



OFFICIAL NOTICE AND AGENDA

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Meeting of the: **PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE**
Date/Time: **Monday, July 15, 2024 @ 5:15 P.M.**
Location: **City Hall (407 Grant Street) - Council Chambers**
Members: Lisa Rasmussen (C), Lou Larson (VC), Becky McElhaneey, Sarah Watson, Carol Lukens

AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION / ACTION

- 1 Approve minutes of previous meeting (06/17/2024).
- 2 Consider approval or denial of various license applications.
- 3 Discussion and possible action granting request for a 90 day extension to open for business for good cause (State Park Speedway, LLC., owner Tim Wimmer, d.b.a. Campus Pub, 1110 W. Campus Drive.)
- 4 Wausau Police Department Quarter 2 2024 Operations Report.
- 5 Wausau Fire Department Quarter 2 2024 Operations Report.
- 6 Tavern Activities Report - June 1 - June 30, 2024.

Adjourn

Lisa Rasmussen, Chairperson

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PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE

Date and Time: Monday, June 17, 2024, at 5:15 p.m., Council Chambers

Members Present: Lisa Rasmussen (C), Lou Larson (VC), Sarah Watson, Carol Lukens

Members Excused: Becky McElhaney

Others Present: Mayor Diny, Matt Barnes, Todd Baeten, Peter Fish, Justin Pluess, Tracy Rieger, Tegan Troutner, Kaitlyn Bernarde, Kody Hart

Noting the presence of a quorum Chairperson Rasmussen called the meeting to order at 5:20 p.m.

Approve minutes of a previous meeting (05/20/2024).

Motion by Larson, seconded by Lukens, to approve. Motion carried 4-0.

Consider approval or denial of various license applications.

Jeremy Connors, applicant for New Public Transportation License appeared to appeal the denial recommendation.

Rasmussen stated that the totality of the record and unsettled cases pending are concerning.

Motion by Larson, seconded by Lukens, to accept or deny licenses as recommended by staff. Motion carried 4-0.

Presentation and discussion regarding operator's licensing requirements.

Presentation placed on file.

Wausau Fire Department update.

Update placed on file.

Discussion and possible action regarding a letter of concern for compliance issues at The Domino Bar.

Rasmussen stated difficulty to allow an establishment to hold a quota alcohol license while it intends to not open.

The owners of The Domino Bar stated an intent to sell and had requested 90 days to hold the license but not open as a sale commences. Rasmussen stated that the establishment should be open as to not violate the abandonment ordinance.

Larson stated agreement with Rasmussen's statements and further stated the establishment had already been closed for close to 90 days and an extension is unacceptable.

Lukens questioned what prevents the establishment from opening. It was stated that difficulties with previous employees had caused the establishment to appear as if it was permanently closed online.

Rasmussen stated that an effort must be made to open and remain open to show that the license is being used. Rasmussen requested that a provisional license be granted if the establishment owners apply for renewal of their current alcohol license and meet the requirements for renewal.

Tavern Activities Report - May 1, 2024 – May 31, 2024

Rasmussen stated the committee is most interested in seeing in this report if there is a pattern of concern and incidents specifically related to the establishment's ability to conduct business under the licenses granted to them.

Report placed on file.

Community Outreach Update

Rasmussen stated support for experienced officers to be assigned to the downtown area where homelessness is a particular issue, and commended the new officers for addressing not only incidents which happen but also making connections with unhoused individuals to prevent future incidents and seek services. It was stated the department should bring any policy roadblocks of these efforts to the committee to work on. Rasmussen requested more data on contact and arrest/citations to address concerns brought up in past discussions of the Common Council.

Lukens requested more information on diversion programs and other processes that can help unhoused individuals and provide an opportunity out of homelessness. Lukens questioned if there was any other information which could

be provided by a previously unhoused individual that spoke. It was stated that shelters in the city were not safe for vulnerable individuals and that the threats made within the shelter climate provide a barrier to rehousing individuals.

Rasmussen requested that a representative from the day and night shelter be present at future committee meetings to speak on those concerns as those facilities must be made safe.

Report placed on file.

Adjourn

Motion by Larson, seconded by Watson, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

For full meeting video on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3cymJfaSNLw>

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PHS Date 07/15/2024

License ID	License Typ	Name	Address	Details	Business	Begin Dt	End Dt	Police	PHS	Council
199177	9010 - Bartender/Operator New	BETTS-ROJAS, JOHNATHAN	168355 COUNTY RD G WAUSAU WI 54403		KRIST FOOD MART #61	06/28/2024	06/30/2025	No		
199320	9015 - New Sidewalk Cafe with Alcohol	,	201 JEFFERSON ST WAUSAU WI 54403		JEFFERSON STREET INN	07/03/2024	06/30/2025			
182004	9020 - Public Transport Driver Renewal	BRENCHLEY, BRANDEN	221 SCOTT ST APT 545 WAUSAU WI 54403		NORTHWOODS CAB	07/02/2024	06/30/2025	Yes		
196697	9020 - Public Transport Driver Renewal	HORST, PHILIP	607 N SALES ST MERRILL WI 54452		NORTHWOODS CAB	06/27/2024	06/30/2025	Yes		
199026	9020 - Public Transport Driver Renewal	REISSMANN, JONATHAN	3602 MOUNT VIEW AVE APT 9 SCHOFIELD WI 54476		NORTHWOODS CAB	06/24/2024	06/30/2025	Yes		
198942	9026 - Class I	WHITTUM, MALCOLM	1913 BROOKVIEW CT. WAUSAU WI 54403	ALL STARS UNDER THE STARS on 8/21/24 Organized by Malcolm Whittum						
198924	9026 - Class I	XIONG, YEE LENG	1109 N 6TH ST WAUSAU WI 54401	THE HMONG WAUSAU FESTIVAL on 07/27/2024-07/29/2024 Organized by HMONG AMERICAN CENTER, INC.						
199266	9064 - "Class B" Beer & Liquor	,	1014 N 4TH AVE WAUSAU WI 54401		JULIETT COCKTAILS	07/02/2024	06/30/2025	Yes		
199402	9069 - Temporary "Class B" (Picnic)	,	PO BOX 388 WAUSAU WI 54402		V.F.W. BURNS POST 388					



PHS Date 07/15/2024

License ID	License Typ	Name	Address	Details	Business	Begin Dt	End Dt	Police	PHS	Council
199550	9069 - Temporary "Class B" (Picnic)	,	209 W WASHINGTON ST WAUSAU WI 54403		WAUSAU AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE					
199076	9069 - Temporary "Class B" (Picnic)	LANGENHAHN, JODI	500 FOREST ST WAUSAU WI 54403		MARATHON COUNTY AGRICULTURALSOCI ETY					
199551	9080 - Public Transport Driver New	BAGLEY, LOUISE	1016 S 5TH AVE #207 ANTIGO WI 54409		NORTHWOODS CAB	07/12/2024	06/30/2025	Yes		
196705	9080 - Public Transport Driver New	MCGUIRK, CHRISTOPHER	619 NINA AVE WAUSAU WI 54403		BLUE JAY TAXI	06/25/2024	06/30/2025	No		

Total Licenses

13

Kody Hart, Deputy City Clerk



TEL: (715) 261-6616
FAX: (715) 261-6626

TO: Public Health & Safety Committee

FROM: Kody Hart, Deputy City Clerk

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

DATE: July 12, 2024

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

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Approve or deny as indicated on the summary report attached, including those that may be introduced at the meeting. Further summaries on staff recommendations are outlined below.

1. **Denial Recommendations –New Public Transport License: Christopher McGuirk** – This application is recommended for denial due to recent methamphetamine conviction; **New Bartender/Operator License: Johnathan Betts-Rojas** – This application is recommended for denial due to being currently charged with Strangulation/suffocation and 3rd Degree Sexual Assault.
2. **Approval Recommendation – Special Event Class I Permits: The Hmong Wausau Festival** located at People’s Sports Complex on July 27th – 29th, 2024 from 8 PM to 10 PM, license applicant Hmong American Center, Inc., Yee Leng Xiong; **All Stars Under the Stars** located at the 400 Block on August 21st, 2024, from 8 AM to 11 PM, license applicant Malcolm Whittum.
3. **Approval Recommendation – “Class B” Beer & Liquor License:** The Liquor License Review Subcommittee reviewed the application of **Juliett Cocktails** located at 608 N. 3rd Street, license applicant Night Tribe Hospitality LLC, owner Jeffrey Dixon. The Liquor License Review Subcommittee will bring the recommendation to the committee meeting.
4. **Approval Recommendations – Temporary “Class B” Picnic Licenses –VFW Burns Post 388 at the Wisconsin Valley Fair** located at Marathon Park on July 30th – August 4th, 2024, license applicant VFW Burns Post 388; **Marathon County Agricultural Society at the Wisconsin Valley Fair** located at Marathon Park on July 30th – August 4th, 2024, license applicant Marathon County Agricultural Society; **Fun@5** located at 209 W. Washington Street on August 15th, 2024, license applicant Wausau Area Chamber of Commerce.
5. **Approval Recommendation – Sidewalk Café with Alcohol Permit: Jefferson Street Inn** located at 201 Jefferson Street, license applicant Montavis Johnson.

WAUSAU PD OPERATIONS REPORT

2nd Quarter 2024



Chief's Message

The second quarter of 2024 has been a particularly active period for the Wausau Police Department. Alongside our ongoing responsibilities of responding to calls and investigating crimes, we have launched several new initiatives. I would like to highlight two significant projects: the Downtown Officers initiative and the 2024 Community Service Officers (CSO) program.

Over the past several months, Officers Porath and Horejs have been dedicated to community policing in our downtown areas and parks. Their selection for this role was based on their extensive experience and deep understanding of how negative behaviors and crime impact the overall well-being of our community. It is crucial for our department to grasp the relationship between quality-of-life issues and the appeal of living, working, and recreating in Wausau.

Officers Porath and Horejs are committed to maintaining consistent standards for all citizens by enforcing our laws and ordinances. Additionally, they have been innovative in delivering services to vulnerable community members, including the unhoused population. Their collaboration with our Community Outreach Specialist, the District Attorney's Office Diversion and Deflection programs, and other community resources has yielded positive results for many individuals.

The presence of these officers in downtown and park areas has significantly mitigated many negative behaviors. This effect is comparable to the impact of a visible squad car conducting radar speed enforcement, where drivers slow down and adhere to speed limits upon seeing the vehicle. Similarly, we have observed a reduction in behavioral issues due to the officers' presence.

Our officers prioritize understanding the experiences of downtown businesses and the citizens who work and visit there. Our mission statement emphasizes "partnering with the community to enhance the quality of life." By investing time in meeting with businesses and citizens, we are actively fulfilling this mission. Understanding their concerns allows us to more effectively address issues impacting quality of life.

Although we are still in the early stages of this project, feedback from our staff and the community has been overwhelmingly positive. I am proud of the progress made thus far and am eager to see what we can achieve in the coming months.

The workload of the Wausau Police Department increases annually, with summer being our busiest season. To address this, we rely on our CSO program. A CSO is not a sworn police officer but is authorized to enforce City of Wausau ordinances. Recognizable by their bright yellow uniform shirts, CSOs often patrol on bicycles and mopeds. They address problems within their scope of authority and report issues beyond their control to officers.

Our CSOs patrol parks, downtown areas, and are present at special events. This year, we have our largest contingent of CSOs, with 18 individuals serving Wausau. Training and preparing new CSOs each spring is a challenge, but I am proud of our staff who recognize their value and invest in their readiness.

Overall, we are well-prepared for the summer, special events, and new challenges. We have assembled a remarkable team of officers and CSOs, and I am excited to receive daily updates on their excellent work.



Group A Crime Counts by Incident/Arrest Date

April 2024 - June 2024

<u>Crime Category</u>	<u>Offenses</u>	<u>Victims</u>	<u>Clearances</u>	<u>Adult Arrests</u>	<u>Juvenile Arrests</u>	<u>Total Arrests</u>
Total Crime	444	455	243	191	4	195
Crimes Against Persons	108	108	73	64	2	66
Murder & Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0
Manslaughter by Negligence	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses	21	21	9	9	0	9
• Rape	13	13	6	5	0	5
• Sodomy	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Sexual Assault w/Object	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Fondling	8	8	3	4	0	4
Sex Offenses - Nonforcible	3	3	0	0	0	0
• Incest	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Statutory Rape	3	3	0	0	0	0
Assault Offenses	81	81	61	52	2	54
• Aggravated Assault	12	12	10	10	0	10
• Simple Assault	61	61	46	39	2	41
• Intimidation	8	8	5	3	0	3
Kidnapping/Abduction	3	3	3	3	0	3
Human Trafficking	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Human Trafficking, Commercial Sex Acts	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Human Trafficking, Involuntary Servitude	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crimes Against Property	187	198	53	45	1	46
Robbery	3	3	2	1	1	2
Burglary	15	18	6	6	0	6
Theft/Larceny	80	82	25	25	0	25
• Theft - Pocket-Picking	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Theft - Purse Snatching	1	1	1	1	0	1
• Theft - Shoplifting	28	28	19	20	0	20
• Theft From Building	6	6	1	0	0	0
• Theft From Coin-Op. Machine	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Theft From Motor Vehicle	7	8	0	0	0	0



Crime Counts - Wausau PD
 April 2024 - June 2024

• Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Theft - All Other Larceny	38	39	4	4	0	4
Motor Vehicle Theft	9	9	3	2	0	2
Stolen Property Offenses	3	3	3	4	0	4
Arson	3	3	1	1	0	1
Counterfeiting/Forgery	3	3	0	0	0	0
Fraud Offenses	15	16	1	1	0	1
• Fraud - False Pretenses	7	8	0	0	0	0
• Fraud - Credit Card/ATM	2	2	0	0	0	0
• Fraud - Impersonation	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Fraud - Welfare	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Fraud - Wire	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Fraud - Identity Theft	6	6	1	1	0	1
• Fraud - Hacking/Computer Invasion	0	0	0	0	0	0
Embezzlement	1	1	0	0	0	0
Extortion/Blackmail	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bribery	0	0	0	0	0	0
Destruction/Vandalism	55	60	12	5	0	5
Crimes Against Society	149	149	117	82	1	83
Weapon Law Violations	17	17	15	6	0	6
Prostitution Offenses	1	1	1	1	0	1
• Prostitution	1	1	1	1	0	1
• Prostitution - Assisting	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Prostitution - Purchasing	0	0	0	0	0	0
Drug/Narcotic Offenses	124	124	100	74	1	75
• Drug/Narcotics Violations	73	73	59	60	1	61
• Drug Equipment Violations	51	51	41	14	0	14
Gambling Offenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Gambling - Betting	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Gambling - Operating	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Gambling - Equipment Violations	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Gambling - Sports Tampering	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pornography	6	6	0	0	0	0
Animal Cruelty	1	1	1	1	0	1



Group B Arrests by Arrest Date

April 2024 - June 2024

<u>Crime Category</u>	<u>Adult Arrests</u>	<u>Juvenile Arrests</u>	<u>Total Arrests</u>
Total Crime	247	13	260
Bad Checks	0	0	0
Curfew/Loitering/Vagrancy	1	2	3
Disorderly Conduct	59	5	64
Driving Under the Influence	52	0	52
Family Offenses, Nonviolent	2	0	2
Liquor Law Violation	17	2	19
Peeping Tom	0	0	0
Trespass of Real Property	15	0	15
All Other Offenses	101	4	105

Counting Rules

Counts on this page are based on the month of the incident or arrest, rather than the month the incident was submitted. If the incident date is unknown, the report date is used. Counts are subject to change as data are updated.

Offense counts are calculated based on the number of offenses for each victim (per incident) for Crimes Against Persons and the number of unique offense types (per incident) for Crimes Against Property and Crimes Against Society. For burglary and motor vehicle theft, offense counts are based on the number of premises entered and the number of vehicles stolen, respectively.

Victim counts are calculated based on the number of victims connected to each unique offense type in an incident. For Crimes Against Persons, the number of victims will be equal to the number of offenses. Victims will be counted more than once if they are connected to multiple offenses.

Arrest counts are calculated based on the number of arrestees listed on a Group A or Group B incident. Each arrestee is counted only once per incident. Arrests are categorized based on the specific Group A or Group B arrest code submitted by the agency, rather than the incident offense code. Since agencies only submit the most serious arrest charge for each arrestee on an incident, arrest counts are not indicative of the number of charges.

Incidents are cleared in one of two ways: by arrest or by exceptional means. Clearance counts are based on the number of offenses cleared in a given month regardless of when the offense occurred, and can therefore be greater than the number of offenses in a given month. In incident-based reporting, the first arrest on an incident, or an exceptional clearance, will clear all offenses associated with the incident.

Investigations Bureau

Detectives

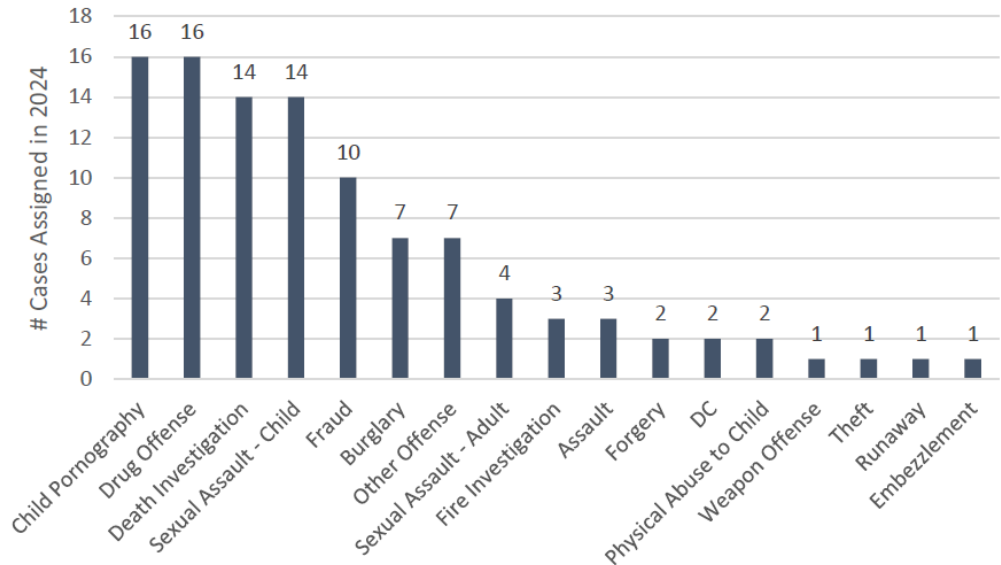
School Resource Officers (SRO)

Victim Resource Unit (VRU)

Public Health & Safety – Investigations Bureau Update

This report provides a snapshot of major cases

Detective Case Load by Crime Type



	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Cases Assigned	16	16	14	11	30	17						

2nd Quarter Convictions

Malcolm Vang

2nd Degree Sexual Assault of a Child
4.5 years prison; 15 years DOEJ

Umberto Lo

1st Degree Intentional Homicide
Life without Parole

Pao Ge Vang

2nd Degree Reckless Endangerment
7 years Prison; 5 years Parole

Michael Turner

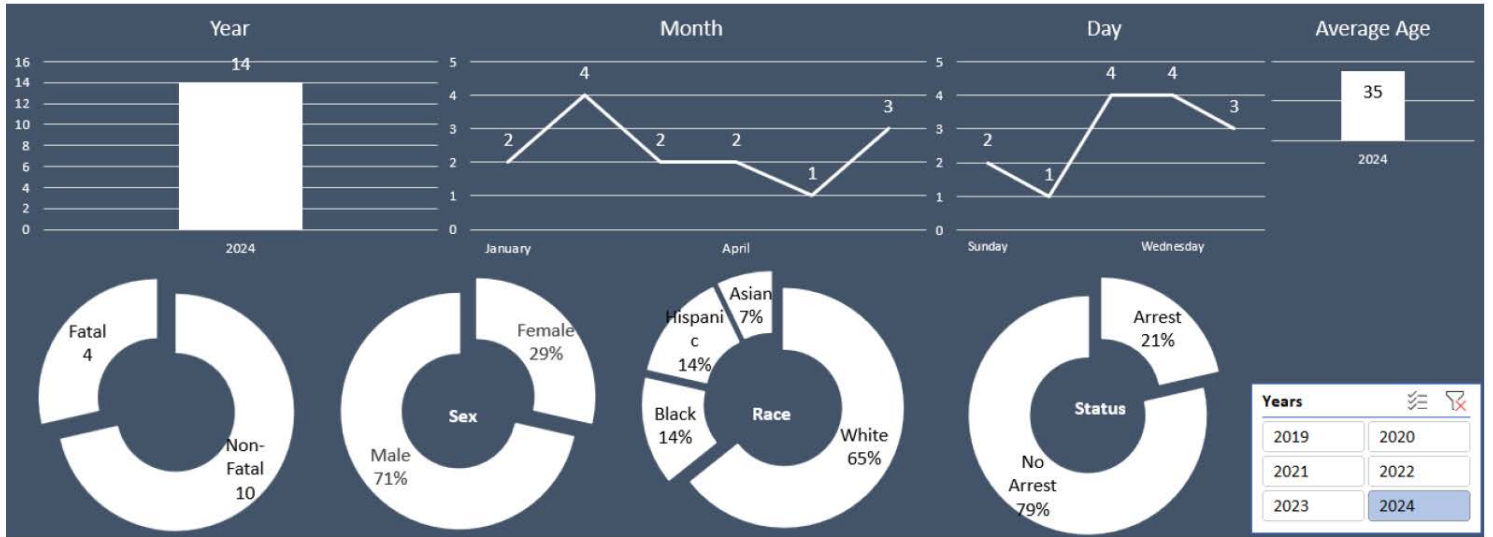
1st Degree Intentional Homicide
Life with possibility of Parole after 25 years

Major Cases (last quarter)

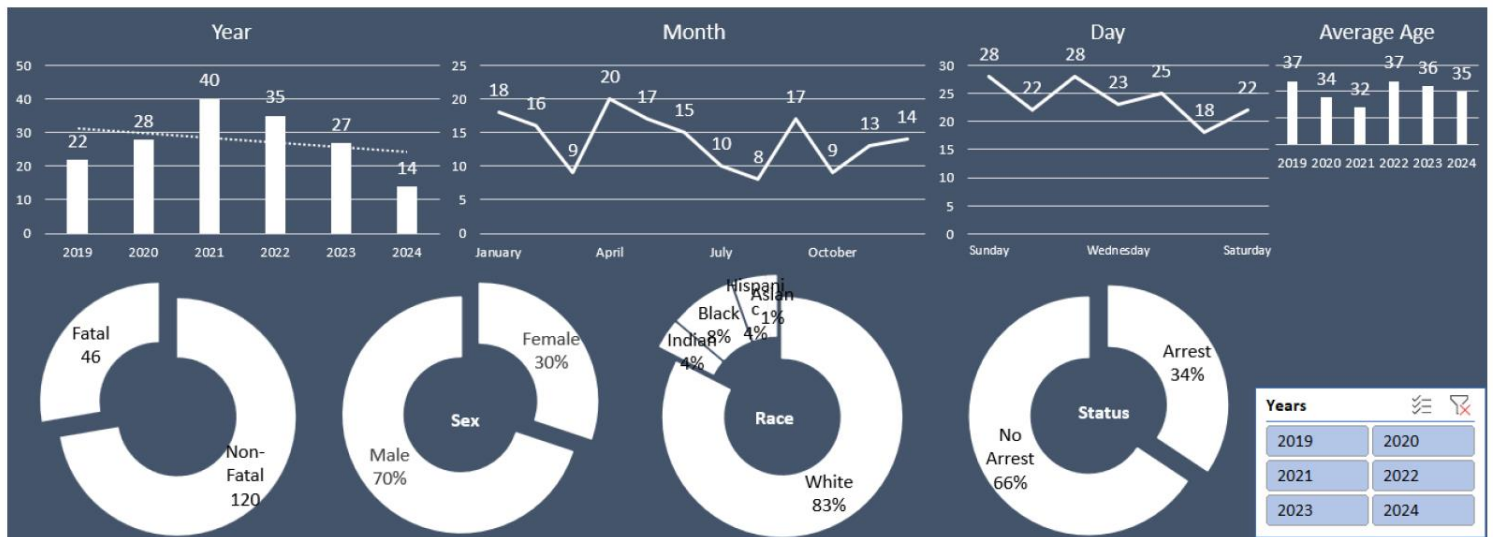
Date	Type of Investigation	Synopsis
4/5/2024	Death Investigation	Suicide 47-year-old male died by suicide Case Closed
4/28/2024	Fire Investigation	House Fire 500 block E Wausau Avenue No injuries and undetermined cause Case Closed
5/4/2024	Burglary	W.O.W Breaking and Entering 1300 N River Drive Individuals entered business and stole merchandise No arrests Case Open
5/22/2024	Fraud	Cryptocurrency Fraud 1100 block Cleveland Avenue Victim converted \$15,000 to cryptocurrency in fraud scheme Case Open
6/12/2024	Death Investigation	Overdose 500 block N 3 rd Avenue 30-year-old male died by drug overdose 1 arrest Case Open
6/19/2024	Child Neglect	3-year-old Exposed to Drugs 1100 Callon Street Child exposed to drugs in own home 2 arrests Case Open

Drug Overdoses

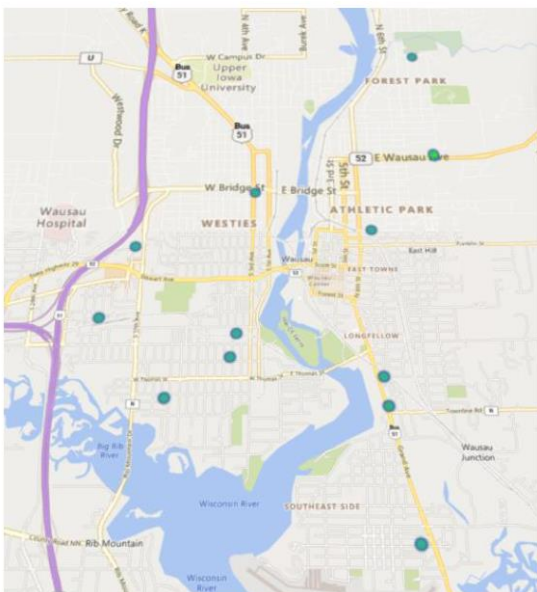
2024



2019-2024



Overdoses by Location (current year)



Summary

2021 had the highest number of police responses to drug overdoses in WPD history. That year, we responded to 40 overdoses, 12 of which were fatal.

In 2022, there was a 12% decrease in total overdoses (at 35). That decrease was primarily due to a drop in fatalities. 2022 saw 9 fatalities (down 25% from the previous year).

Overdoses continued to trend downward in 2023 (down 23% from the previous year). Although overdoses were down, the number of fatalities rose by one from the previous year. There was a total of 27 overdoses in 2023 (10 fatal, 17 non-fatal).

In 2024, current trends are on pace with 2023. So far, we've responded to 14 overdoses (4 fatal, 10 non-fatal).

WPD CART QUARTERLY

April – June 2024

	# Mental Health CFS	# Welfare Check CFS	# 51.15 / 51.45 Detentions	# CART Responses to CFS
April-June 2024	338	476	39	122
2024 YTD	639	900	75	260
2023 Total	1,219	1,913	117	640
2022 Total	930	1,874	126	583
2021 Total	910	1,886	160	357

51.15 by Type	Adults / Juveniles	Community / Facility
April-June 2024	30/9	25/14
2024 YTD	55/20	45/30
2023 Total	90/27	80/37
2022 Total	102 / 24	84 /42

*CART is a shared resource with MNSO; above data represents WPD jurisdiction activities only. WPD has one (1) CART Officer, on M-F day shift schedule. This position is not back-filled during the CART Officer's off-days. MNSO's CART Deputy also responds to relevant CFS in the City when available.

"CFS": Calls For Service (Officer initiated activities and calls received from Dispatch).

"Mental Health" and "Welfare Check" are the two most common types of CFS (coded by Dispatch based on the initial information reported) that involve individuals in crisis.

"Community" origin of 51.15 / 51.45: Law enforcement is called to a location in the community (*residence, business, public location*) in response to an individual in crisis (or incapacitated). De-escalation, safety planning, and/or diversion is not viable or is unsuccessful, resulting in 51.15 or 51.45 detention.

"Facility" origin of 51.15: While under care or custody of the Jail, NCHC, or medical facility; an inmate or patient is suicidal or otherwise assessed on-site by a Crisis Professional, and deemed in need of 51.15. Law Enforcement is then called upon to confirm and complete the 51.15 (as required by WI Stats.) **Lacks opportunity for diversion.**

"51.15": "Emergency Detention" under WI Statute 51.15. Law enforcement may take into custody an individual who is:

- (1) Mentally ill, drug dependent or developmentally disabled, and;
- (2) A substantial probability of physical harm to him/herself or others is evident by recent acts or omissions, attempts or threats.

"51.45": "Alcohol or Drug Detention" under WI Statute 51.45. "A person who appears to be 'incapacitated by alcohol or another drug' shall be placed under protective custody by a law enforcement officer."

Downtown Officer Program

The officers assigned to the newly-formed Downtown Officer program have worked more closely with stakeholders with the police department and the district attorney's office to connect people with appropriate resources when possible. A large percentage of individuals encountered when they consider issues in the downtown area do have a homeless status. Much like the businesses and residents downtown, extra time has been spent learning the backgrounds, goals, and mindsets of the individuals. The officers have seen successes in the form of getting individuals into treatment who historically have generated some of the highest numbers of calls for service as individuals. This process can be difficult and requires numerous circumstances to be present at once. Through targeted enforcement, the officers have also started to see a change in behavior in our parks and riverwalk areas, and a general shift in culture among the individuals that spend significant amounts of time there. There have been successes in the form of quelling issues that have plagued areas or businesses. This enforcement is targeting behaviors not populations, and individuals from numerous walks of life have been cited and arrested.

There continues to be an influx of new faces in our area, largely among our homeless population. Again, the officers are taking time to learn stories and discern how individuals got to our area, why they are here, and what they want to accomplish in short- and long-term capacities. A common theme among this group is that people move to our area to be homeless because of some of the services provided and many of these new transplants to this area have no interest in services to better their station in the form of seeking permanent housing options, entering alcohol or substance treatment, or finding help with employment. In the spirit of transparency, officers have taken time to educate new transplants as to what will and will not be tolerated.

Feedback received has been positive overall, with improvements noted by businesses, residents, area visitors, and other officers. Targeting behaviors that negatively impact our downtown area and being afforded the time to continue to try to connect people with resources has proven to be an effective start to this project.





Records Bureau

Law enforcement would not be able to do its job successfully without access to data. The 79 sworn officers at the Wausau Police Department create a lot of data and paperwork, but it's only useful if it can be found when it's needed, and only if it gets to the correct people. We have one Office Manager, four Administrative Assistants that keep all of our processes moving. They receive information from the officers, be sure it is entered and properly cataloged, forward it to other agencies and departments, and then review and potentially release when requested. This includes paper reports, squad video and body worn camera, photos, and lost and found items.

This department is also the first point of contact for customer service for the public. They are a cheerful, resourceful group who go out of their way to be sure needs get met in as timely a manner as possible.

Statistics for April 1 to June 30

	2023	2024
Incident reports	2438	2521
Arrest Reports	640	614
Accident Reports	198	210
Traffic Citations	809	791
Criminal Citations	226	173
Warnings	904	970

In April the police department started to use a new Records Request software. During this learning period we were unable to compare the same data. Starting July 1, 2024 we will be using the new software to compile our statistics.

Community Resource Unit – April to June 2024

Community Resource Unit consists of 4 officers and 1 Lieutenant (CROs)

- **There were six reported drug overdoses in the city during the months of January - March**
 - Of the 6, one was. CRU assisted in four of those investigations.
 - The fatal overdose is still under investigation, but one adult female was referred for delivery, which will be amended to reckless homicide pending the final autopsy report.
 - On similar pace as last couple years for the first half of the year.

- **Conducted drug trafficking investigations to include;**
 - **11 residential Search warrants / 17 other search warrants / 7 Consent Searches**
 - Large amounts of methamphetamine, cocaine and marijuana have been seized during those search warrants.
 - Over \$2377 and one vehicle was seized during those search warrants / investigations.
 - **Seized 1033 grams of Methamphetamine (2.2 pounds)**
 - One use is usually around 0.1 gram (point)
 - *10330 doses/uses seized this quarter*
 - **Seized 23 prescription pills**
 - **Seized 282 grams of Cocaine**
 - One use is usually .3 grams
 - *846 doses / uses seized this quarter*
 - **Seized 37.19 grams of Heroin**
 - One use is .05 - 0.1 gram (half point or point)
 - *370-740 uses/doses seized this quarter*
 - **Seized 1598.26 grams (3.5 lbs) of Marijuana**
 - a gram will produce 1 to 2 joints
 - *1598 - 3196 joints worth seized this quarter*
 - **Seized nine firearms.**
 - **64 arrests, 132 felony charges,**
 - **One prostitution investigation / referral.**
 - **Three children removed from drug endangered environment.**

Year-to-Date Traffic Totals 2024

Traffic Stops
3032

Citations
1186

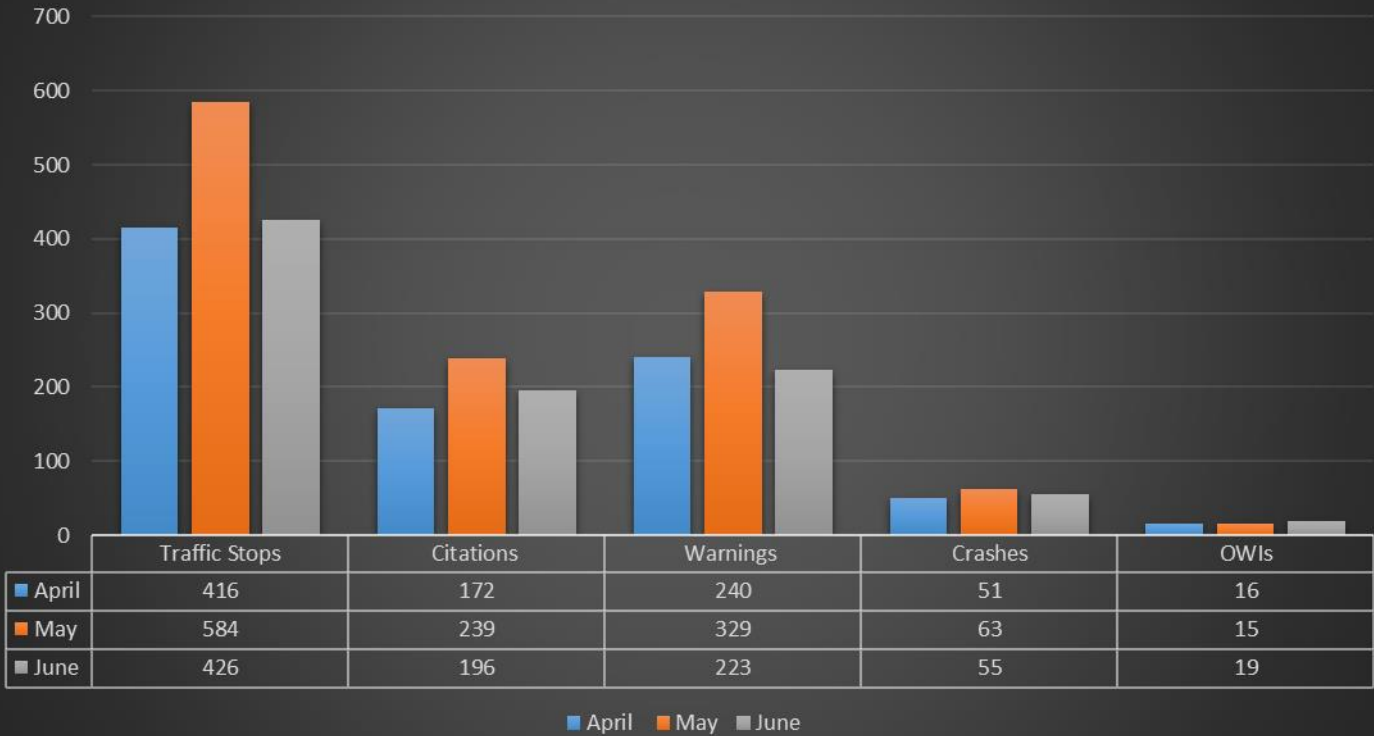
Warnings
1807

Operating While Intoxicated
107

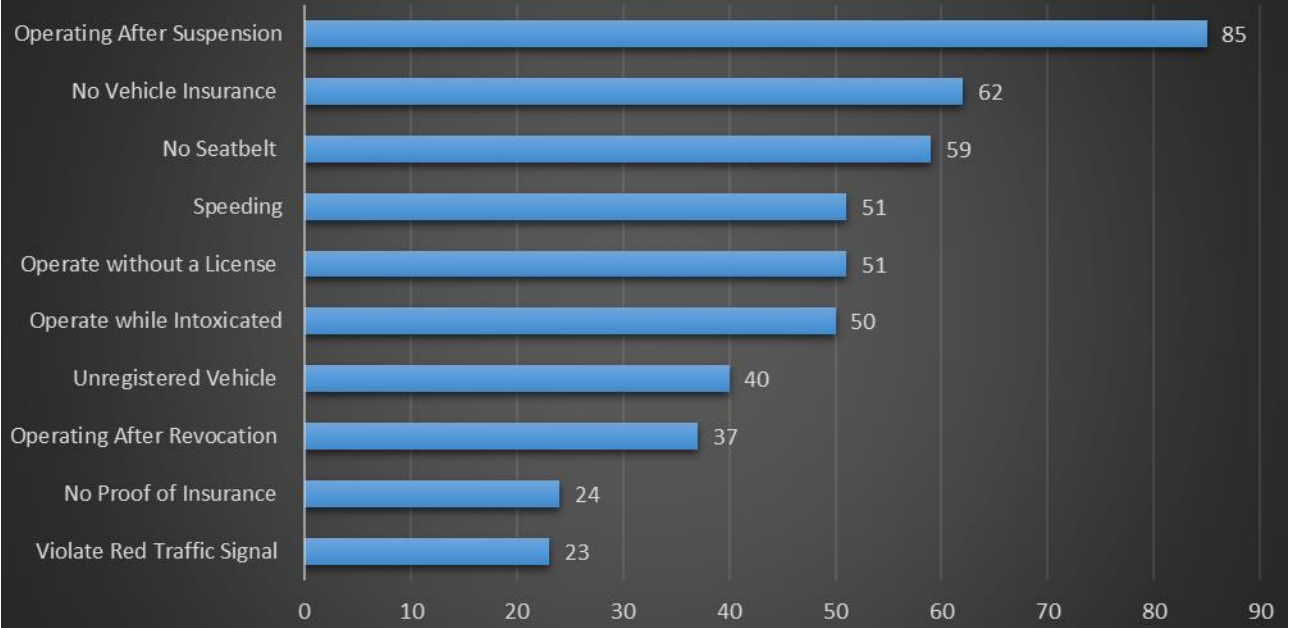
Traffic Crashes
315

Patrol Hours Worked
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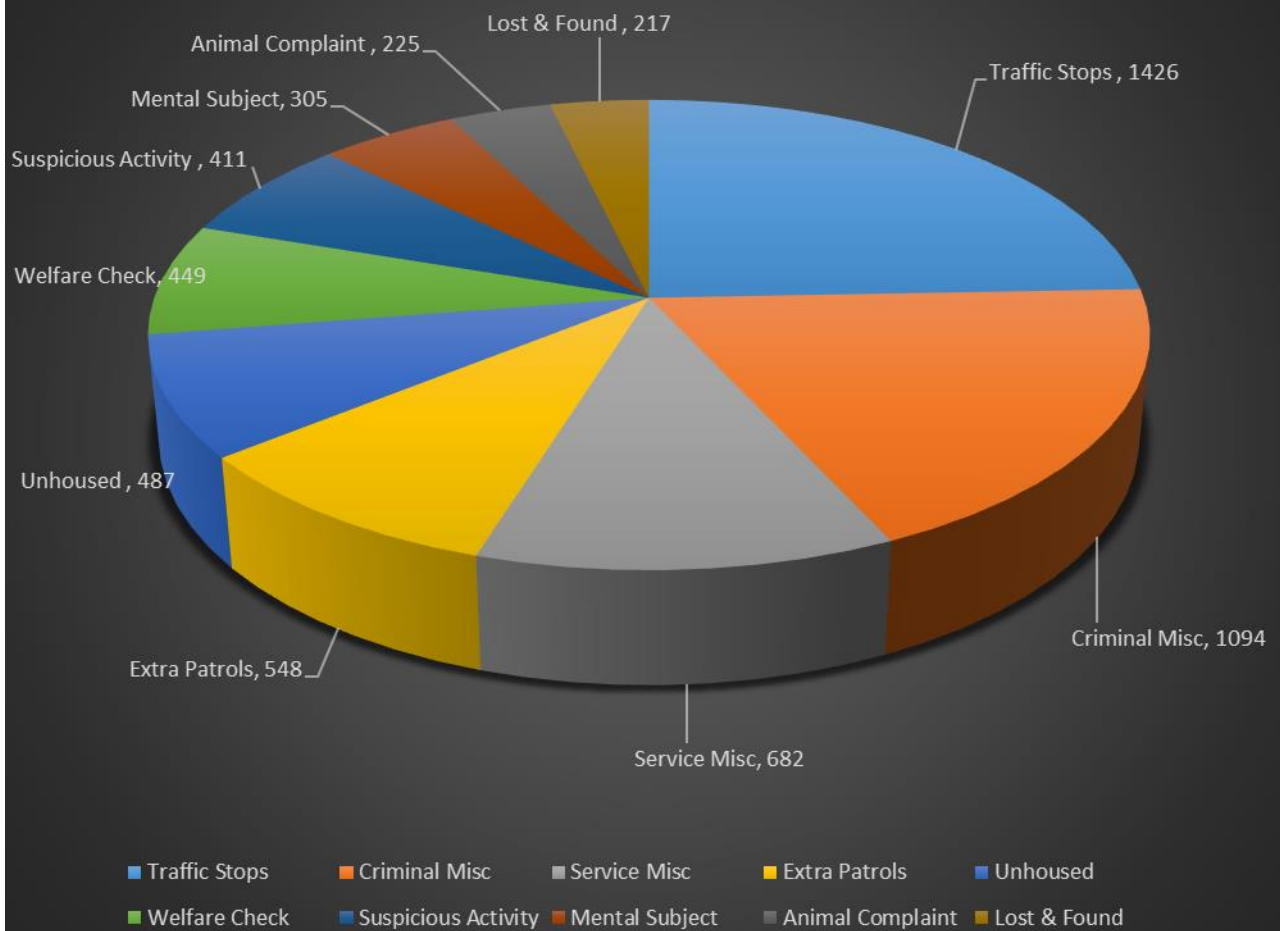
Monthly Traffic Enforcement - Second Quarter 2024



Frequently Cited Traffic Violations - Second Quarter 2024



Top Calls for Service - Second Quarter 2024



Wausau Fire Department Quarterly Report

Quarter 2 –2024



(Wausau Fire Personnel conducted Live Fire Training in May)

Fire Chief Report by Chief Jeremy Kopp

Introduction

This report covers the period from April to June 2024 for the Wausau Fire Department. Despite facing significant challenges, we have achieved notable milestones and made progress towards our goals.

Operational Challenges

The weather during this quarter has presented unique challenges, particularly with heavy rainfall leading to high water levels and swift river currents. These conditions have required heightened readiness for water rescues, utilizing our specialized equipment and training to navigate extreme environments effectively.

Leadership Reflections

As I approach my 6-month mark as Chief, I reflect on the lessons learned and the accomplishments of our department. I am immensely proud of our team and their daily contributions to our community.

Partnerships and Collaborations

Our partnership with NTC continues to strengthen, with ongoing valuable training opportunities. Collaboration with Marathon County departments has also provided significant benefits, enhancing our operational capabilities.

Community Care Paramedic Position

The Community Care Paramedic position has been posted, and we anticipate onboarding in August. This role will showcase the importance of community healthcare partnerships and the positive impact on our community.

Recruitment and Retention

While making progress in recruitment strategies, retention remains a challenge. We've experienced 3 resignations this quarter, including 2 from last year's paramedic class cohort with NTC. We are actively hiring, and new recruits are expected to start in late August. We await news on the Congressional Spending Request, which is crucial for recruitment efforts in Wausau.

Facilities and Infrastructure

The conceptual design phase of the Central Fire Station is nearing completion, with 5 Bugles providing valuable input for an optimal layout. Mayor Diny and Alders Rasmussen and Martins have contributed significantly to this process. Next steps include the architectural design phase, supported by a Capitol Improvement request. The current station requires updates and repairs identified in the facility assessment report, highlighting critical infrastructure needs.

Conclusion

In conclusion, the second quarter of 2024 has been marked by both challenges and achievements for the Wausau Fire Department. We continue to prioritize readiness, community partnerships, and infrastructure improvements to better serve our community. As always if you have any questions feel free to call or stop in.

Fire Operations Report by Deputy Chief Justin Pluess

As Deputy Chief of the Wausau Fire Department, I am pleased to present the second quarterly report for 2024. This report covers a range of activities and updates from April to June, highlighting our ongoing commitment to ensuring the safety and well-being of our community. Throughout this period, we have focused on addressing critical operational needs, enhancing our training programs, and maintaining our equipment to the highest standards. We continue to work diligently on recruitment and promotion processes to ensure our department is staffed with the most capable and dedicated personnel. Our efforts extend to community engagement and public safety initiatives that foster a safer environment for all residents. Below are detailed updates on our fleet, facilities, staffing, training, and significant incidents that underscore the importance of our department's role in public safety.

Fleet:

The full investigation into the Ladder 2 incident continues. A comprehensive review was performed June 24th, involving representatives from CIVMIC, the apparatus manufacturer (Stupehn), the hydraulic manufacturer (Kraft Fluid), and legal counsel for the injured firefighter. We are committed to transparency and ensuring the highest safety and operational standards. Additionally, Command Ladder Testing has successfully undergone the NFPA 5-year inspection, and we have scheduled another test with Great Lakes Testing to further verify its condition. Engine 3's water tank, which is under warranty, is leaking water and has to be refilled daily. Engine 3 is scheduled for repair.



Committees

To help us achieve our departmental goals and objectives, we have established several new committees:

- Fire Operations Committee
- EMS Operations Committee
- Uniform Committee
- Social Media Committee

In addition to these new committees, our existing PEER Focus and Health and Safety committees continue to play a vital role in our continuous improvement efforts. These committees will be instrumental in driving progress and ensuring that we meet our strategic objectives.

Buildings and Grounds:

Station 3 has recently installed a turnout gear washer and dryer, enabling firefighters to clean their gear after fires and reduce carcinogen exposure. This is part of our ongoing efforts to reduce the risk of cancer among our firefighters.



Chief Kopp, Deputy Chief Pluess, Mayor Diny, Alder Rasmussen, Alder Martins, and representatives from Fire Bugles have been meeting to identify the needs and demands for a new Station 1. A needs assessment has been conducted to help Fire Bugles create a conceptual design. A station building committee will likely be formed in the near future.

Fire Department Staffing

We are pleased to report that we recently graduated three new firefighters from our recruit academy, adding much-needed personnel to our crews. While we remain several firefighters below our ideal staffing level, we are encouraged by our current hiring process and anticipate recruiting again soon. Additionally, two promising candidates are currently undergoing testing and assessments, with a potential hiring date in July.



Our staffing situation has been challenging, with more individuals leaving the WFD than new applicants joining, increasing workloads for everyone. Getting WFD to full staffing is management's top priority. We are exploring various options, including visiting Northcentral Technical College's paramedic class for face-to-face recruiting. Job postings have been expanded to multiple platforms, including Indeed, Governmentjobs.com, Handshake (WI tech colleges), the Wisconsin Chiefs' website, Glassdoor, the League of Municipalities, Firejobs.com, LinkedIn, the WI Job Center, and Facebook. We are committed to finding effective solutions to our staffing challenges.

Fire Lieutenant Promotion Process

The promotion process for Lieutenant positions is well underway. On June 26th, we will be hosting an assessment center featuring four tactical exercises and an oral interview. This rigorous process ensures we select the most qualified individuals for leadership roles within the department.

Live Fire Training Success

In May, we conducted a highly successful three-day live fire training burn. This extensive training session provided invaluable hands-on experience for our firefighters, allowing them to practice handling real-world fire conditions in a controlled and safe environment. This type of practical training is crucial for honing the skills necessary for effective and safe fire suppression and rescue operations.



Additionally, the training session fostered valuable collaboration with our investigative partners, including the Department of Criminal Investigation (DCI) and the State Fire Marshal's office. Our firefighters had the unique opportunity to observe DCI's highly trained arson dogs and cadaver dogs in action, which provided insights into the investigative processes that follow fire incidents. The presence of these specialized units enhanced the realism of the training and underscored the importance of inter-agency cooperation during emergency responses. Overall, this training not only improved our operational readiness but also strengthened our partnerships with key investigative agencies, ensuring a more coordinated and effective approach to fire and emergency management in the future.



Community Care Paramedic

We are thrilled to announce that the Community Care Paramedic (CCP) position has been approved and funded, thanks to the generous support from both the Community Foundation and the Aspirus Foundation. The Wausau Fire Department's Community Care Paramedic Program is dedicated to addressing the evolving healthcare needs of our community. Leveraging the skills and expertise of paramedics, this proactive initiative aims to enhance the well-being and safety of residents through advanced care, preventive services, and community outreach.

The Community Care Paramedic Program will have an initial focus on fall prevention and overall health improvement. Community care paramedics will conduct home visits to assess fall risks, evaluate living environments, and develop personalized fall prevention strategies tailored to each individual's needs. They will also organize educational sessions on fall prevention techniques, medication management, and home safety modifications to empower residents with the knowledge and skills to reduce their risk of falls. Through partnerships with local healthcare providers, pharmacies, and community organizations, the program will facilitate access to healthcare services, medication assistance programs, and other resources to support individuals in maintaining their health and independence. Guided by the motto "Empowering Health, Embracing Humanity," the program places a strong emphasis on serving underserved populations and addressing critical issues such as fall prevention among vulnerable individuals.

Summary of Significant Incidents - Wausau Fire Department (WFD) Second Quarterly Report 2024

April 2, 2024: WFD responded to a vehicle fire incident involving a Dodge pickup powered by compress liquid propane. Upon arrival, there was very light smoke coming from under the hood, but no active fire. The owner had successfully extinguished the fire using his own extinguisher and had shut off an LP tank in the truck bed prior to our arrival. After ensuring the fire was out no further issues or problems were encountered.

April 4, 2024: The Wausau Fire Department responded to a structure fire at Lazy Acres Mobile Home Park. Dispatch informed WFD that no residents were home, but there were multiple animals inside. A neighbor noticed a smoke detector was sounding and called 911. Upon arrival, there was no visible smoke or fire from the exterior, but inside crews found light smoke and cardboard ashes on the stovetop. Crews ventilated the building and ensured all animals were safe. This incident highlights the importance of smoke detectors and community vigilance in preventing potential disasters.

April 16, 2024: WFD's Engine 1 (E1) was dispatched for a Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) call to assist SAFER with a grass fire. Upon arrival, E1 contacted SAFER command and was assigned to address a grass fire in the median of Highway 29. E1 maneuvered to an upwind position, pulled a cross lay, and used 700 gallons of water to extinguish the fire. Additionally, E1 filled SAFER's small UTV before being cleared by SAFER command. The crew returned to service without incident or injuries.

April 16, 2024 (Second Significant Incident): WFD crews responded to a possible structure fire at Wausau West High School, where smoke was reported in the metal shop. Upon arrival, found a large amount of smoke emanating from the school. The entire high school was filled with smoke. WFD identified the source of smoke and mitigated the fire hazard, ensuring the safety of students and staff. The smoke was contributed to a fire in the dust collector system filters due to a student burning wooden handles for a project. WFD provided guidance to maintenance for system inspection and maintenance, highlighting proactive measures for fire prevention.

April 27, 2024: FD responded to a structure fire at 709 McIntosh St. following reports of a stove explosion. Upon arrival, there were no visible flames or smoke. The tenants had already evacuated and reported the stove fire was out. Inside, the crew found the stove with burn marks and shattered glass, and a haze of smoke throughout the first floor. They unplugged and removed the stove, ventilated the house, and ensured it was safe to occupy. The tenants reported ongoing issues with the stove, which had led to the fire.

April 28, 2024: WFD responded to a structure fire at a 1 1/2 story residential home located at 500 block of E Wausau Ave. Upon arrival, heavy smoke was visible, but no flames were immediately seen. A car was in the driveway, but no one was outside. Crews went into rescue mode and pulled a 1 3/4-inch line to the front door and requested a water supply. A walk-around revealed fire in the soffit areas on the B and C sides of the roof. Entry was made through the front door for a primary search, encountering heavy hot smoke but finding no occupants. Command confirmed all residents were out of the building. As conditions worsened, the crew exited, and additional lines were deployed to the rear. The operation switched to a defensive mode, using two lines and Truck 1's aerial for water application. Overhaul was performed until the fire was extinguished, and all units returned to service. The fire is under investigation by the inspection bureau. This incident highlights the fire department's critical role in protecting public safety through swift and effective response.

May 5, 2024: WFD responded to a structure fire at a two-story wood-frame residence in the 1,000 block of S. 3rd Ave. Upon arrival, heavy smoke was visible from the front door, and significant fire activity was noted inside. Occupants outside reported the fire originated in a living room, and while all humans were safely out, a cat was possibly still inside on the second floor.

The crew deployed a 1.75-inch pre-connect hose to the front door and initiated an attack, applying water from the front porch into the living room, successfully knocking down the main body of the fire. Concurrently, a primary search was conducted on the first floor. The crew advanced to the second floor, encountering heavy smoke. A split search led to the discovery of a deceased cat near the kitchen and a pet snake was found alive on the second floor. Both pets were returned to the occupants. The scene was handed over to the Fire Marshal and law enforcement for further investigation.

June 1, 2024: WFD responded to a fire alarm at a hotel, with dispatch indicating a possible fire in the laundry room. The response was upgraded to a full structure fire call. Upon arrival, hotel evacuation was underway, but no smoke or flames were visible from the exterior.

WFD crews located a fire in the laundry/storage area behind the main desk. The fire was quickly extinguished, and investigation indicated that the fire originated from a ceiling light fixture, which had burned and melted plastic that fell onto a utility cart of paper products below. Using a thermal imaging camera (TIC), no fire extension was detected. Positive pressure ventilation (PPV) was performed, and power to the room was shut down by the General Manager. Air monitoring showed safe levels outside the room. The room was secured, and staff were instructed to keep the electrical power off and monitor the area until maintenance arrived. This incident underscores the fire department's vital role in public safety, quickly managing potential hazards and ensuring the safety of both occupants and property.

June 02, 2024: WFD crews were dispatched to a residential structure fire at a two-story home in the 300 block of N 5th Ave. Upon arrival, light smoke was visible, and residents were standing outside. A 1 3/4-inch line was deployed to the front of the house. During the walk-around, heavy smoke was observed inside the second-story windows and coming from the roof's gable ends.

Entry was made through the front door, where light smoke was present on the first floor. Ascending the stairs, the crew encountered heavy smoke and heat on the second floor. Using a thermal imaging camera (TIC) with limited success, they located the fire in a back room and began battling the fire. An additional fire was in an adjacent bathroom wall and floor area. Overhaul operations commenced to ensure all fire was extinguished.

June 18, 2024: WFD responded to a vehicle fire at the intersection of N12th St/E Wausau Ave. Upon arrival, the vehicle was not initially located, prompting a thorough search by all responding units. After approximately 10 minutes of searching, BA1 and R1 cleared the call. Dispatch then provided the correct location, across from Wausau Crane, about nine blocks further east. E3 and M3 arrived to find a bystander who had attempted to extinguish the fire. WFD crews ensured the fire was fully extinguished.

June 25, 2024: WFD provided mutual aid to SAFER for a structure fire. Upon arrival, Truck 1 (T1) was directed to assist with manpower. The SAFER crew had extinguished a fire in a cupola atop the building and indicated that the fire was out. WFD crews accessed the roof via a ground ladder and used a thermal imaging camera to verify the fire was completely extinguished and that there was no penetration to the apartments below. After confirming the area was secure and free of additional fire hazards, the crew reported the conditions to command. Subsequently, we were released to return to service. This incident underscores the fire department's commitment to public safety through effective collaboration of mutual aid agreements.

June 25, 2024 (Second Significant Event):: WFD responded to a structure fire at a 1 1/2 story residence in the 700 block of Stark St. Upon arrival, light smoke was visible from the rear door. The crew made entry through the side C door and encountered medium smoke on the first floor. The fire had damaged a TV and the cabinet above. Ventilation was initiated, and the TV and cabinet were removed to the deck. After approximately 20 minutes of ventilation, the atmosphere was verified clear using the QRAE gas meter.

June 30, 2024: WFD responded to a structure fire with possible occupants inside a 1 1/2 story wood-frame residence located in the 800 block of Plumer St. Upon arrival, smoke was visible from all sides of the structure. A 360-degree survey revealed heavy smoke from the windows on both floors and fire in the Alpha/Delta corner room. Law enforcement on scene indicated a potential occupant inside.

WFD crews initiated fire suppression and search operations on the first floor, continuing to the basement. Despite heavy smoke and intense heat, they applied water and conducted a search. The basement search was partially hindered by limited access. Hydraulic ventilation was performed on the Charlie side, and positive pressure ventilation (PPV) was initiated, improving conditions slightly.

A primary search of the first and second floors was completed. After exiting due to air supply limits, the crew reported to Engine 3. A second entry ensured extinguished in the basement. The scene was secured and handed over to law enforcement to secure the scene till fire investigators could begin the investigation.

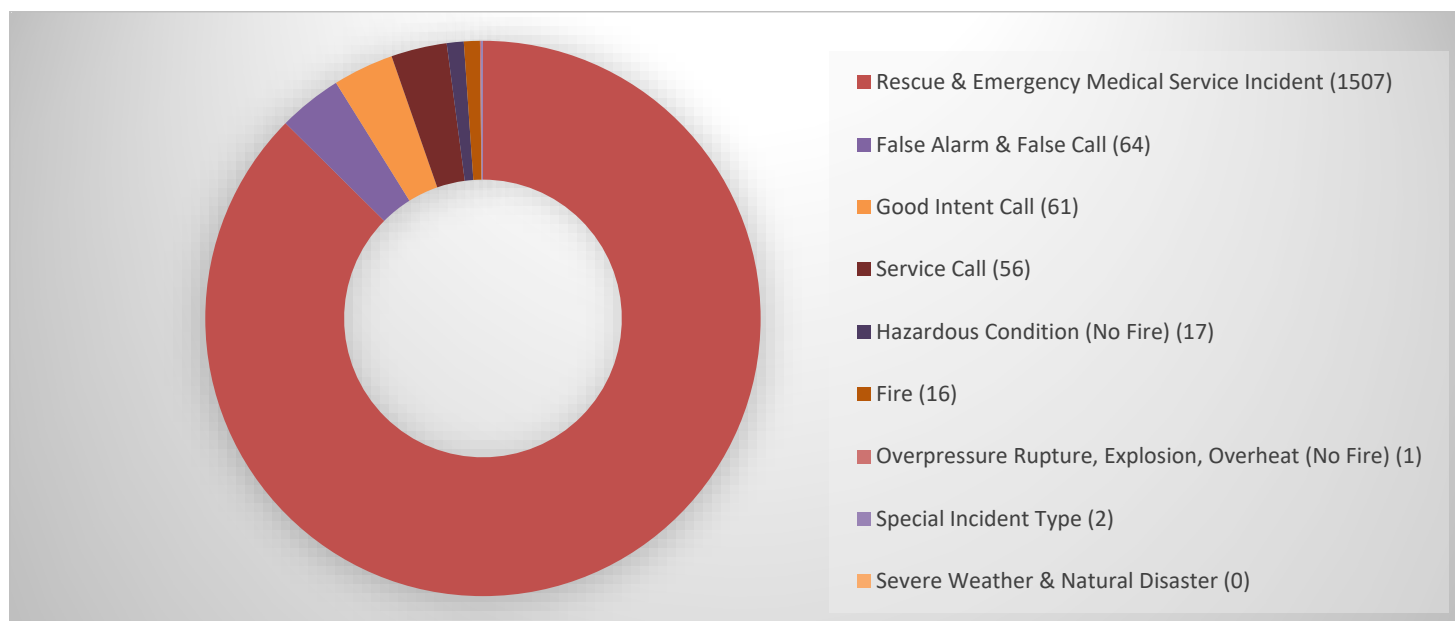
Significant Fire Events:

Date	Address	City	Incident #	Type
4/2/2024	2801 Stewart Avenue	City of Wausau	F24000549	Mobile property (vehicle) fire, other
4/6/2024	5513 Lazy Acre Road	Wausau	F24000586	Cooking fire, confined to container
4/16/2024	State Highway 29 And Camp Phillips Rd	Village of Weston	F24000635	Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire
4/16/2024	540 East Thomas Street	City of Wausau	F24000638	Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire
4/18/2024	921 Humboldt Avenue	City of Wausau	F24000643	Building fire
4/26/2024	River Drive and Washington St	City of Wausau	F24000676	Grass fire
4/27/2024	709 Mcintosh Street	City of Wausau	F24000680	Cooking fire, confined to container
4/28/2024	508 East Wausau Avenue	City of Wausau	F24000696	Building fire
5/9/2024	1026 South 3rd Avenue	City of Wausau	F24000766	Building fire
5/17/2024	801 South 24th Avenue	City of Wausau	F24000808	Passenger vehicle fire
6/1/2024	615 South 24th Avenue	City of Wausau	F24000920	Building fire
6/2/2024	322 North 5th Avenue	City of Wausau	F24000921	Building fire
6/18/2024	156376 East Wausau Avenue	Wausau	F24001028	Passenger vehicle fire
6/25/2024	5006 Camp Phillips Road	Village of Weston	F24001067	Building fire
6/25/2024	723 Stark Street	City of Wausau	F24001069	Building fire
6/30/2024	809 Plumer Street	City of Wausau	F24001098	Building fire

Monthly NFIRS Incident Comparison:

	2024	2023	2022	2021	% Of Change from 2023 to 2024
January	646	579	591	502	11.57%
February	597	506	507	456	17.98%
March	555	551	540	497	0.73%
April	541	527	498	503	2.66%
May	605	574	574	556	5.40%
June	578	553	590	583	4.52%
July		679	531	587	
August		571	600	577	
September		548	524	525	
October		616	545	552	
November		624	574	562	
December		623	612	590	

TOTAL		6951	6686	6490	
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Responses by Municipality (All NFIRS Reports):

City	# of Runs	% of Runs	# of Runs - YTD
City of Abbotsford	2	0.12%	3
City of Antigo	0	0.00%	0
City of Colby	0	0.00%	0
City of Merrill	0	0.00%	0
City Of Mosinee	0	0.00%	0
City Of Schofield	0	0.00%	0
City Of Wausau	1,618	93.85%	3,312
Clark County	0	0.00%	0
Oneida County	0	0.00%	1
Rosholt	0	0.00%	0
Taylor County	0	0.00%	0
Town of Bergen	0	0.00%	0
Town Of Berlin	11	0.64%	19
Town of Bern	0	0.00%	0
Town of Bevent	0	0.00%	0
Town Of Cassel	3	0.17%	5
Town Of Elderon	0	0.00%	0
Town Of Emmet	0	0.00%	0
Town of Frankfort	0	0.00%	0
Town of Franzen	0	0.00%	0
Town of Halsey	0	0.00%	0
Town Of Hamburg	1	0.06%	2
Town of Harrison	0	0.00%	0
Town Of Hewitt	2	0.12%	8
Town of Hull	0	0.00%	1
Town of Johnson	0	0.00%	0
Town of Knowlton	0	0.00%	0

Town Of Marathon	0	0.00%	1
Town Of Mosinee	0	0.00%	0
Town of Norrie	0	0.00%	0
Town of Plover	1	0.06%	1
Town Of Rib Falls	0	0.00%	1
Town Of Rietbrock	1	0.06%	1
Town of Ringle	0	0.00%	0
Town Of Stettin	0	0.00%	0
Town Of Texas	26	1.51%	38
Town Of Wausau	21	1.22%	47
Town Of Weston	0	0.00%	1
Town Of Wien	2	0.12%	3
Village Of Athens	1	0.06%	1
Village Of Brokaw	0	0.00%	0
Village Of Edgar	0	0.00%	1
Village of Hatley	0	0.00%	0
Village Of Kronenwetter	0	0.00%	0
Village Of Maine	28	1.62%	59
Village Of Marathon City	0	0.00%	3
Village Of Rib Mountain	1	0.06%	5
Village Of Rothschild	0	0.00%	0
Village of Stratford	0	0.00%	0
Village Of Weston	6	0.35%	9
Wittenberg	0	0.00%	0
Wood County	0	0.00%	0
Total	1,724	100.00%	3,522

Activity/Incident Hours Committed:

Category	Time Committed
NFIRS Incidents	513:13:05 Hours
EMS Incidents	2403:58:03 Hours
Non-Incident Activities (Station Maintenance, Vehicle Check-off/Fire Pre-plan, Hazmat Outreach, Administration duties, Public Education, Committee and Staff Meetings)	2,755.65 Hours
Training (including Wellness)	3,766.75 Hours

Aid Responses:

Type of Aid	# of Runs
Mutual Aid Given – EMS	11
Mutual Aid Given – Fire	1
Automatic Aid Given – EMS	52
Automatic Aid Given – Fire	2
Mutual Aid Received – EMS	5
Mutual Aid Received – Fire	0
Automatic Aid Received – EMS	0
Automatic Aid Received – Fire	2

Other Aid Given – EMS	0
Request for EMS from Other Agencies to the City of Wausau (not Aid)	2
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)	33

EMS Division by EMS Division Chief Jared Thompson

EMS Patient Experience

The EMS Division would like to share our patient care experience report from April 1 to June 30, 2024.

Wausau Fire Department
April 01, 2024 to June 30, 2024



Patient Experience Report

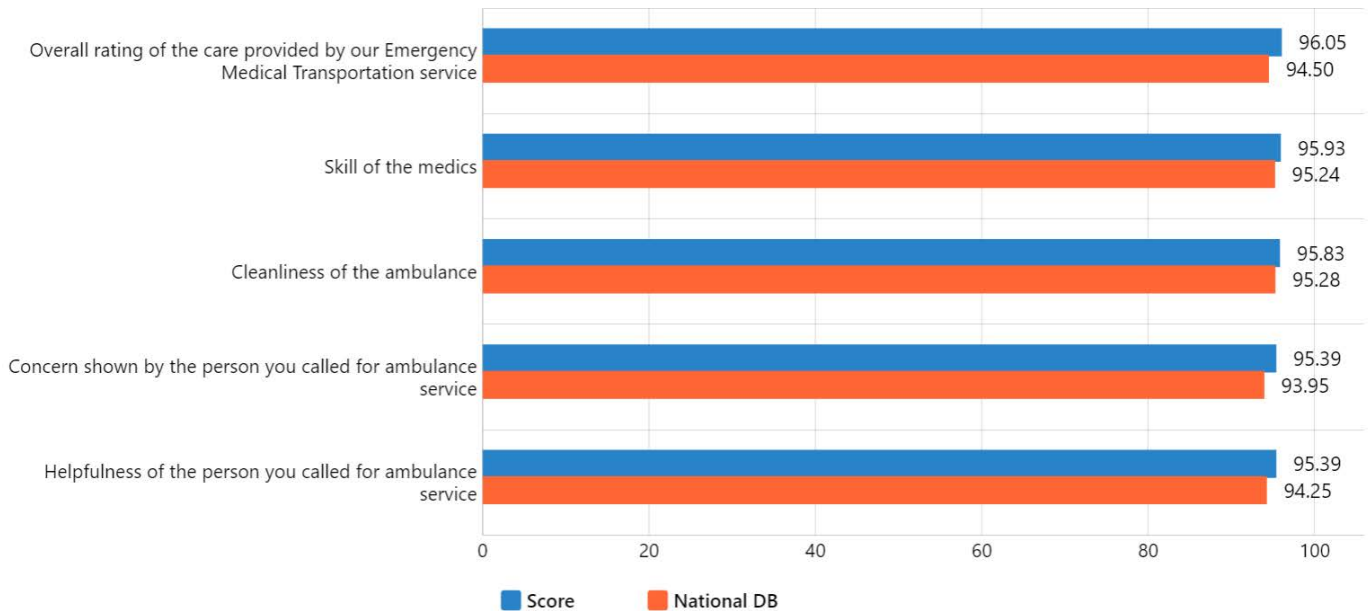
April 01, 2024 to June 30, 2024
Division:

Your Score
92.98

Your Patients in this Report
47

Top Scores

5 Highest Scores



Here are some specific comments made by patients that we transported.

Comments



Comments (describe positive or negative experiences):

06/17/2024 Run # : E24001991

"I was totally satisfied with the service that I received."

06/17/2024 Run # : E24002101

"The roads were bad!"

04/26/2024 Run # : E24001082

"Ride was smooth & comfortable"

04/22/2024 Run # : E24000811

"Had terrible back problem--couldn't move in bed at all."

04/22/2024 Run # : E24000856

"Very good"

04/19/2024 Run # : E24000883

"It just seemed like a long ride when you're scared, in shock & hurt"

04/19/2024 Run # : E24000912

"Positive"

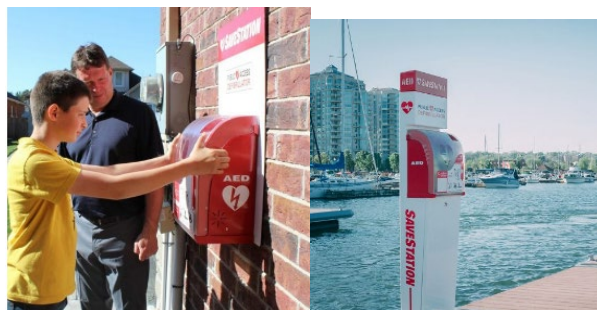
04/19/2024 Run # : E24000808

"Very nice drivers"

Current Initiative

EMS Division has been moving towards its new initiative to become a **HEARTSafe Community!** We have continued our collaboration with the Marathon County Parks Department. We were awarded funding by the Community Foundation to install two SaveStations, one by the 400 Block and one by the RiverLife Park.

SaveStation was founded by a group of like-minded individuals who saw the need to work together to create an easy-to-identify AED housing station so that the PUBLIC could quickly find any AED.



New Initiative

Another initiative is called **Project ADAM**. I am very excited about this initiative! Project ADAM began in 1999 in Wisconsin after the death of Adam Lemel, who was just 17 years old when he collapsed and died while playing basketball. Adam suffered a sudden cardiac arrest (SCA), in which ventricular fibrillation occurred, a condition in which the ventricles cannot pump blood into the body. Defibrillation, or an AED, could have saved his life. Adam's parents, Patty and Joe, teamed up with Children's Wisconsin to create Project ADAM.

While sudden cardiac arrest is uncommon in young people, it sadly does happen. And it's exactly that — sudden and unexpected. But immediate CPR and the availability of an AED can double or triple a person's chance of Survival. So, while you can't predict when one might strike, you can plan your response. That's where Project ADAM is making a difference.

Project ADAM is a nationwide initiative that has saved the lives of more than 200 children, adolescents and adults who went into sudden cardiac arrest. Today, there are 38 Project ADAM affiliated sites in 29 states.

I will be reaching out to the Wausau School District Superintendent to see how the fire department can assist them in becoming a Heart Safe School.

Project ADAM[®]

SAVES LIVES



New Piece of Equipment

We are in the midst of updating our mechanical CPR devices with the newest, most cutting-edge device on the market today. Grants were submitted to BA Esther Greenheck and Community Foundations. We received a total of \$70,000.000 in grant money to be used towards the purchase of four of these devices.



Awards

We were notified in June that the American Heart Association is nationally recognizing our level of cardiac care. This performance-based award is driven by our commitment to offering rapid and research-based care to patients experiencing the most severe form of heart attacks, ultimately saving lives.

2024 Mission: Lifeline® EMS Recognition

The American Heart Association proudly recognizes

City of Wausau Fire Department Wausau, Wisconsin

**Mission: Lifeline®-EMS - GOLD with Target: Heart Attack Honor Roll
Achievement Award**

The American Heart Association/American Stroke Association recognizes this prehospital provider organization for demonstrating continued success in using the **Mission Lifeline®** program.

Thank you for applying the most up-to-date evidence-based treatment guidelines to improve patient care and outcomes in the community you serve.*



Nancy Brown
Chief Executive Officer
American Heart Association



Joseph C. Wu, MD, PhD, FAHA
President
American Heart Association

*For more information, please visit [Heart.org/MissionLifeline](https://www.heart.org/MissionLifeline)

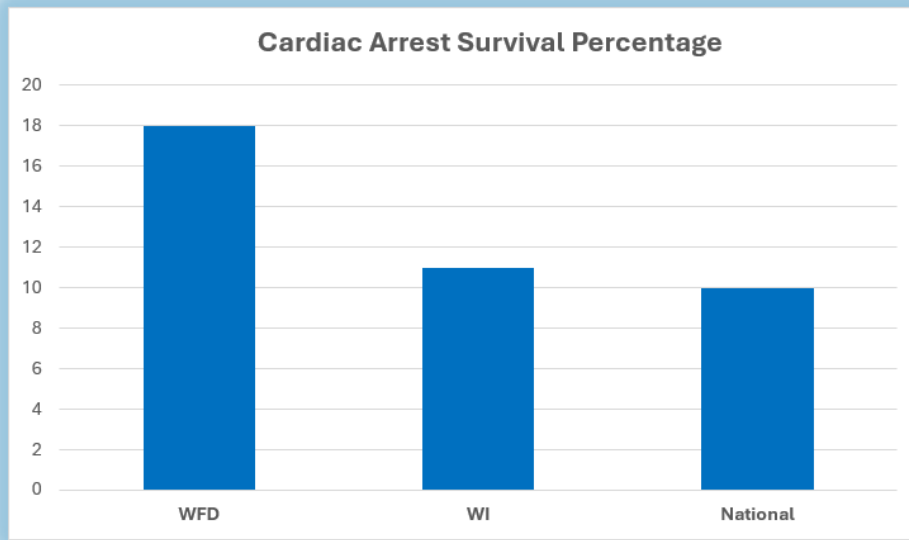


Cardiac Arrest Data

In April, we received our 2023 Cardiac Arrest data that we submitted to a national database called CARES, which stands for Cardiac Arrest Registry to Enhance Survival. This registry published local, state, and national cardiac arrest statistics, which is used to improve overall response and care for those who suffer an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest.

This report revealed that the City of Wausau Fire Department is far above the national and overall state percentages. This goes to show the dedication that this department has when treating and caring for those who suffer an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest. The amount of training and resources we dedicate to these types of incidents certainly pays off.





Responses by Municipality (EMS Patient Care Reports):

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City of Mosinee	0	0.00%	0
City of Schofield	0	0.00%	0
City of Wausau	1,448	93.54%	2,991
Clark County	0	0.00%	0
Oneida County	0	0.00%	1
Other	0	0.00%	0
Town of Bergen	0	0.00%	0
Town of Berlin	11	0.71%	19
Town of Bevent	0	0.00%	0
Town of Bern	0	0.00%	0
Town of Cassel	3	0.19%	6
Town of Elderon	0	0.00%	0
Town of Emmet	0	0.00%	0
Town of Frankfort	0	0.00%	0
Town of Franzen	0	0.00%	0
Town of Hamburg	1	0.06%	2
Town of Halsey	0	0.00%	0
Town of Harrison	0	0.00%	0
Town of Hewitt	2	0.13%	8
Town of Hull	0	0.00%	1
Town of Johnson	0	0.00%	0
Town of Knowlton	0	0.00%	0
Town of Marathon	0	0.00%	1
Town of Mosinee	0	0.00%	0
Town of Norrie	0	0.00%	0
Town of Plover	1	0.06%	1
Town of Rib Falls	0	0.00%	1
Town of Rietbrock	1	0.06%	1
Town of Ringle	0	0.00%	0

Town of Stettin	0	0.00%	0
Town of Texas	26	1.68%	38
Town of Wausau	20	1.29%	46
Town of Wien	2	0.13%	3
Village of Athens	1	0.06%	1
Village of Edgar	0	0.00%	1
Village of Hatley	0	0.00%	0
Village of Kronenwetter	0	0.00%	0
Village of Maine	28	1.81%	56
Village of Marathon City	0	0.00%	3
Village of Rib Mountain	1	0.06%	3
Village of Rothschild	0	0.00%	0
Village of Stratford	0	0.00%	0
Village of Weston	1	0.06%	1
Wittenberg	0	0.00%	0
Wood County	0	0.00%	0
Total	1,548	100.00%	3,187

Fire Training Division by Training Division Chief David Briggs

First quarter scheduled Fire/Rescue training:

April

- Ground Ladders
- Hose Testing and Hose Loads
- Firefighter Scene Rehabilitation
- Workplace Response to Violence

May

- Advancing, Operating and Packing 1 ¾" hoselines
- Advancing, Operating and Packing 2 ½" hoselines
- NFIRS Reporting
- Acquired Structure Live-Fire Training

June

- Community Walk-Through
- Technical Rescue – Vertical Confined Space Entry w/Respiratory Protection
- UL FSRI Engine Company Operations (Instructor Lead)
- Vent, Enter, Search

Monthly training aims to create intelligent and well-rounded firefighters and rescuers who can adapt to the scenes we may be called to. This includes scheduled and non-scheduled learning opportunities for all members.

Bonus Lesson

An additional lesson this quarter came from off-duty efforts. In April, TDC Briggs attended a Train-the-Trainer on "Water Mapping" through the Wisconsin Technical College System. This opportunity was by invitation only and only provided to technical college instructors. Through Mid-State Technical College, our Training Division Chief was able to attend and become a trainer in updated water application methods to be more effective at suppressing fires. Following the training, TDC Briggs provided the entire curriculum to each crew. NTC's splash tower on the Wausau Campus was used as the best option to teach the skills. Although it was not ideal, talks are progressing to improve the structure to be more effective for these lessons in the future.

Health and Safety

In the second quarter, members were assigned two trainings related to health and safety. Scene Rahab and Workplace Response to Violence. Each of these have a very different focus; however, they both relate to the wellbeing of our employees.

Scene Rehabilitation training and knowledge directly impacts our ability to prepare physically, and then recuperate from the stressors of working on scenes. For example, we cover rehydration, hyperthermia, active cooling techniques, adequate rest, and other useful tools to recharge and prepare for the next call.

Workplace Response to Violence came about from a request by an active WFD member. In the matter of a couple of weeks, we had someone belligerent behind the Central Station and an active arrest with weapons drawn by WPD. This sparked a concern by a member as to how we can better prepare for violence in and around the workplace. Lt. Phillips of WPD presented to each of the three crews and all stations on things we can do to avoid, deter, or respond to active events.

Firefighting

Quarter two was very heavy on fire suppression training and preparation. Throughout the three months, we worked on deploying hoselines, hose testing for integrity, searching through windows (Vent, Enter, Search), and ground ladders. Each of these specific lessons can be employed as tasks and tactics on any fire scene. ISO (Insurance Service Office) only counts training towards and improved ISO score that is directly related to fire prevention and suppression. While we need to be proficient to respond throughout the community in many disciplines, suppression is what matters most to improve our score and potentially decrease insurance premiums to property owners in the City of Wausau.

Acquired Live-Fire Training

May 6th, 7th, and 8th were incredibly busy and exciting days for us. In cooperation with Tammy Stratz in Community Development, Wausau DPW, and the Wisconsin Department of Criminal Investigations, we conducted seven burns each day to provide members with training that many have not had since their initial certification in the Wisconsin Technical College System.

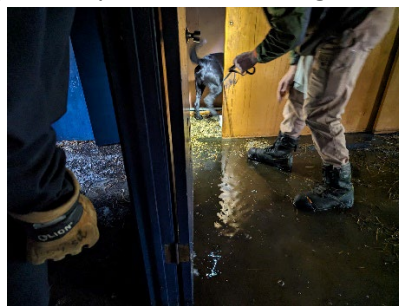
Initial training and certification of firefighters occurs in purpose-built steel and concrete buildings with a campfire of sorts in the room. This provides for an initial introduction to fire behavior, heat, and smoke. However, it does not act like the fire in most structures we face once on the job. Everything our members have learned, practiced, and honed has prepared them as best as possible to perform in a live-fire environment.

May 6th included seven different entries with entering the building, suppressing the fire, and overhauling the hot spots to ensure it would not re-ignite (rekindle). Checking for hotspots is another skill firefighters are unable to perform in purpose-built training structures. May 7th was planned as a day for our investigators and DCI investigators to view the burn patterns and assess where the fires were started and how they flowed throughout the building. Over a dozen agents took part in this training with seven of them being new to fire investigations. May 8th included seven more entries for a different group of firefighters to work through the process of fire suppression as they would on any citizen's home in our community. As you can see in the attached photos, it was hard work, but it brought out the best in our people and smile can be seen through the exhaustion.



Left: Example fire at a Technical College Facility.

Right: Inside the acquired structure.



Images from the live-fire training on May 6th, 7th, and 8th. Members were also assessing updated thermal imager technology.

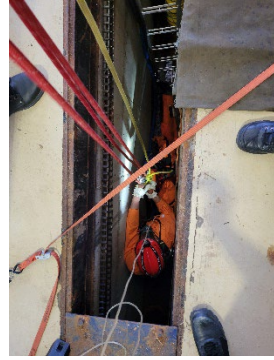
May 20-June14 Academy

Three new members began their careers with the Wausau Fire Department and started their recruit training on May 20th. The four-week academy includes refresher knowledge and skills from their certification and then takes things to a higher level beyond what the curriculum taught them. During this time, they are also guided in the operations of the Wausau Fire Department and familiarize themselves with our current personnel.



Technical Rescue

All crews performed a Confined Space Entry and Rescue scenario to refresh on a task we rarely face. However, we are the designated rescue team for all City Employees entering confined spaces in the city. Nearly 1/2 of our department is currently trained in this discipline.

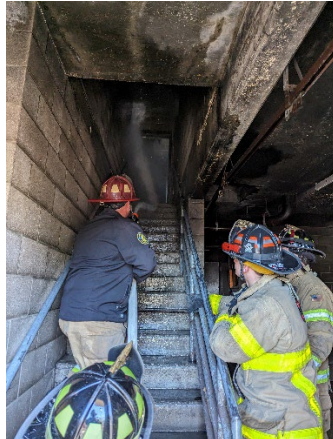


During the Wings Over Wausau Air Show, ten members were given lessons on aircraft crash rescue techniques in preparation for the event. Each day, the crews were given “tours” of the aircraft and briefed on the safety measures in place. This is another aspect of emergency services that we rarely face but would respond to and be required to mitigate in the event something happens.



FDIC 2024

In April, multiple members of the Chief staff participated in learning at the largest fire instructors conference in the world. This conference is host to 30,000 plus firefighters and officers learning from each other and trying to bring back the best information and methods for their organizations and communities. The final couple of days include a large vendor show in which leaders can assess new equipment and technology to improve our performance and effectiveness in suppressing fires and responding to emergencies. This conference is truly world class and provides lessons that are incredibly difficult to obtain elsewhere.



Hands-on training was attended by our Training Division Chief to bring back to our members.

Type of Training	# of Hours	% of Hours	# of Hours -YTD
Company Training	2,658.75	85.11%	4,960.05
Driver/Operator Training	76.75	2.46%	200.50
Facilities Training	0	0.00%	6
Hazardous Materials Training	8	0.26%	578
Misc Training	4	0.13%	117
Officer Training	131	4.19%	264.75
Specialty Training	245.50	7.86%	371
Total	3,124	100.00%	6,497.30

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	77	11.98%	110.50
EMS Training	343.25	53.40%	1,098.50
Fire Instructor Training	194.50	30.26	351.50
Fire Prevention Training	0	0.00%	0
Investigation Training	28	4.36%	28
Total	642.75	100.00%	1,588.50

Fire Prevention Division by Fire Marshal Brian Stahl

Inspections: Throughout the second quarter of 2024, we finished up our first round of inspections completing 1073 public buildings and places of employment. We performed 968 inspections that passed, and we had 105 properties with Fire Code Violations. 85 of the 1073 inspections were follow-up inspections from previous violations. The failed inspections were primarily comprised of overdue fire extinguisher annual maintenance, overdue vent hood cleaning service, and Fire alarm annual maintenance. These properties will require follow-up inspections to confirm compliance. We conducted 14 consultation inspections for the quarter. These entailed consulting for Fire Alarm Systems, Knox Box updates, and new construction. We also received and reviewed 316 reports through the Compliance Engine for services and maintenance of Fire Protection Systems at various businesses.

Investigations: There were 6 fire investigations performed during the second quarter of 2024. One of these fires originated on the exterior of residential housing properties. This was determined to be started from careless use and disposal of smoking materials. Two originated in the kitchen of residential housing properties. These were potentially the result of a stovetop burner being accidentally turned on. One was the result of human intervention, with the person in question admitting to starting the fire. One property was deemed unsafe to enter so only the origin could be located, but no cause was found. Lastly, one was deemed undetermined due to not being able to distinguish if the electric chair or the power strip caused the fire.

Public Outreach: Throughout the second quarter we had several outreach opportunities. We performed 3 Fire Safety Outreach Programs for elderly adult living facilities. New smoke and CO detectors were placed 2 different times in private residences. We witnessed and advised on 5 different fire drills throughout the school district.

Education: The second quarter of 2024 presented more educational opportunities for the prevention division. We attended the conference for the International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI). This conference was historically held twice a year, June and September. The Wisconsin chapter of the IAAI has

now moved to expand this conference by a day, and it will be held once annually. This last conference presented a multitude of differing educational learning points including interviewing techniques, forensic investigation techniques for IT and social media, and fatal fire case studies. The tested hours for this conference help us maintain not only our current certification levels but gives us the education to maintain a high level of professional investigative skills.

This conference also offered an exam to obtain the highest certification available for fire investigators. This is the IAAI's Certified Fire Investigator (CFI) certification. During this conference Lieutenant Shahn Kariger challenged the test for the (CFI) Certification. Lt. Kariger passed the certification exam and is now one of 42 CFIs in the State of Wisconsin. By obtaining this certification Lt. Kariger has become the first member of the City of Wausau Fire Department to do so. Lt. Kariger did not stop at this level. The following week, Lt. Kariger attended a five-day National Association of Fire Investigators (NAFI) conference in Madison. At the end of the conference, Lt. Kariger challenged the NAFI certification for Certified Fire and Explosion Investigator (CFEI) certification test. Lt. Kariger again passed this certification standard, that is only held by a select few.

I'd like to give Lt. Kariger a huge congratulatory "shout out" for obtaining and maintaining the highest level of professionalism within our field in the Fire Industry.

Congratulations Shahn!



Summer Safety Tips

Keep these tips in mind as you and your family enjoy summer vacations, camping, family reunions, picnics and the Fourth of July.

Fire safety

- Build campfires at least 25 feet away from tents, shrubs and anything that can burn.**
- If you want to see fireworks, go to a public show put on by experts. Sparklers can reach 1,200 F and cause third-degree burns.**
- Use propane, charcoal and wood pellet barbecue grills outdoors only. Indoor use can cause a fire or carbon monoxide poisoning.**
- Place your grill well away from siding and deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches. Do not store or use a grill on a porch or balcony.**
- Use chimneys, outdoor fireplaces, and fire pits outdoors only and at least 10 feet away from your home or anything that can burn.**

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Prevention Division Activities:

Inspections Completed	Quarterly	Year to Date
Routine Fire Inspections	971	1,748
Re-inspections	85	163
All other Inspections (Consults/burn complaints,etc)	17	36
Total Inspections	1,073	1,947
Fire Investigations	3	6
Inspection Department Activities	Number	YTD
Public Engagement Activities	22	58



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Date: Jul 11, 2024

To: Chief Barnes

From: Lt. Peter Fish

Subject: Tavern Report, June 1 – June 30, 2024

ROUTINE TAVERN INSPECTIONS*

TAVERN NAME	LOCATION	INSPECTION Y/N	VIOLATION(S)
Pregame Pub	2002 N 6th St	N	N
Bob & Randy's Bar	1515 N 6th St	N	N
Cop Shoppe Pub	701 Washington St	Y	N
Domino Bar	740 Washington St	Y	CLOSED
El Jalapenos	300 N 3rd St	Y	N
Glass Hat	1203 N 3rd St	N	N
Hiawatha Restaurant & Lounge	713 Grant St	N	N
Intermission	325 N 4th St	N	N
Limerick's Public House	121 Scott St	N	N
Loppnow's Bar	1502 N 3rd St	Y	N
Malarkey's	412 N 3rd St	Y	N
Oz	320 Washington St	N	N
Polack Inn	1206 N 3rd St	N	N
Timekeeper Distillery	607 Grant St	N	N
Wausau on the Water (WOW)	1300 N River Dr	N	N
Bull Falls Brewery	901 E. Thomas St	N	N
Kin and Kind	2108 Grand Ave	N	N
Chellis St. Pub	265 Chellis St	N	N
Christine's Bar	936 S. 3rd Ave	N	N
Denmar Tavern	601 W Thomas St	N	N
Eagle's Club	1703 S 3rd Ave	N	N
Jim's Corner Pub	1244 S 9th Ave	N	N
The Bar and Grill	1025 S 3rd Ave	N	N
Treu's Tic Toc Club	1201 W Thomas St	N	N
M&R Station	818 S 3rd Ave	Y	N
Days Bowl-A-Dome	1715 Stewart Ave	N	N
Hutch's Bar	4411 Stewart Ave	N	N
Whiskey River Bar & Grill	5512 Stewart Ave	Y	N

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101 Pub	101 N 3rd Ave	Y	N
After Shock Bar and Grill	1418 Lenard St	N	N
Callon Street Pub	209 Callon St	Y	N
Chatterbox Bar	102 S 2nd Ave	N	N
4 Fathers Pub	1724 Merrill Ave	Y	N
Labor Temple	318 S 3rd Ave	Y	N
North End Pub	1002 N 3rd Ave	N	N
Lickity Splitz	1709 Merrill Ave	Y	N
Newch's Eatery	1810 Merrill Ave	Y	N

*During a routine tavern inspection, officers check for the following:

- Sober, licensed bartender present.
- Presence of underage persons.
- Intoxicated persons being served.
- Entertainment license posted if applicable.

In addition to the listed tasks, officers often conduct walkthroughs of taverns, especially when observing large crowds to establish a visible presence, aiming to discourage criminal activities and to encourage compliance with ordinances related to alcohol licenses.

CONVENIENCE/GROCERY STORE INSPECTIONS

None.

RESTAURANT INSPECTIONS

None.

ALCOHOL COMPLIANCE CHECKS*

None.

*Alcohol Compliance Check Procedure: Police officers conduct alcohol compliance checks by deploying with underage volunteer(s) to taverns and other licensed establishments selling or serving alcoholic beverages to ensure compliance with ordinances related to alcohol licenses.

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ACTIVITY LOG

M&R Station, 818 S 3rd Avenue

- (1) *Event #24071340 06/05/2024, at 23:59 Hours.* FIGHT: Officers responded to the report of a fight which was reported by the staff. Involved persons were gone prior to officers' arrival.
- (2) *Event #24074218 06/12/2024, at 01:42 Hours.* FIGHT: Officers responded to the report of two people fighting in the bar. Officers located a male who had probation rules against being in a bar. No hold was placed and the male was told to report to his probation agent during regular office hours.
- (3) *Event #24079339 06/22/2024, at 21:53 Hours.* FIGHT: Officers responded to the report of a fight. Involved persons were gone prior to officers' arrival.

DEMERIT POINTS ASSESSED

No demerit points were assessed in the month of June.

Respectfully submitted,

Lt. Peter Fish



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ADDENDUM #1 of 1: CURRENT DEMERIT POINTS

TAVERN NAME	VIOLATION	POINTS ASSESSED	DATE
Loppnow's Bar	Sale/Serve Underage	25	8/09/2023
Wausau On Water	No Licensed Bartender	50	8/19/2023
Denmar Tavern	No Licensed Bartender	50	9/19/2023
El Jalapeno's	No Licensed Bartender	50	9/19/2023
M&R Station	Disorderly Conduct W/Firearm	25	9/20/2023
Cop Shoppe Pub	Sale/Serve Underage	25	5/21/2024
Intermission	Sale/Serve Underage	25	5/21/2024
Labor Temple	Sale/Serve Underage	25	5/21/2024

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