McGlone and Tiffany Stone, applicants for new bartender/operator licenses, did not appear to appeal their denial recommendation. Marissa Atkinson, applicant for new bartender/operator license, appeared to appeal the denial recommendation. It was stated that these are recent convictions and meet the standard for denial. Matthew Blanchard, applicant for transport driver license, appeared to appeal the denial recommendation. It was stated that action would be held until the next meeting to provide the applicant the opportunity to provide documents for evidence of rehabilitation to be considered by the committee for review.

Motion by McElhaney, seconded by Larson, to approve or deny license applications as recommended by staff with the exception of Matthew Blanchard. Motion carried 5-0.

HEARING: Shawn & Heather VanDalfsen, owners, appeal of Dangerous Animal Declaration dated October 31, 2023, Dog, Riker

Lisa Rasmussen called forward all the witnesses to be sworn in for testimony by the deputy clerk. Shawn VanDalfsen, Humane Officer Ashlee Bishop, and Cpt. Melinda Pauls were sworn in. Rasmussen proceeded with instructions for the hearing.

Humane Officer Bishop and Shawn VanDalfsen testified, followed by questions asked and answered between the witnesses and Assistant City Attorney Tegan Troutner and members of the committee.

Motion by Larson, seconded by Diny, to convene into **CLOSED SESSION** pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(a) of the Wisconsin Statutes for the purpose of considering the following: Deliberating concerning a case which was the subject of any judicial or quasi-judicial trial or hearing before the governmental body.

RECONVENED INTO OPEN SESSION.

Rasmussen read the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law into the record. The committee granted the appeal of the owner to overturn the Dangerous Dog Declaration of the Chief of Police on October 31, 2023, constituting a dangerous animal as defined in WMC Section 8.08.200 (b).

Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law placed on file.

Operations Report from Fire Department October 2023

Report placed on file.

Tavern Activities Report – October 1, 2023 through October 31, 2023

Report placed on file.

Community Outreach Update

Report placed on file.

Adjournment

Motion by Larson, second by Diny to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:20 P.M.

For full meeting video on YouTube:

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QxKuhdxD-tc&list=PLTKmYFdIHPXfyscWE6n7EdxOCOjmuECIv&index=1>



PHS Date 12/18/2023

License ID	License Typ	Name	Address	Details	Business	Begin Dt	End Dt	Police	PHS	Council
186539	9080 - Public Transport Driver New	BLANCHARD, MATTHEW	2101 NEHRING ST WAUSAU WI 54401		NORTHWOODS CAB			Yes		
193572	9080 - Public Transport Driver New	BORCHARDT, CHAD	2211 MORNINGSIDE DR KRONENWETTE R WI 54455		NORTHWOODS CAB	11/28/2023	06/30/2024	No		
186759	9080 - Public Transport Driver New	POTTS, DANIEL	N6198 CLAIRE RD DEERBOOK WI 54424		NORTHWOODS CAB	11/15/2023	06/30/2024	No		
193640	9080 - Public Transport Driver New	SALAWATER, AMANDA	5506 ARBOR COURT WAUSAU WI 54401		NORTHWOODS CAB	12/04/2023	06/30/2024	Yes		
193746	9080 - Public Transport Driver New	SLOVER, WILLIAM	805 CRESKE AVE ROTHSCHILD WI 54474		NORTHWOODS CAB	12/11/2023	06/30/2024	Yes		
186780	9080 - Public Transport Driver New	STANBERY, MARIA	N6198 CLAIRE RD DEERBROOK WI 54424		NORTHWOODS CAB	11/17/2023	06/30/2024	No		

Total Licenses

CLERK'S REPORT TO PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE

December 18, 2023 Meeting

AGENDA ITEM # 2

Approve or deny various licenses as indicated on the attached summary report of all applications received.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Applications as listed have or will have a background check run by staff and reviewed by the Police Chief or his designee. Applications marked pending will have a status update at the meeting. In accordance with city ordinance, all permits approved are held for debts owed to the city until the debt is paid in full.

1. **Denial Recommendations – New Public Transport License: Chad J. Borchardt** – This application is recommended for denial due to OWI 3rd conviction in 2010. **Daniel Potts** – This application is recommended for denial due to conviction of felony drug charges including "Possession with intent to deliver". **Maria F. Stanbery** – This application is recommended for denial due to convictions for felony theft, forgery, and methamphetamine possession.
2. **Approval Recommendations on Appeal – New Operator's License: Matthew Blanchard** – This application is recommended for approval after the applicant submitted documentation of rehabilitation to the City Clerk and the Police Chief. The applicant was previously recommended for denial due to the totality of criminal history and convictions of battery, sexual assault, and interference with child custody.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approve or deny as indicated on the summary report including those that may be introduced at the meeting. Please let me know if you have any question regarding any license applications listed.

Kody Hart, Deputy Clerk

Date of Report: November 17, 2023

(715) 261-6616

**AUTOMATIC AID AGREEMENT
SOUTH AREA FIRE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE DISTRICT
AND WAUSAU FIRE DEPARTMENT**

THIS AGREEMENT FOR FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE AUTOMATIC AID is made and entered into as of this 22nd day of August 2023 (the "Agreement"), by and between the South Area Fire and Emergency Response District ("SAFER"), and the Wausau Fire District ("WFD");

WHEREAS, it is the intention of SAFER and WFD to cooperate by providing mutual automatic aid in the area of fire protection ("Automatic Aid").

WHEREAS, each Agency finds this Agreement will allow each Agency to be more effective and efficient in providing fire protection and/or emergency medical services to the citizens within each area of service; and

WHEREAS, the parties recognize that response time is of utmost importance in preventing the loss of life and damage to property; and

WHEREAS, this Agreement is entered into pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 66.03125 and Wis. Stat. § 66.0301 providing for mutual aid and intergovernmental cooperation between SAFER and WFD.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby agreed by and between SAFER and WFD that for good and valuable consideration the receipt and adequacy of which is hereby acknowledged:

1. **RECITALS.** The recitals set forth above are incorporated into the terms of this Agreement as if fully set forth herein.

2. **DEFINITIONS.** Automatic Aid means providing mutual automatic aid in the area of fire protection detailed herein to the Requesting District

District means either SAFER or WFD as the context may denote.

Responding District means the District providing Automatic Aid to the Requesting District.

Requesting District means the District requesting and receiving the Automatic Aid from the Responding District.

3. **EFFECTIVE DATE AND TERMINATION.** This Agreement shall be effective upon the adoption by both SAFER and WFD governing Boards and shall terminate only after at least thirty (30) days either the SAFER or WFD governing body provides written notice to the other of its intention to terminate this Agreement.

4. **SCOPE.** It is the intent of this Agreement that each District will automatically provide that aid to those areas outlined in ¶ 5~~five~~ below only after that authorization occurs as set forth in ¶ 6 and only if the Responding District, in the sole determination of the fire chief or officer in command of the Responding District, decides that sufficient personnel are available and such Automatic Aid is able to be provided by responding to the Requesting District as provided herein

which will not in any manner harm or place at risk the ability to provide said services to the Responding Districts service area.

5. **GEOGRAPHIC AUTOMATIC AID AREA & EQUIPMENT.** Automatic Aid shall be provided in the following geographic areas with the following equipment:

A. WFD shall provide Automatic Aid of a Ladder Truck within the boundaries of the fire protection district of the Village~~Town~~ of Rib Mountain, Town of Weston, and Village of Weston served by SAFER.

B. SAFER shall provide Automatic Aid of an ALS Ambulance within the City of Wausau municipal boundaries.

6. **INITIATION OF REQUEST AND RULES AND REGULATIONS.** The Requesting Districts fire chief or officer in command will request Automatic Aid through the Marathon County Sheriff's Department Dispatch Center to the Responding District. The Responding Districts fire chief or officer in command shall establish the rules and regulations under which personnel and equipment will be deployed.

7. **COMPENSATION.** Automatic Aid shall be rendered at no charge to either party to this Agreement.

8. **RISK ALLOCATION.**

A. Immunity. Both parties are governmental entities entitled to governmental immunity under law, including Wis. Stat. § 893.80, Wis. Stats. Nothing contained herein shall waive the rights and defenses to which each party may be entitled under law, including all of the immunities, limitations, and defenses under Wis. Stat. § 893.80, Wis. Stats or any subsequent amendments thereof.

B. Responsible for Own Actions. SAFER and WFD shall bear the risk of its own actions, as it does with its day-to-day operations.

C. Employee Claims. The employees of SAFER and WFD shall be covered by his or her employing municipality for purposes of worker's compensation, under ch. 102, Wisconsin Statutes, unemployment insurance, and benefits under ch. 40 Wisconsin Statutes. Both parties waive subrogation rights each may have against the other party for claim payments under CH. 102, Wisconsin Statutes.

D. Insurance. SAFER and WFD shall each maintain an insurance policy or maintain a self-insurance program that covers activities that it may undertake by virtue of this Agreement.

E. Survival of Obligations. The obligations set forth in this paragraph shall survive the termination or expiration of this Agreement.

9. **INDEMNIFICATION AND RELEASE.** SAFER shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless WFD, its employees, agents, and elected and appointed officials from and against all liabilities, losses, judgments, actions, suits, obligations, debts, demands, damages, penalties, claims, costs, charges and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, of any kind or of any nature whatsoever which may be imposed, incurred, sustained or asserted against WFD, its employees, agents, and/or elected or appointed officials by reason of any injury or death to any person, or loss, damage, or destruction of any property or loss of use thereof, or otherwise arising as a result of the acts or omissions of SAFER under this Agreement.

The WFD shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless SAFER, its employees, agents, and elected and appointed officials from and against all liabilities, losses, judgments, actions, suits, obligations, debts, demands, damages, penalties, claims, costs, charges and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, of any kind or of any nature whatsoever which may be imposed, incurred, sustained or asserted against SAFER, its employees, agents, and/or elected or appointed officials by reason of any injury or death to any person, or loss, damage, or destruction of any property or loss of use thereof, or otherwise arising as a result of the acts or omissions of WFD under this Agreement.

SAFER hereby releases WFD, its employees, agents, and elected and appointed officials from and against all liabilities, losses, judgments, actions, suits, obligations, debts, demands, damages, penalties, claims, costs, charges, and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, which may arise as a result of the acts or omissions of SAFER under this Agreement.

WFD hereby releases the SAFER, its employees, agents, and elected and appointed officials from and against all liabilities, losses, judgments, actions, suits, obligations, debts, demands, damages, penalties, claims, costs, charges, and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, which may arise as a result of the acts or omissions of WFD under this Agreement.

10. **ASSIGNMENT.** Neither party may sell, assign or transfer any interest in this Agreement.

11. **SEVERABILITY.** The invalidity of any one or more phrases, sentences, clauses or sections in the Agreement shall not affect the remaining portions of this Agreement or other parts thereof.

12. **NO THIRD-PARTY BENEFICIARIES.** This Agreement is intended for the benefit of the parties hereto and is not for the benefit of, nor may any provision hereof be enforced by, any other person, firm, entity, or corporation.

13. **AUTHORITY.** Each party warrants and represents to each other that the execution of this Agreement by their respective officers has been duly authorized and that this Agreement, when fully executed, constitutes a valid, binding, and legally enforceable obligation of itself.

14. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT.** This Agreement contains the entire understanding of the parties as set forth and supersedes all prior written and/or verbal agreements between the parties hereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, SAFER, and WFD each cause this instrument to be signed, sealed and attached on its behalf, by its duly authorized representatives, all as of the day and year first above written.

SOUTH AREA FIRE AND EMERGENCY
RESPONSE DISTRICT

By: 
Mark Maloney, SAFER Board Chairperson

ATTEST:


Al Opall, SAFER Board Vice Chairperson

WAUSAU FIRE DISTRICT

By: _____
Katie Rosenberg, Mayor, City of Wausau

ATTEST:

Robert Barteck, Fire Chief, City of Wausau

Wausau Fire Department Monthly Report

November 2023



(Water Rescue training before the river freezes over)

Fire Chief Report by Chief Robert Barteck

With November comes the start of our annual Keep the Wreath Green fire prevention campaign. As you drive past Central Fire you will see our huge wreath adorns the front of the station. Each time we have a fire within the City of Wausau we will change one green bulb for a red bulb. This is to draw attention to fire safety during the holiday season. We ask that you be fire-safe during this holiday season. If you invite a beautiful real Christmas tree into your home, please water it frequently and use quality lights in good working condition.

As we begin to close on 2023 the EMT-Basic to Paramedic class that we have seven bright new Wausau Firefighters enrolled in is drawing to a close. At the time that I am writing this report, I am excited to share that all seven passed the National Registry Exam and are now all licensed Wisconsin Paramedics. In December these seven will be joined by a newly hired Firefighter/Paramedic and all eight will complete a Fire/EMS academy to get them ready to hit the street in January. This is a huge step towards our new deployment model with the new fire/medic positions.

The months since my retirement announcement have flown by the transition of leadership of the department to incoming Fire Chief Jeremy Kopp has gone amazingly well. In my last days in office, we are tying up a few loose ends and Jeremy has worked hard to be ready to take command. Chief Kopp has made an outstanding selection for the Deputy Chief Position and once that individual passes through the bureaucratic hoops the department will announce his recruitment. I am excited for the future of Wausau Fire under Chief Kopp's leadership. He is a progressive and passionate fire service leader who will continue to improve the organization.

This will be my last Monthly Report of my tenure as Fire Chief of the City of Wausau Fire Department. This week I have been giving presentations to all the department staff titled *"Thirty Years of Lessons Learned as a Firefighter, Paramedic, and Fire Officer."* I designed the presentation to pass on many of the toughest lessons I have learned the hard way in this career. I cover drive, determination, grit, complacency, ignoring the negative, and how a lifelong commitment to continuous self-improvement can fuel a highly rewarding career. I share a few stories but mostly I am communicating how important it is for them as individuals to invest in themselves but also how self-improvement drastically increases our ability to meet the community's needs in their darkest hours. I close each session by thanking each firefighter for their buy-in to my leadership and their support throughout my tenure.

In closing, I would like to thank the Wausau community for all their support during my time here serving as Deputy Chief and Fire Chief. We have an amazing community, and we share a close relationship with many partners that support our organizational mission. As I depart my passion for this job has never been higher, yet the time has come to change my focus from Chiefly duties to being the best husband, father, and grandfather I can be.

Thank you, Wausau!

Fire Operations Division by Deputy Chief Jeremy Kopp

Significant calls:

Wausau Fire responded to 7 significant calls plus one mutual aid fire in the month of November. Three of these fires were building fires, two cooking fires, and two trash fires. On a lighter note, every year we want to wish the people of our community a safe and happy holiday season starting with Thanksgiving. It is a tradition for Wausau Fire to hang the big green wreath outside of central fire with green bulbs on it starting on Thanksgiving Day and going throughout the rest of the year with hopes to “keep the wreath green”, if we have a fire, we replace one of the bulbs with a red bulb indicating a fire during the holiday season. Help us spread the word and keep the wreath green.

Recruitment and Retention:

Our seven E.M.T. students passed their paramedic national registry and begin the academy December 4th along with Hunter starting on the 11th. The application process for firefighter produced three more candidates who will go in front of the Police and Fire Commission on December 18th. These three candidates will all complete the paramedic program in May putting us just two short of our new staffing number of 74. We hope to run another hiring process through the holidays to close in January to fill these two spots. The Deputy Fire Chief process ended, and the new deputy chief has been selected. We want to welcome Justin Pluess from Wisconsin Rapids who brings a lot of experience and skills to our department as the new deputy chief. We are excited to get him started in January 2024!

Fleet:

E-3 needs to go to Custom Fire this month to get water tank leak fixed under warranty. E-1 will be going to Cummins as soon as possible for small oil leak under warranty as well.

Buildings and Grounds:

The apparatus bay at station 3 has been completed with new floor drains and epoxy floor. The inside of station 3 also received a fresh coat of paint from our facilities division while we were out of the station during construction. We will be ordering new lockers and gear washer in January for station 3.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call or stop by my office. 715-261-7901.

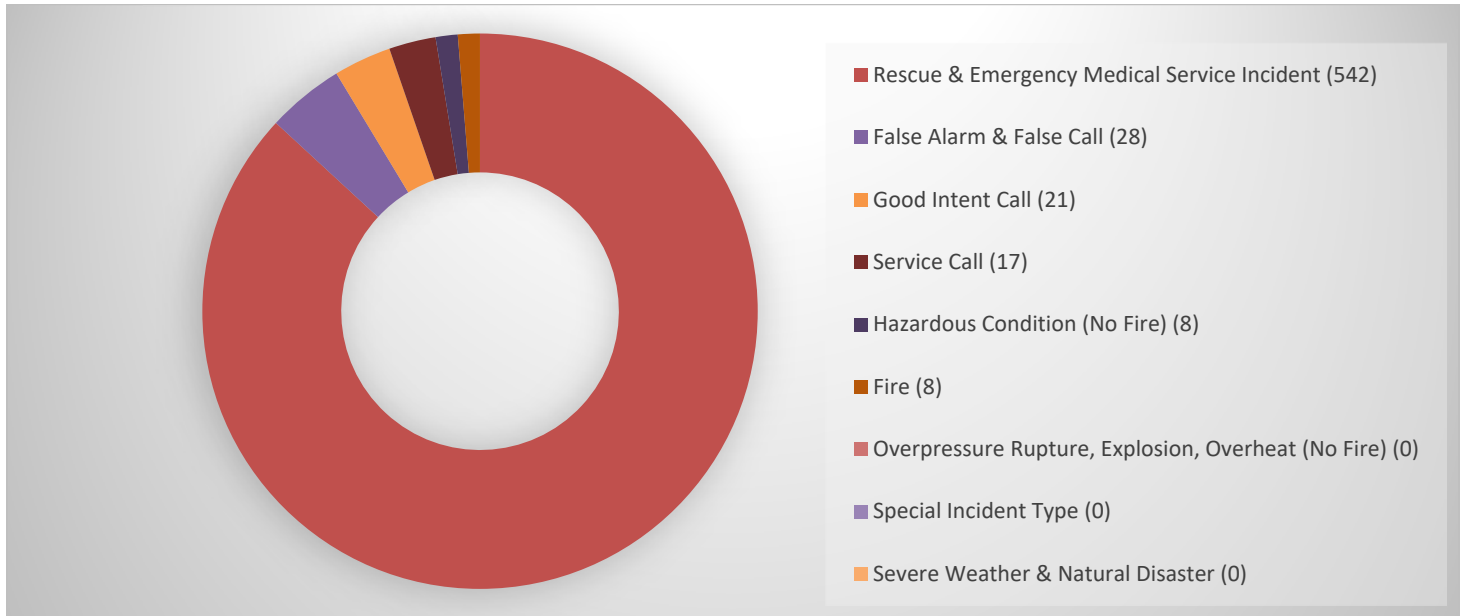
Significant Fire Events:

Date	Address	City	Incident #	Type
11/4/2023	1303 Foothill Avenue	Village of Weston	F23001886	Building fire
11/9/2023	1306 South 13th Avenue	City of Wausau	F23001920	Building fire
11/10/2023	500 East Thomas Street	City of Wausau	F23001924	Cooking fire, confined to container
11/13/2023	329 North 1st Avenue	City of Wausau	F23001942	Dumpster or other outside trash receptacle fire
11/16/2023	1902 North 6th Street	City of Wausau	F23001962	Building fire
11/19/2023	1201 Stewart Avenue	City of Wausau	F23001998	Trash or rubbish fire, contained
11/22/2023	1235 North 3rd Avenue	City of Wausau	F23002029	Cooking fire, confined to container
11/29/2023	1013 South 6th Avenue	City of Wausau	F23002080	Building fire

Monthly NFIRS Incident Comparison:

	2023	2022	2021	% Of Change from 2022 to 2023
January	579	591	502	-2.03%
February	506	507	456	-0.20%
March	551	540	497	2.04%
April	527	498	503	5.82%

May	574	574	556	0.00%
June	553	590	583	-6.27%
July	679	531	587	27.87%
August	571	600	577	-4.83%
September	548	524	525	4.58%
October	616	545	552	13.03%
November	624	574	562	8.71%
December		612	590	
TOTAL		6686	6490	



Responses by Municipality (All NFIRS Reports):

City	# of Runs	% of Runs	# of Runs - YTD
City of Abbotsford	0	0.00%	3
City of Antigo	0	0.00%	1
City of Colby	0	0.00%	0
City of Merrill	1	0.16%	4
City Of Mosinee	0	0.00%	0
City Of Schofield	0	0.00%	1
City Of Wausau	579	92.79%	5,867
Clark County	0	0.00%	1
Rosholt	0	0.00%	1
Taylor County	0	0.00%	0
Town of Bergen	0	0.00%	1
Town Of Berlin	5	0.80%	34
Town of Bern	0	0.00%	0
Town of Bevent	0	0.00%	0
Town Of Cassel	2	0.32%	5
Town Of Elderon	0	0.00%	0
Town Of Emmet	0	0.00%	0
Town of Frankfort	0	0.00%	1
Town of Franzen	0	0.00%	0

Town of Halsey	0	0.00%	1
Town Of Hamburg	1	0.16%	1
Town of Harrison	0	0.00%	0
Town Of Hewitt	1	0.16%	23
Town of Johnson	0	0.00%	3
Town of Knowlton	1	0.16%	1
Town Of Marathon	0	0.00%	2
Town Of Mosinee	0	0.00%	2
Town of Norrie	0	0.00%	1
Town Of Rib Falls	0	0.00%	5
Town Of Rietbrock	0	0.00%	2
Town of Ringle	0	0.00%	1
Town Of Stettin	0	0.00%	2
Town Of Texas	4	0.64%	46
Town Of Wausau	8	1.28%	116
Town Of Weston	0	0.00%	0
Town Of Wien	0	0.00%	3
Village Of Athens	0	0.00%	6
Village Of Brokaw	0	0.00%	0
Village Of Edgar	2	0.32%	5
Village of Hatley	0	0.00%	1
Village Of Kronenwetter	0	0.00%	2
Village Of Maine	14	2.24%	139
Village Of Marathon City	2	0.32%	10
Village Of Rib Mountain	2	0.32%	8
Village Of Rothschild	0	0.00%	2
Village of Stratford	0	0.00%	0
Village Of Weston	2	0.32%	27
Wittenberg	0	0.00%	0
Wood County	0	0.00%	0
Total	624	100.00%	6,328

Activity/Incident Hours Committed:

Category	Time Committed
NFIRS Incidents	168:22:12 Hours
EMS Incidents	869:24:59 Hours
Non-Incident Activities (Station Maintenance, Vehicle Check-off/Fire Pre-plan, Hazmat Outreach, Administration duties, Public Education, Committee and Staff Meetings)	653 Hours
Training (including Wellness)	1,107 Hours

Aid Responses:

Type of Aid	# of Runs
Mutual Aid Given – EMS	7
Mutual Aid Given – Fire	0
Automatic Aid Given – EMS	24

Automatic Aid Given – Fire	2
Mutual Aid Received – EMS	1
Mutual Aid Received – Fire	0
Automatic Aid Received – EMS	0
Automatic Aid Received – Fire	0
Other Aid Given – EMS	0
Request for EMS from Other Agencies to the City of Wausau (not Aid)	1
Request for Fire from Other Agencies to the City of Wausau (not Aid)	0
Total Non-Aid Incidents (outside City with no other agency response)	11

EMS Division by EMS Division Chief Jared Thompson

EMS Patient Experience

The EMS Division would like to share our patient care experience report for November. Our overall score was **94.65%**. I would like to highlight the specific category entitled ***“Degree to which the medics took your problem seriously.”*** Our department scored 98.21%. We were pleased to see this score because not every call is technically classified as an emergency. It can be daunting at times to display the urgency that some of our patients may expect when their reason for calling 911 is minor in nature.



Your Score
94.65

Your Patients in this Report
30

Total Patients in this Report
5,654

Total EMS Organizations
227

Executive Summary

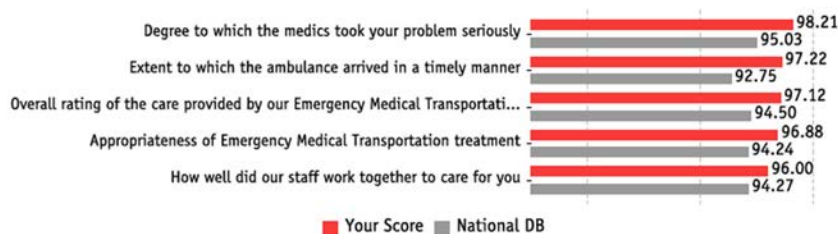
Your overall score for the time period selected is **94.65**. This is a difference of **5.46** from your previous period's score of **89.19**.

Your overall Top Box score, which represents the percentage of the highest possible rating Very Good, is **79.97%**.

In addition, your rolling 12- month score of **91.20** is a difference of **-2.35** from the national database score of **93.55**.

When compared to all organizations in the national database, your score of **91.20** is ranked **75th** and **13th** for comparably sized organizations.

5 Highest Scores



Degree to which the medics took your problem seriously



New Initiative

Since completing our CAAS accreditation, the EMS Division has been moving towards its new initiative to become a **HEARTSafe Community!** This is no easy task, and the planning phase has started. Our goal is to become Wisconsin's second agency to achieve this recognition.

When it comes down to it, improving cardiac arrest survival is a **communal effort**. Bystanders must be trained and ready to act. When someone calls 911, a coordinated system that includes EMS, fire departments, and first responder agencies should work together to help increase the likelihood of survival.

The HEARTSafe Community program is a set of criteria and guidelines designed to improve outcomes of sudden cardiac arrest emergencies through specific training, preparation, and response protocols.

These criteria support the cardiac arrest “chain of survival” and encourage communities to implement that chain of survival. Activities include:

- Widespread CPR instruction
- Public access defibrillators
- Aggressive resuscitation protocols for first responders and area hospitals

Communities that strive to become “heart safe” must meet the criteria established by the Citizen CPR Foundation. Upon completion, they receive signage and official recognition as a HEARTSafe Community to demonstrate a commitment to citizen health and safety.

Please stay tuned as this initiative moves forward!

Responses by Municipality (EMS Patient Care Reports):

City	# of Reports	% of Reports	# of Reports – YTD
City of Abbotsford	0	0.00%	3
City of Antigo	0	0.00%	1
City of Merrill	0	0.00%	1
City of Mosinee	0	0.00%	0
City of Schofield	0	0.00%	1
City of Wausau	507	92.69%	5,270
Clark County	0	0.00%	1
Other	0	0.00%	0
Town of Bergen	0	0.00%	1
Town of Berlin	5	0.91%	35
Town of Bevent	0	0.00%	0
Town of Bern	0	0.00%	0
Town of Cassel	2	0.37%	5
Town of Elderon	0	0.00%	0
Town of Emmet	0	0.00%	0
Town of Frankfort	0	0.00%	1
Town of Franzen	0	0.00%	0
Town of Hamburg	1	0.18%	1
Town of Halsey	0	0.00%	1

Town of Harrison	0	0.00%	0
Town of Hewitt	1	0.18%	26
Town of Johnson	0	0.00%	3
Town of Knowlton	1	0.18%	1
Town of Marathon	0	0.00%	2
Town of Mosinee	0	0.00%	1
Town of Norrie	0	0.00%	1
Town of Rib Falls	0	0.00%	5
Town of Rietbrock	0	0.00%	2
Town of Ringle	0	0.00%	1
Town of Stettin	0	0.00%	2
Town of Texas	4	0.73%	50
Town of Wausau	8	1.46%	120
Town of Wien	0	0.00%	3
Village of Athens	0	0.00%	7
Village of Edgar	1	0.18%	3
Village of Hatley	0	0.00%	1
Village of Kronenwetter	0	0.00%	1
Village of Maine	14	2.56%	142
Village of Marathon City	2	0.37%	10
Village of Rib Mountain	1	0.18%	7
Village of Rothschild	0	0.00%	1
Village of Stratford	0	0.00%	0
Village of Weston	0	0.00%	26
Wittenberg	0	0.00%	0
Wood County	0	0.00%	0
Total	547	100.00%	5,189

Fire Training Division by Training Division Chief David Briggs

November Scheduled Training:

A brief breakdown of our scheduled activities follows:

- Emergency Vehicle Operations
- Airboat Operations
- DOT Traffic Incident Management
- Vehicle Extrication (Make-up)

Emergency Vehicle Operations

Every year, each member must complete our practical driving course to meet the NFPA standard and state statute requirements. This Fall, we added an online training covering more of the rules of the road than physical driving tasks. This course is hosted through our online training platform, Vector Solutions. In the training, members are given examples and case studies throughout the country to learn from incidents that have occurred to prevent others.

Airboat Operations

Throughout the different seasons of the year, our airboat operators need to practice operating the AirRanger airboat. Different water conditions, temperatures, and victim scenarios come together to change the needs of the operator. It is only through training that our members become proficient to perform rescues with such a unique piece of equipment. Due to our department's pending retirements, it is imperative that we also add new members to the cadre of boat operators. Each training session is an opportunity to hone prior skills and create new ones.



Above: Tethered rescue swimmers made it to the simulated victim before the Airboat could deploy from the nearest boat launch. This is part of a tiered approach to water and ice rescue.

DOT Traffic Incident Management

The Department of Transportation is a resource for our members and responders throughout the state for many different topics. This month, we are hosting two of three sessions on Traffic Incident Management at our Fire Station #2. Retired Portage County Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy Dan Kontos was gracious enough to provide this training to two crews in November and a third crew coming up in December. The training provides instruction and best practices on setting up for safer scene staging for traffic incidents. For example, members learn what early warning, traffic tapers, and severity levels of scenes entail. While we do a very good job on directing motorists through scenes, we can always improve. Not to mention, our generally young organization has many individuals who have never had this training.

Vehicle Extrication

Extrication training for us in November is not the normal schedule. Due to logistical issues, we had one crew in need of completing this annual skill. "A" crew spent an entire day at Hilltop Auto working through incident size-up, vehicle positioning, approaching a vehicle crash scene, stabilizing the vehicle(s) and extricating patients. It is powerful to see so many more senior firefighters pouring their wisdom and experience into the newer generation of firefighters.



Above: Firefighters perform various skills with a vehicle on its roof. This poses different challenges than one on its wheels.

Unscheduled Training

- Hoses and Streams
- Pump Operations
- Structure Fire Scenario with Rescue

Hoses, Streams, and Pump Operations

“B” crew wanted to get some practice on pulling hoses and pumping water. During this self-initiated training, 8 members participated in various aspects of water movement. This included hooking to a hydrant, “stretching hoselines,” pumping the correct pressure from the fire pump, and operating various nozzles.





Above: Flowing A LOT of water in an afternoon.

Structure Fire Scenario with Rescue

No, Central is not on fire. This was a crew-initiated drill in which they wanted to assess the knowledge, skill, and abilities of some of the more junior crew members. In the scenario, the crew was called for a working fire in a multi-story building with a person trapped. The Battalion Chief, Engine, Ambulance, and Truck arrived on scene to implement an Initial Action Plan. A hose was pulled from the engine as the aerial positioned and stabilized. The engine company stretched the line to the “fire floor” and the aerial went to the window for a rescue. All aspects of this scenario were performed with a high degree of skill.

Following the scenario, all members critiqued their actions and the overall flow. This is a crucial step in learning from our actions to improve for the next “performance.”



Above: Acting BC Ambrosius sets the tone as the Commander of the scenario. He also took the lead role in assessing performance with the Training Division Chief.

Type of Training	# of Hours	% of Hours	# of Hours -YTD
Company Training	304.25	33.48%	6,154.45
Driver/Operator Training	192	21.13%	1,007.75
Facilities Training	9	0.99%	48
Hazardous Materials Training	10	1.10%	466
Misc Training	0	0.00%	55.25
Officer Training	328.5	36.15%	693.95

Specialty Training	65	7.15%	1,254.25
Total	908.75	100.00%	9,679.65

Training Categories:

Company Training – General firefighting training

Officer Training – Included leadership, management, supervision, and tactical considerations

Driver/Operator Training – Operation of fire apparatus

Hazardous Materials Training – How to mitigate the leak or spill of hazardous substances

Specialty Training – Rope, confined space, trench, collapse, ice, water, and other special rescues.

Facilities Training – Training at a live-burn facility (may include off-duty time)

Misc Training – Any other training category such as software, administrative, etc.

Type of Training	# of Hours	% of Hours	# of Hours -YTD
Admin Training	0	0.00%	109.5
EMS Training	154.5	77.93%	3,659.25
Fire Instructor Training	43.75	22.07%	535.75
Fire Prevention Training	0	0.00%	28
Investigation Training	0	0.00%	112.5
Total	198.25	100.00%	4,445.00

Fire Prevention Division by Fire Marshal Brian Stahl

Inspections: Following a busy October focused on education, the month of November shifts back into fire inspection mode where we visited 354 public buildings and places of employment. We had 22 properties with Fire Code Violations, more specifically 28.6% being overdue fire extinguisher annual maintenance, and 21.4% being overdue fire alarm system annual service. These properties will require follow-up inspections to confirm compliance. We conducted four consultation inspections for the month. These entailed consulting for two each for Fire Alarm Systems and Knox Box key updates. We also received and reviewed 155 reports through the Compliance Engine for services and maintenance of fire protection systems at various businesses.

Investigations: There were two fire investigations performed during the month. The first was a fire originating in a residential kitchen on a stove top where it was concluded a “counter cruising” dog had turned on a burner which eventually ignited the cabinet and microwave above. The second was a dumpster fire behind the Bethesda thrift shop. The cause of both fires was determined to be accidental.

Public Outreach: Throughout November we had several outreach opportunities. We witnessed and advised on one fire drill at Lincoln Elementary School. New smoke alarms and a CO detector were also installed in three separate private residences with a total of thirteen smoke alarms and two CO detectors placed.

Education: FF Ludwig and Lt Kariger both renewed their Advanced Cardiac Life Support Provider (ACLS) through a hands-on and lecture refresher session which is required to maintain their state Paramedic licensure. Lt Kariger completed his last course through Columbia Southern University for his bachelor's degree in November. He is patiently waiting for the results of his degree audit and anticipates graduation with summa cum laude honors in December. Lt Kariger attained a 4.0 GPA in his pursuit of a B.S. Fire Administration/Fire Investigation.

Winter Holiday Safety: The Fire Prevention Division would like to remind everyone that the three leading dates for home structure fires are typically Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day due to holiday cooking and use of decorations, candles, or additional lighting. LED candles are a great alternative as they are much safer and can replicate the look without the danger. Anyone who puts a real tree in their home for the Christmas holiday season should ensure the water level should be topped off twice a day for the first week or two, then at least daily until the tree is removed from the home. A neglected or inconsistently watered Christmas tree is a significant fire risk once it begins to dry out.

See the following YouTube link for a demonstration on how quickly they can burn once ignited-
<https://youtu.be/xr6b9b8FYKk>

Put a **FREEZE** on Winter Holiday Fires

It's fun to decorate for the winter holidays, but holiday decorations can increase your risk for a home fire. As you deck the halls this season, be fire smart.

 <p>Half of the home decoration fires in December are started by candles.</p>	 <p>More than 1/3 of home decoration fires are started by candles.</p>	 <p>Christmas is the peak day for candle fires.</p>
 <p>Keep candles at least 12 inches away from anything that burns.</p>	 <p>A dry Christmas tree can burn very hot and very fast.</p>	 <p>More than 1 in every 5 Christmas tree fires were caused by a heat source too close to the tree.</p>
 <p>Read manufacturer's instructions for the number of light strands to connect.</p>	 <p>Make sure your tree is at least 3 feet away from heat sources like fireplaces, radiators, space heaters, candles or heat vents. Also, make sure your tree does not block exits.</p>	 <p>Get rid of your tree after Christmas or when it is dry.</p>



For more information on how to prevent winter fires, visit usfa.fema.gov/prevention/outreach/holiday.html and nfpa.org/winter.

Prevention Division Activities:

Inspections Completed	Monthly	Year to Date
Routine Fire Inspections	330	2,856
Re-inspections	24	295
All other Inspections (Consults/burn complaints,etc)	0	44
Total Inspections	354	3,195
Fire Investigations	2	19
Inspection Department Activities	Number	YTD
Public Engagement Activities	7	160



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Date 11/30/2023
To Chief Barnes
From Lt. Nate Stetzer
Subject TAVERN REPORT: November 1st through November 30th, 2023.

ROUTINE TAVERN INSPECTIONS (No violations unless noted)

Chellis Street Pub, 265 Chellis Street
Denmar Tavern, 601 W. Thomas Street
Domino Bar, 740 Washington Street
Eagles Club, 1703 S 3rd Avenue
Glass Hat, 1203 N 3rd Street
Hiawatha Restaurant and Lounge, 713 Grant Street
Intermission, 325 N 4th Street
Jim's Corner Pub, 1244 S 9th Avenue
Labor Temple, 318 S 3rd Avenue
Limerick's Public House, 121 Scott Street
Loppnow's Bar, 1502 N 3rd Street
Wausau On the Water (WOW), 1300 N River Drive
Whiskey River Bar and Grill, 5512 Stewart Avenue

CONVENIENCE/GROCERY STORE INSPECTIONS (No violations unless noted)

None.

RESTAURANT INSPECTIONS (No violations unless noted)

None.

ALCOHOL COMPLIANCE CHECKS

None this month. The checks were cancelled due to staffing issues.

NOTABLE INCIDENTS AT TAVERNS TO WHICH POLICE WERE DISPATCHED.

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Cop Shoppe Pub, 701 Washington Street

1. Event #23157461, 11/17/2023 at 1:43 PM. FOLLOW-UP: A detective conducted a follow-up. There were no enforcement actions taken.
2. Event # 23160723, 11/24/2023 at 7:56 PM, MEDICAL EMERGENCY: Three officers responded to a medical emergency. The female denied medical attention. No enforcement actions were taken.

Domino Bar, 740 Washington Street

1. Event # 2316115. 11/25/2023 at 7:22 PM. BAR CHECK: Two officers conducted a walk-through of the bar. The officers did not observe any issues, and no enforcement actions were taken.

Loppnow's Bar, 1502 N. 3rd Street

1. Event # 23151584. 11/05/2023 at 9:37 PM. FIELD INTERVIEW: As an officer was driving past, they heard an argument coming from behind the bar. The officer contacted several parties, and they were all released.
2. Event # 23152606. 11/07/2023 at 10:19 PM. BAR CHECK: Two officers conducted a walk-through of the bar. The officers did not observe any issues, and no enforcement actions were taken.
3. Event #23154634. 11/11/23 at 10:08 PM. BAR CHECK: Two officers conducted a walk-through of the bar. The officers did not observe any issues, and no enforcement actions were taken.
4. Event #23160117. 11/23/2023 at 1:16 AM. CRIMINAL MISC: **Bartender** called about a male patron who was threatening them. The male was denied entry because he refused to identify himself. The male was not located by officers.

Malarkey's, 412 N 3rd Street

1. Event #23154917. 11/12/2023 at 1:58 PM. MEDICAL EMERGENCY: A female had fallen from a stool and hit her head on the ground. No enforcement actions were taken.
2. Event #23160661. 11/24/2023 at 5:54 PM, MEDICAL EMERGENCY: An ambulance was called for medical issue only. There were no enforcement actions that were taken.

M and R Station, 818 S. 3rd Ave

1. Event # 23154223. 11/11/2023 at 1:45 AM, CRIMINAL MISC: Four officers responded to a report of a physical altercation. The bartender said there was an altercation, but everyone had left. None of the involved parties were located, and no enforcement actions were taken.

Matts 101 Pub, 101 N. 3rd Ave

1. Event # 23149787. 11/02/2023 at 1:18 AM. CRIMINAL MISC: **Bartender** requested to have three individuals removed from the bar. Three officers responded and contacted the three individuals. The officers asked them to leave, and they complied. There were no

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enforcement actions taken.

Newch's Eatery, 1810 Merrill Avenue

1. Event # 23149407. 11/01/2023 at 8:24 AM, ALARM: Officers responded to an intruder alarm. Officers cleared the building, and there were no signs of forced entry.

Oz, 320 Washington Street

1. Event # 23151225. 11/04/2023 at 11:22 PM. FIGHT: Officers responded to a three to seven-person fight inside the bar. One female was cited for Disorderly Conduct.

Trues Tic Toc Club, 1201 W Thomas Street

1. Event # 23160179. 11/23/2023 at 7:26 AM. ALARM: Two officers responded to an alarm. Officers walked through the building and didn't observe any forced entry.

ALCOHOL BEVERAGE DEMERIT POINTS ASSESSED

None

Respectfully submitted,
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ADDENDUM #1: SYNOPSIS OF CURRENT DEMERIT POINTS

Aftershock Bar & Grill	25 Demerit Points
Sale to Underage Person (06/27/2023)	
C & B Supermarket	25 Demerit Points
Sale to Underage Person (04/20/2023)	
Christine's Bar	25 Demerit Points
Leave with Open Container (05/07/2023)	
Cop Shoppe Pub	25 Demerit Points
Sale to Underage Person (06/27/2023)	
	75 Demerit Points
Uncooperative with Police (09/05/2023)	
Den Mar Bar	50 Demerit Points
No Licensed Bartender on Duty/Premise (02/08/2023)	
Kwik Trip Store #728 (Kent Street)	25 Demerit Points
Sale to Underage Person (06/27/2023)	
Loppnow's Bar	25 Demerit Points
Sale to Underage Person (08/09/2023)	
Matt's 101 Pub	25 Demerit Points
Sale to Underage Person (04/20/2023)	
Malarkey's`	25 Demerit Points
Leave with Open Container (09/24/2023)	
Moua's Callon Street Pub	25 Demerit Points
Sale to Underage Person (06/27/2023)	
M & R Station	50 Demerit Points
Disorderly Conduct on Premises with Firearm (09/20/2023)	
	25 Demerit Points

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Wagner Shell Gas Station 25 Demerit Points
Sale to Underage Person (06/27/2023)

Whiskey River Bar & Grill 25 Demerit Points
Open After Hours (06/19/2023)

Wausau on the Water 50 Demerit Points
No Licensed Bartender on Duty/ Premise (08/19/2023)

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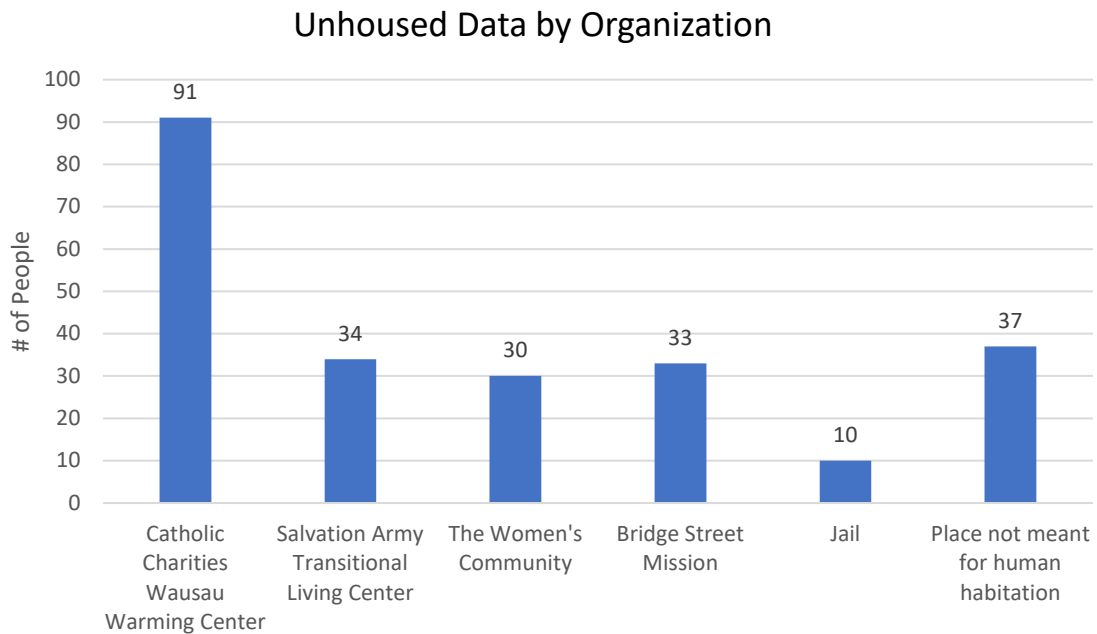
Melinda Pauls
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To: Public Health and Safety Committee
From: Tracy Rieger, Community Outreach Specialist
Date: November 20, 2023
Re: Community Outreach Update



Unhoused Data

The following graph shows the number of unduplicated¹ persons housed by each organization in the previous month.



Unhoused Data Summary

In November, data suggests there were approximately 235 unhoused individuals in Wausau. As indicated in the footnote, 235 is more than the true number of unhoused. As of today, organizations do not cross-reference names when coming up with their unduplicated count. This means an unhoused individual may be part of more than one organization's count, thereby inflating the true number of unhoused. An example is provided in the footnote.

In the graph above, 84 percent of the unhoused sought or received shelter in the month of November, 16 percent of the unhoused were living outside, or in places not meant for human habitation.

¹ The numbers reflected do not eliminate duplicates across organizations. For example, a person who stays at Catholic Charities and the Salvation Army in the same month will count as 1 person for each organization.

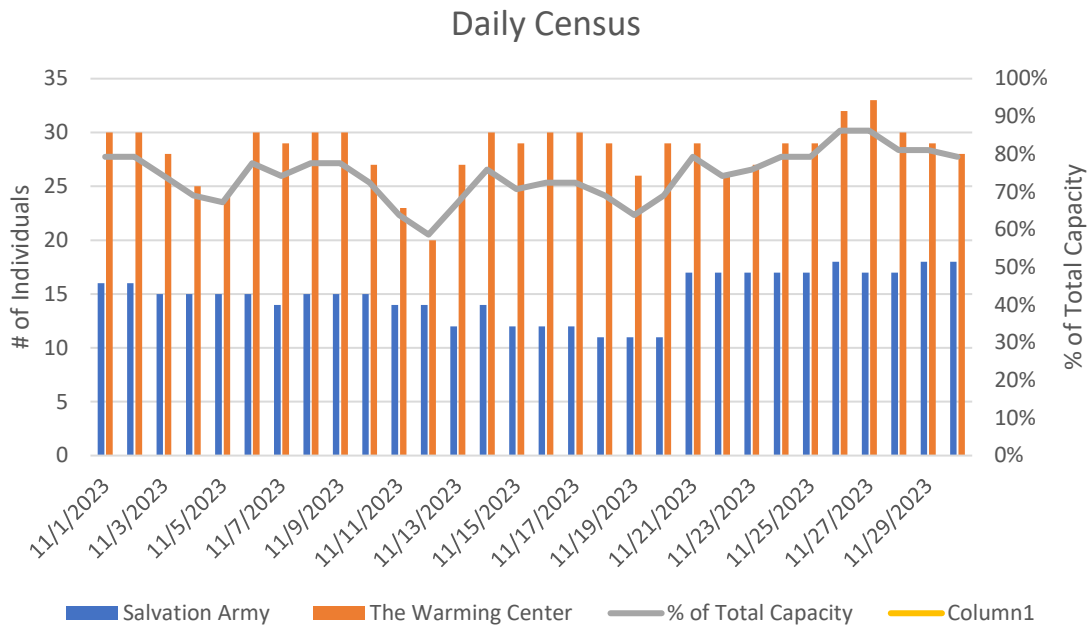
The Women’s Community data includes crime victims who sought shelter because their home was unsafe. This number reflects both single females (14) and their children (16).

Bridge Street Mission includes individuals who have received shelter after release from jail/prison, drug rehab, or homelessness. In previous reports, the number reported to this committee only reflected a small number of individuals who sought shelter in preparation for being transitioned into the “apartments” on the main level of the building. The number reflected should include all individuals who are housed at Bridge Street Mission, because without this amazing program in our community, 33 (per this month’s census) individuals would likely be unhoused in our community.

The Marathon County Jail includes individuals who identify as “homeless” or “unhoused” at the time of booking.

Daily Census

We are working hard to collaborate with partner organizations to get a handle on shelter capacity in Wausau. It’s important to know if we’re meeting or exceeding capacity. The Salvation Army has a capacity of 28. The Warming Center has increased their capacity to 30 but can expand to 40 when temperatures fall below 15 degrees or above 90 degrees. In sum, there is shelter space for 58 individuals on a given night between the 2 organizations.



Daily Census Summary

On average, capacity was at 72 percent for the month of November. The Salvation Army did not reach maximum capacity at all for the month of November. Catholic Charities was at or over their capacity a total of 12 days in the month of November.

Continued collaboration exists to ensure that the unhoused population have access to services.

We continue to work with our partner organizations to learn how many people are turned away each day. In addition to capacity, individuals are turned away for a variety of other reasons. The “turn-away” statistics for the month of November are as follows: Catholic Charities = 22 (all were turned away due to capacity) and Salvation Army = 14 (0 were turned away due to capacity, 5 males turned away due to criminal record, 2 males turned away due to intoxication, 1 due to late arrival, and 6 males turned away per Mary)

Outreach Update

In November, outreach resulted in 1 individual receiving housing. Year to date, 42 individuals have been assisted into stable housing. 5 of the 42 have re-entered homelessness due to eviction.

In addition to assisting with housing, we have also provided additional aid like transportation to medical/psychiatric appointments, bus passes, medication management, collaboration with St. Vincent DePaul, Catholic Charities, NCCAP, Social Services, Probation/Parole, and CW Solutions (FSET). Assistance was also provided with obtaining identification, setting individuals up with additional services through the ADRC as well as Community Treatment through NCHC. Case Management is a service provided through both resources.

Collaboration with landlords and other non-profit agencies is on-going. Office hours at agencies throughout the city have proven beneficial in reaching the unhoused population.

Challenges and Opportunities

While we celebrate every time an unhoused individual achieves stable housing, the work does not and cannot end there. Generally, the unhoused population is vulnerable. Without someone providing ongoing support, management, intervention, accountability, and aid, the chances of remaining housed wane dramatically. In other words, our work can and will be undone in short order without systems to sustain the work. Thankfully, there are systems in place, but there are also gaps. Where gaps in case management exist, we are filling that void. We recognize, however, that our time and resources are limited in this regard. As a result, we are working to improve our understanding and relationship with existing systems while also exploring solutions that not only bridge the gap to housing, but to the essential supports that will make housing permanent.

Community on call Initiative

With the winter weather approaching quickly, the Housing Task Force = Extreme weather team has devised a plan for the unhoused during both winter months (Dec-March) as well as summer months (June-August). The initiative is called "Community on call" and it is a volunteer-based program with local agencies/organizations to house the unhoused during extreme weather.