

Wausau Fire Department Quarterly Report

Quarter 3 –2024



(New Med 2)

Fire Chief Report by Chief Jeremy Kopp

Introduction

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

Operational Challenges

This quarter began with unusually wet weather, transitioning to a drier period that has kept us vigilant. We have focused on educating the public about burning bans and fire prevention strategies. Additionally, we have intensified our training in water rescue operations to enhance our readiness for emergencies.

Leadership Reflections

Our commitment to leadership is evident at every level of our department. We strive to provide the best care possible and uphold our oath to protect life and property within our community, regardless of the dangers we may face.

Partnerships and Collaborations

Our partnership with Northcentral Technical College (NTC) continues to flourish, providing valuable training opportunities for our personnel. Collaborations with Marathon County departments have also strengthened our operational capabilities. We are excited to announce plans to launch a recruitment initiative by the end of the year, further enhancing these partnerships.

Lieutenant Assessment Center

We are pleased to report that all three of our internal applicants for the acting lieutenant position—Engineer Pionke, Engineer Koss, and Firefighter Kraimer—successfully passed the rigorous testing process at the assessment center. They are now positioned for promotion should a vacancy arise in the coming year.

Community Care Paramedic Position

We are thrilled to announce that Matthew Kozloski has accepted the Community Care Paramedic position and began his role at the start of October. Matthew's enthusiasm for this position promises to make a significant impact on healthcare delivery in our community outside of the 911 system.

Recruitment and Retention

Recruitment and retention remain ongoing challenges. We experienced two resignations this quarter but were able to onboard two new employees. We are actively hiring to fill a portion of our ten open positions by year-end. We anticipate updates on the Congressional Spending Request, which is vital for our recruitment efforts in Wausau.

Facilities and Infrastructure

Our central station requires several updates and repairs identified in the facility assessment report, highlighting critical infrastructure needs. We are actively seeking funding solutions to secure \$700,000 to initiate the architectural planning process for a new fire station on Grand Avenue.

Conclusion

The third quarter of 2024 has been characterized by both challenges and achievements for the Wausau Fire Department. We remain focused on enhancing our readiness, fostering community partnerships, and improving our infrastructure to better serve our residents. As always, if you have any questions or would like to discuss this report further, please feel free to call or visit.

Fire Operations Report by Deputy Chief Justin Pluess

I am pleased to present the 3rd Quarter Report for the Wausau Fire Department. This report outlines the key operational updates, fleet maintenance challenges, and significant incidents that occurred between July and September of 2024. The focus of this quarter has been on maintaining operational readiness despite ongoing issues with critical apparatus, including Ladder 2 and Truck-1, as well as addressing significant incidents that required prompt and effective response from our dedicated team.

We continue to prioritize safety and efficiency, as demonstrated through our efforts to address the mechanical and operational deficiencies in Truck-1 and Ladder 2, ensuring compliance with NFPA standards. This quarter also highlighted the department's capacity to respond to a variety of emergency situations, from structure fires to water rescues, while upholding the highest standards of service to the community. We appreciate your ongoing support and attention to these important matters.

Fleet Report – Wausau Fire Department

Ladder 2 Incident Investigation

The full investigation into the Ladder 2 incident continues, with ongoing efforts to ensure transparency and a thorough review of the circumstances surrounding the event. On June 24th, a comprehensive evaluation was conducted, involving representatives from CIVMIC, the apparatus manufacturer (Sutphen), the hydraulic manufacturer (Kraft Fluid), and legal counsel for the injured firefighter. We remain committed to ensuring the highest safety and operational standards as the investigation progresses. However, Ladder 2 remains out of service at this time.

Great Lakes Ladder Testing

Great Lakes Ladder Testing conducted an inspection on August 23rd and found the Ladder 2 to be operational. However, they identified several concerns that will need to be addressed to ensure the ladder's reliability and performance. While the ladder passed its NFPA 5-year inspection and remains compliant with safety standards, these repairs will be scheduled to maintain optimal operational readiness.

Request for Replacement of Truck-1

Truck-1, a 2012 100-foot aerial platform, is an essential piece of apparatus for fire suppression and rescue operations. It provides critical advantages for rapid rescue, firefighter safety, and the deployment of elevated water streams. According to NFPA 1911, the Standard for the Inspection, Maintenance,



Testing, and Retirement of In-Service Automotive Fire Apparatus, it is recommended that fire apparatus be replaced after a 15 years of service. During its most recent inspection by Great Lakes Ladder Testing, significant rust on Truck-1's frame was noted, raising concerns about its long-term durability. This apparatus has seen increasing mechanical issues and operational deficiencies, making it less reliable as a front-line response vehicle.

Truck-1 has experienced several mechanical failures, including a recent power steering pump failure that, if it had occurred at normal driving speeds, could have resulted in a serious accident. Furthermore, the vehicle has been out of service multiple times for extended periods, most recently for two weeks, as mechanics struggled with parts availability and the complexity of the repairs. These extended downtime periods are directly impacting the department's ability to maintain an effective response fleet. As Truck-1 approaches 12 years of service, these mechanical and operational challenges are only expected to grow, further compounding the risk of costly repairs and loss of operational efficiency.



Given that it takes approximately four years to build a new aerial apparatus, Truck-1 will be 17 years old before a replacement could enter service if approved in the 2025 budget. This is extremely old for a primary life-saving apparatus, which is relied upon for critical fire suppression and rescue tasks. To maintain the highest standards of firefighter safety, public protection, and operational readiness, we strongly urge the City to prioritize funding for the replacement of Truck-1 in the upcoming budget cycle.

Engine 3 Repair

Engine 3's water tank has been repaired a total of three times under warranty due to persistent leaks. After the most recent repair, the tank now appears to be holding water properly. All repairs were covered under warranty, and the issue seems to be resolved, ensuring continued service reliability moving forward.

Preventive Maintenance Challenges

While we remain committed to ensuring that all fire apparatus are sent to the Department of Public Works (DPW) for preventive maintenance, this process has become more challenging due to the continued unavailability of Ladder 2. Being down one major apparatus has limited our fleet flexibility, making it more difficult to manage regular maintenance schedules. Nevertheless, we are prioritizing preventive maintenance where possible to ensure the reliability and safety of our equipment.

Significant Incidents- Wausau Fire Department

On July 19th, 2024, the Wausau Fire Department responded to a reported grass fire in the 1000 block of South 28th Avenue. Upon arrival, firefighters found an area of approximately 600 square feet actively burning. A hoseline was quickly deployed, and the fire was swiftly extinguished, preventing any further spread. The cause of the fire remains undetermined, though it is notable that the roadside had recently been mowed, leaving dry grass clippings that may have contributed to the rapid ignition.

On July 22nd, 2024, the Wausau Fire Department responded to a vehicle fire on Highway 29. Upon arrival, firefighters found the vehicle actively burning, with the fire concentrated on the passenger side and underneath the car. A 1.75-inch hoseline was deployed to begin extinguishment. Due to the involvement of gasoline, water alone was insufficient, so an ABC fire extinguisher was used effectively to fully suppress the flames.

On July 28th, 2024, the Wausau Fire Department provided mutual aid to the City of Schofield in response to a structure fire. Upon arrival, WFD crews worked collaboratively with Schofield's fire personnel to assist in fire suppression efforts. After contributing to the successful containment of the fire, WFD crews were quickly released from the scene by the Riverside FD Incident Commander.

On July 31st, 2024, the Wausau Fire Department responded to a garage fire at a residence where smoke was visible from a block away. Upon arrival, firefighters conducted a 360-degree survey and observed smoke and flames near a generator inside the garage. A hoseline was deployed, and the fire was quickly knocked down. Due to damage to the garage door's mechanism, a K12 saw was used to gain access, and hydraulic ventilation was employed to clear smoke. The tenant stated the power to the house was off, and they were using a generator to power appliances. Fire inspectors arrived to investigate, and no further issues were found. The scene was turned over to the fire investigators after multiple checks for hot spots with a thermal imaging camera.

On August 1st, 2024, the Wausau Fire Department responded to a structure fire at the intersection of Spruce and 5th Street. Engine 3 arrived first, reporting smoke from the second-story gable vents. Engine 3 initiated an interior search for victims while additional crews secured the water supply, utilities, and set up egress ladders. The fire was determined to be in the attic, but accessing it was difficult due to multiple home additions. Crews worked methodically, pulling ceilings and cutting into the roof to locate and suppress the fire. During the operation, a firefighter sustained a shoulder injury and was transported to the hospital by SAFER ambulance, where they were treated and released. After firefighters went through multiple air bottles and



began to show signs of exhaustion due to extreme temperatures, a second alarm was activated for additional personnel. Crews continued working to fully access and extinguish the fire, and after thorough overhaul, the fire was declared under control.

On August 2nd, 2024, the Wausau Fire Department was dispatched to an apartment fire where the caller reported that her dog had accidentally turned on the stove, filling the apartment with smoke. Upon arrival, Battalion 1 observed smoke exiting from the open main door. Engine 1's crew entered the apartment,

finding smoke about three feet from the ceiling. Upon investigation, they discovered damage to the kitchen stove, countertop, and nearby wall, with burnt food and embers present on the stove. The crew quickly removed the burnt items, utilized a positive pressure ventilation (PPV) fan to clear the smoke, and used a thermal imaging camera (TIC) to confirm there was no fire spread within the cabinets or wall space. The crew also detected a slight natural gas leak around the stove's gas line. After safely removing the stove and shutting off the gas supply, Wisconsin Public Service (WPS) was contacted to address the issue. WPS arrived on scene, confirmed the gas leak, and capped the pipe. After confirming no additional hazards, the tenant was allowed to return to begin cleaning.

On August 6th, 2024, the Wausau Fire Department was dispatched to a commercial structure fire on 3rd Avenue. The caller reported seeing smoke and noted that the door was hot to the touch. Upon arrival, Engine 3 conducted a 360-degree survey, observing light smoke but finding all entry doors locked. The second arriving engine established a water supply and assisted with forcible entry on the Charlie side, where heavy black smoke poured out, confirming an active fire. Battalion 1 immediately called for a box alarm (88-1) to bring additional resources to the scene. Doors were forced open to provide egress points.

Engine 3 conducted an initial search and determined the fire was likely in the basement. A subsequent entry team, equipped with hose lines, descended into the hot basement and successfully located and extinguished the fire. Once fire knockdown was achieved, crews continued searching for hotspots and ventilating the structure. Upon clearing the smoke and toxic gases, investigators entered the building to



search for the fire’s origin.

On August 9th, 2024, Battalion 1, Engine 1, Rescue 1, and Med 1 were dispatched to a water rescue involving a male individual clinging to the shore near the Scott Street Bridge. Wausau Police Department had located the individual on the west side of the bridge upon the fire department’s arrival. Rescue 1 and Engine 1 quickly deployed ropes and a rescue sling to safely lift the individual out of the water and over the concrete barrier. The patient was then assisted to the parking lot, where Med 1 was staged for further care. The individual was evaluated and treated by Med 1.

On August 17th, 2024, Wausau Fire Department units were dispatched to an apartment fire. Med 3 arrived on scene within three minutes, confirming visible smoke, and Engine 3 arrived shortly after, reporting a working fire in a two-story wood-frame multi-family residence. Battalion 1 assumed command as Engine 3 deployed a handline to the Charlie side of the structure, targeting visible fire on the second floor through a blown-out window. Once the exterior fire was cooled, Engine 3 made entry to continue the interior attack. During the operation, it was reported that occupants were trapped in a second-floor window. The area was quickly laddered, and three occupants were safely rescued without injury. Engine 3 extinguished the main body of the fire but exited due to low air. Successive crews continued to attack the fire, which had extended to the upper floors, and conducted heavy overhaul and water application until the fire was fully extinguished. The fire’s origin was determined to be accidental, likely caused by a child turning on a gas range with items left on it. The building was secured, and WPD was requested to monitor the premises.

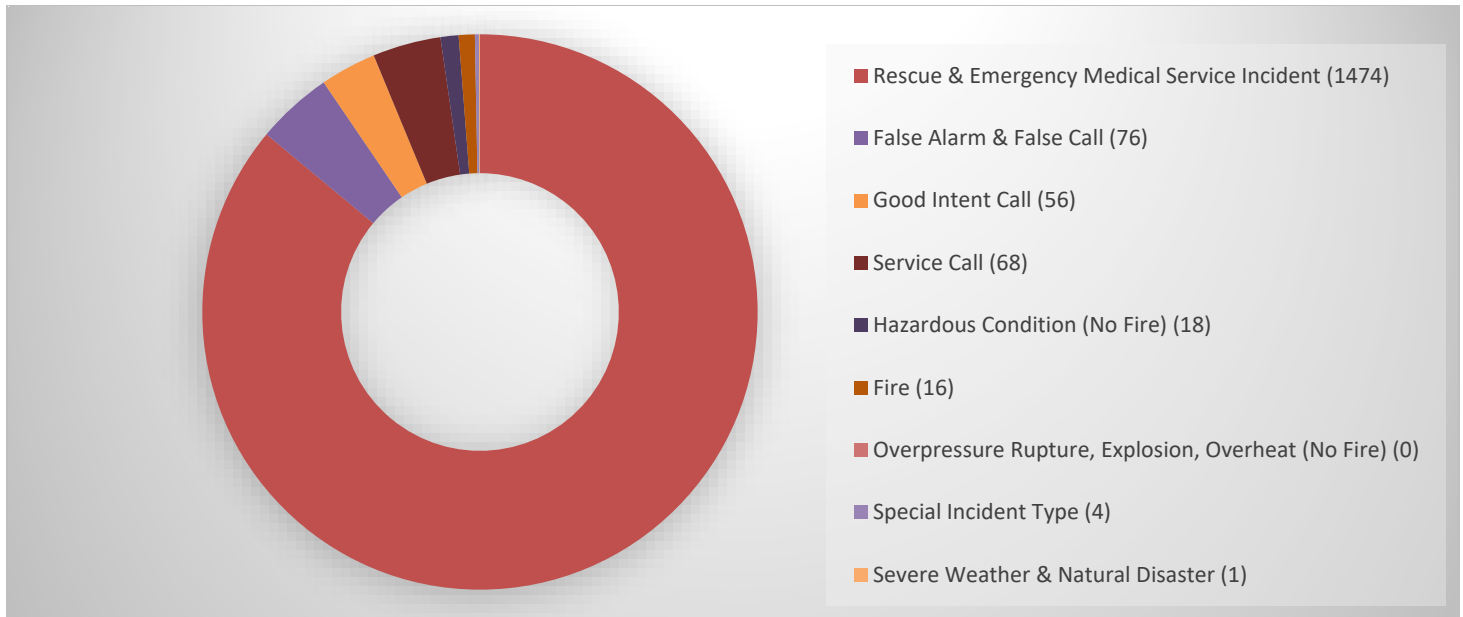
On September 27th, 2024, the Wausau Fire Department responded to a reported structure fire after dispatch advised that flames had been seen through a window. Upon arrival, Wausau Police reported the fire was outside and unrelated to any structure. Engine 4 confirmed it was a large, unauthorized rubbish fire approximately 30 feet in diameter, producing black smoke, likely from burning tires. The individual responsible for the fire, who was conducting a cleanup, did not have a burn permit. WFD personnel used a deck gun to extinguish the flames, and the individual used an end-loader to cover the remaining embers with dirt. After ensuring the fire was fully extinguished, Engine 4 returned to service.

Significant Fire Events:

Date	Address	City	Incident #	Type
7/6/2024	219 Central Bridge Street	City of Wausau	F24001131	Passenger vehicle fire
7/19/2024	1015 South 28th Avenue	City of Wausau	F24001210	Grass fire
7/20/2024	907 Plumer Street	City of Wausau	F24001213	Building fire
7/22/2024	4700 State Highway 29	City of Wausau	F24001236	Passenger vehicle fire
7/28/2024	126 Pearl Street	City of Schofield	F24001285	Building fire
7/31/2024	806 Dunbar Street	City of Wausau	F24001299	Building fire
8/1/2024	416 Spruce Street	City of Wausau	F24001314	Building fire
8/2/2024	805 Flieth Street	City of Wausau	F24001317	Building fire
8/6/2024	107 South 3rd Avenue	City of Wausau	F24001345	Building fire
8/9/2024	702 Spruce Street	City of Wausau	F24001361	Outside storage fire
8/17/2024	507 Hamilton Street	City of Wausau	F24001418	Building fire
8/17/2024	507 Hamilton Street	City of Wausau	F24001419	Building fire
9/2/2024	1509 West Wausau Avenue	City of Wausau	F24001521	Passenger vehicle fire
9/13/2024	500 Grand Avenue	City of Wausau	F24001583	Cooking fire, confined to container
9/26/2024	2950 Stewart Avenue	City of Wausau	F24001660	Passenger vehicle fire
9/27/2024	903 South 60th Avenue	City of Wausau	F24001676	Outside rubbish, trash or waste 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	585	679	531	587	-13.84%
August	581	571	600	577	1.75%
September	547	548	524	525	-0.18%
October		616	545	552	
November		624	574	562	
December		623	612	590	
TOTAL		6951	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%	0
City of Colby	0	0.00%	0
City of Merrill	1	0.06%	1
City Of Mosinee	1	0.06%	1
City Of Schofield	2	0.12%	2
City Of Wausau	1,615	94.28%	4,927
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	7	0.41%	26
Town of Bern	1	0.06%	1
Town of Bevent	0	0.00%	0
Town Of Cassel	2	0.12%	7
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	3	0.18%	5
Town of Harrison	1	0.06%	1
Town Of Hewitt	3	0.18%	11
Town of Hull	0	0.00%	1
Town of Johnson	1	0.06%	1
Town of Knowlton	0	0.00%	0
Town Of Marathon	1	0.06%	2
Town Of Mosinee	0	0.00%	0
Town of Norrie	0	0.00%	0
Town of Plover	0	0.00%	1
Town Of Rib Falls	0	0.00%	1
Town Of Rietbrock	0	0.00%	1
Town of Ringle	0	0.00%	0
Town Of Stettin	1	0.06%	1
Town Of Texas	18	1.05%	56
Town Of Wausau	19	1.11%	66
Town Of Weston	0	0.00%	1
Town Of Wien	2	0.12%	5
Village Of Athens	0	0.00%	1
Village Of Brokaw	0	0.00%	0
Village Of Edgar	2	0.12%	3
Village of Hatley	0	0.00%	0
Village Of Kronenwetter	0	0.00%	0
Village Of Maine	22	1.28%	81
Village Of Marathon City	4	0.23%	7
Village Of Rib Mountain	3	0.18%	8
Village Of Rothschild	0	0.00%	0
Village of Stratford	1	0.06%	1
Village Of Weston	3	0.18%	12
Wittenberg	0	0.00%	0
Wood County	0	0.00%	0
Total	1,713	100.00%	5,235

Activity/Incident Hours Committed:

Category	Time Committed
NFIRS Incidents	606:21:45 Hours
EMS Incidents	2290:02:43 Hours
Non-Incident Activities (Station Maintenance, Vehicle Check-off/Fire Pre-plan, Hazmat Outreach, Administration duties, Public Education, Committee and Staff Meetings)	2,298.25 Hours
Training (including Wellness)	3,270.68 Hours

Aid Responses:

Type of Aid	# of Runs
Mutual Aid Given – EMS	19
Mutual Aid Given – Fire	2
Automatic Aid Given – EMS	46
Automatic Aid Given – Fire	0
Mutual Aid Received – EMS	8
Mutual Aid Received – Fire	0
Automatic Aid Received – EMS	0
Automatic Aid Received – Fire	3
Other Aid Given – EMS	0
Request for EMS from Other Agencies to the City of Wausau (not Aid)	22
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)	20

EMS Division by EMS Division Chief Jared Thompson

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%	0
City of Merrill	0	0.00%	0
City of Mosinee	1	0.07%	1
City of Schofield	1	0.07%	1
City of Wausau	1,395	93.75%	4,386
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	7	0.47%	26
Town of Bevent	0	0.00%	0
Town of Bern	1	0.07%	1
Town of Cassel	2	0.13%	8
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	3	0.20%	5
Town of Halsey	0	0.00%	0

Town of Harrison	1	0.07%	1
Town of Hewitt	3	0.20%	11
Town of Hull	0	0.00%	1
Town of Johnson	1	0.07%	1
Town of Knowlton	0	0.00%	0
Town of Marathon	1	0.07%	2
Town of Mosinee	0	0.00%	0
Town of Norrie	0	0.00%	0
Town of Plover	0	0.00%	1
Town of Rib Falls	0	0.00%	1
Town of Rietbrock	0	0.00%	1
Town of Ringle	0	0.00%	0
Town of Stettin	1	0.07%	1
Town of Texas	18	1.21%	56
Town of Wausau	19	1.28%	65
Town of Wien	2	0.13%	5
Village of Athens	0	0.00%	1
Village of Edgar	2	0.13%	3
Village of Hatley	0	0.00%	0
Village of Kronenwetter	0	0.00%	0
Village of Maine	23	1.55%	79
Village of Marathon City	4	0.27%	7
Village of Rib Mountain	1	0.07%	4
Village of Rothschild	0	0.00%	0
Village of Stratford	1	0.07%	1
Village of Weston	1	0.07%	2
Wittenberg	0	0.00%	0
Wood County	0	0.00%	0
Total	1,488	100.00%	4,675

Fire Training Division by Training Division Chief David Briggs

First quarter scheduled Fire/Rescue training:

July

- Commanding Incident Operations
- Fire Inspections and Pre-incident Planning
- Forcible Entry
- Water Supply – Relay Pumping

August

- High Rise Fire Operations
- Standpipe and Portable Standpipe Operations
- Tree Stand Rescue Scenario
- Rescue Task Force (RTF) Inservice

September

- Ground Ladders
- NFPA 1410 #1
- Vehicle Extrication Operations
- Railroad Incident Safety and Response

Monthly training aims to create intelligent and skilled 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.

Firefighting

Crews and individual firefighters have been incredibly busy with firefighting skills over the past few months. Foundational skills such as forcible entry, ground ladders, and company operations (NFPA 1410 drill) have all focused on basic skills proficiency. We can not dabble in the core functions that need to take place on the fireground.

Pre-Incident Planning focused on fire prevention and then preparing for response to more targeted structures and risks. This ties in nicely with the Commanding Incident Operations drill. Members were provided with scenario-based training on mitigating simulated incidents throughout the community.

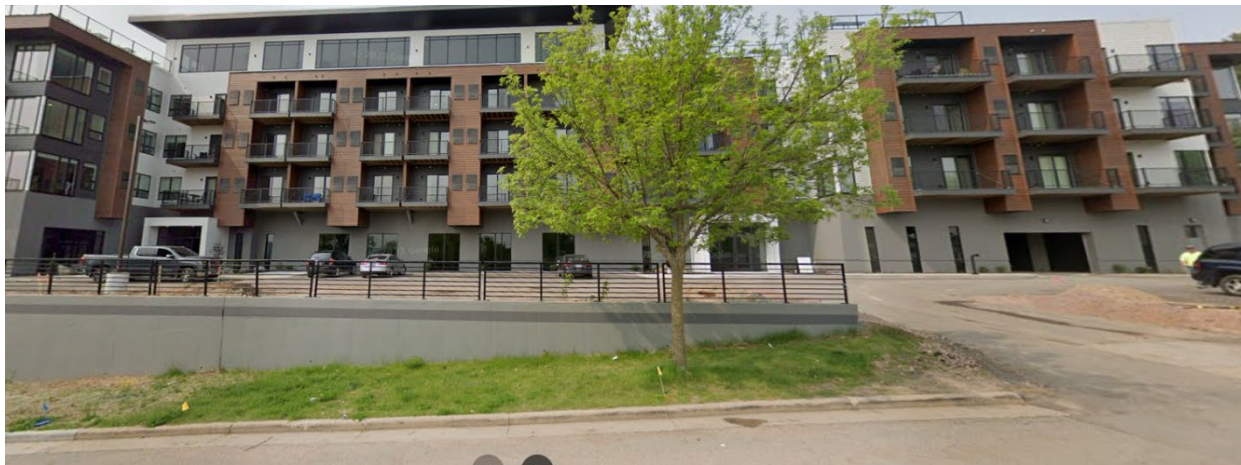


Left: Members perform forcible entry in smoke Conditions.



Right: The crew performs entry into a smoke-filled building with a charged hoseline.

High-Rise and Standpipe Operations is a “routine” drill we perform at the Central fire station. However, this evolution was far different than in the past. All crews worked with the Training Chief and performed a “dry” hose stretch in the Bantr Apartments on Elm Steet. While this drill did not involve flowing water, it provided incredibly valuable lessons on stairwell use, building security, hose reach, and other tactical and task level considerations. The lessons learned in this collaborative effort with a community partner were invaluable.



Above: Bantr Apartments allowed members to train on high-rise response.

Acquired Live-Fire Training

On September 17th, over 1/3 of our department participated in live-fire training. The structure, that would have simply been demolished, was donated by Kolbe and Kolbe to use for fire training. In the weeks prior to the burn, crews participated in search and rescue, hose line deployment, ground ladder evolutions, and other skills. On the day of the burn, members were able to perform roof ventilation, hydraulic ventilation, fire attack, accountability, and other tasks that are “routine” in nature on a fire scene during a 911 response. Without having a training facility closer than Merrill, we must take full advantage of these opportunities.



Above: Crews observe and contain a live-fire training burn following state and national guidelines after all participants performed entries into the structure throughout a full 8-hour day.

Specialty Training

Vehicle Extrication

Vehicles crashes in and around the city happen nearly daily. However, they are occasionally severe in nature and require us to remove the vehicle from around the patient. Since these types of incidents are part of our response capabilities, we train annually with vehicles donated by community partners such as Hilltop Auto or Yaeger Auto-Salvage. In September, Hilltop Auto provided our crew members with 12 different vehicles to work through basic and advanced extrication techniques.

Rescue Task Force (RTF)

Although RTF is an EMS function, training and response guidelines are based in the National Fire Protection Association 3000 Standard. In August, WFD and WPD participated in joint training to respond to scenarios involving an active shooter or hostile event with victims present. This coordinated response aims to minimize the time it takes for EMS responders to gain access to victims, begin treatment, and prepare them for more definitive care. Before RTF, law enforcement would need to secure the entire scene before EMS could access the scene. This took substantial time and, in many communities, this delay cost victims their lives. While we still have room to improve coordination among the agencies in this type of incident, we are making great strides to improve the survivability changes for potential victims.



Above: EMS RTF crewmembers are protected in the Warm Zone by WPD officers and then providing treatment to a victim found during the initial Law Enforcement entry.

Railroad Safety

We are lucky that we do not have many incidents involving the railways or railyard in the Wausau area. However, we have had a fire in the railyard in the past 5 years and a significant influx of new firefighters. Considering the rate of change without our organization, we were hosted by Chase Upchurch, Senior Trainmaster with the FOXY Rail system. During the training and railyard tour, crewmembers were given safety considerations, emergency contacts, procedures, and even hazardous materials insight. The presentation was recorded for each of our three crews and the tour was only completed by one crew so far. Future dates will be scheduled when both FOXY and WFD are available.

Tree Stand Rescue

There are not too many deer hunters in tree stands in the City of Wausau. However, we are often called by neighboring communities to assist with technical rescues due to our trained personnel and equipment. Nearly each year, WFD receives some form of wilderness rescue call for service. The techniques used in this type of rescue are directly related to industrial rescue incidents that could occur within the city. Providing our members with scenarios that they may face in or around the community prepares them for the critical thinking that must take place on a scene.



Above: Firefighter/Paramedic John Williams rescues a mannequin from a simulated treestand.

Type of Training	# of Hours	% of Hours	# of Hours -YTD
Company Training	1,643.43	50.26%	6,603.48
Driver/Operator Training	87.5	2.68%	288
Facilities Training	8	0.24%	14
Hazardous Materials Training	79	2.42%	657
Misc Training	10.25	0.31%	127.25
Officer Training	176.75	5.41%	441.50
Specialty Training	174.75	5.34%	175.46
Total	2,179.68	100.00%	8,676.98

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%	110.50
EMS Training	633.5	58.07%	1,732
Fire Instructor Training	455.5	41.75%	807
Fire Prevention Training	2	0.18%	2
Investigation Training	0	0.00%	28
Total	1,091	100.00%	2,679.50

Fire Prevention Division by Fire Marshal Brian Stahl

Inspections: Throughout the third quarter of 2024, we completed inspections for 543 public buildings and places of employment. We performed 431 inspections that passed, and we had 112 properties with Fire Code Violations. 131 of the 543 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 25 consultation inspections for the quarter. These entailed consulting for

Fire Alarm Systems, Knox Box updates, and new construction. We also received and reviewed 362 reports through the Compliance Engine for services and maintenance of Fire Protection Systems at various businesses.

Investigations: There were 2 fire investigations performed during the third quarter of 2024. One of these fires originated in the basement of a house. This was determined to be started intentionally. There were two elderly residents with one stating that he was going to start the house on fire to the other. This individual has a history with mental health issues and was not coherent to his surroundings. One was found to be undetermined with no competent ignition source being found within the area of origin.

Public Outreach: Throughout the second quarter we had several outreach opportunities. We performed 2 Fire Safety Outreach Programs, one for an elderly adult living facility, and one for Lactalis (Kraft). New smoke and CO detectors were placed 3 different times in private residences. We witnessed and advised on 1 fire drill throughout the school district. The schools are required by the state to have one “witnessed” fire drill throughout the school year. We also perform Special Event inspections throughout the summer months. Typically, we will go to events like the Wisconsin Valley Fair, fourth of July, Art in the Park, Art World, and the Hmong American Festival. We try and go on the day or days of the set-up to help facilitate compliance with the State Fire Codes and City Ordinances. We have found this time frame to be the best option for educating staff and the public and early recognition of potential fire code violations.

Education: The third quarter of 2024 presented only one singular educational opportunity for the prevention division.

This was a department wide CPR training requirement. Our division was expected to fill in with one of the line crew’s training days to facilitate this requirement. This training is required for all department personnel. Due to the three options of dates for us, this training is unobtrusive to our normal day-to-day duties and operations.

Prevention Division Activities:

Inspections Completed	Quarterly	Year to Date
Routine Fire Inspections	388	2,136
Re-inspections	131	293
All other Inspections (Consults/burn complaints,etc)	25	61
Total Inspections	544	2,491
Fire Investigations	2	8
Inspection Department Activities	Number	YTD
Public Engagement Activities	29	87