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Meeting of the: **PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE**
Date/Time: **Monday, March 20, 2023 @ 5:15 pm**
Location: **City Hall (407 Grant Street) - Council Chambers**
Members: Lisa Rasmussen, Lou Larson, Becky McElhaney, Doug Diny, Chad Henke

AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION / ACTION

- 1 Approve minutes of previous meetings. 2/20/2023)
- 2 Consider approval or denial of various license applications
- 3 Wausau Fire Department 2022 Annual Report
- 4 Operations Report from Fire Department February 2023
- 5 Tavern Activities Report - February 1, 2023 through February 28, 2023
- 6 Community Outreach Update
- 7 Communications

Adjourn

Lisa Rasmussen, Chairperson

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PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE

Date and Time: Monday, February 20, 2023, at 5:15 pm, (Council Chambers)

Members Present: Lisa Rasmussen, Chad Henke, Doug Diny, Lou Larson, Becky McElhaney

Others Present: Tara Alfonso, Ben Bliven, Jeremy Kopp, Tracy Rieger, Kaitlyn Bernarde, Mary Goede, Andrew Lynch, Brad Lenz, Katie Rosenberg

Minutes of previous meetings. (1/16/23)

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

Consider approval or denial of various license applications

Lisa Rasmussen indicated there were five denial recommendations, two for Operator/Bartender and three for Public Transport Driver licenses. Operators: Abedalraham Sughayer, Stacie Edgren; and Transport Drivers: Michael Campobello, David Vargas, Darrius Williams.

Abedalraham Sughayer, 1757 Cty Rd X, Kronenwetter, addressed the committee stating the record was correct but he felt he has learned from the mistake of the past and was hoping to get the license. Rasmussen stated he can still work without a license if there is another licensed person present to supervise.

Chief Bliven stated he stood by his denial recommendation and that the battery conviction was an exempt offense which does not allow for evidence of rehabilitation. He noted after the battery conviction were drug and OWI convictions in 2018.

It was noted that no other individuals recommended for denial present to appeal.

Rasmussen stated the Liquor License Review Subcommittee met and approved the license applications of 628 Diner LLC (Tyler Vogt) and Honest J's LLC (new owners of the Ugly Mug).

Rasmussen stated unless the committee moves to pull Mr. Sughayer from the list to vote on separately, he would remain a denial.

Motion by Larson, second by Henke to approve or deny licenses as recommended by staff. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and possible action on Resolution Supporting Reduction of Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Energy Security.

Andy Lynch stated he would like to make one amendment to the staff memo to include that the Strategic Plan, under Innovative Public Services Objective 4: Invest in solutions to ensure environmental sustainability for generations to come; and the Performance Measure: Identifies sustainability goals and develop a plan to achieve them.

Lynch stated the Sustainability, Energy, & Environment Committee (SEEC) has been working on this resolution for some time and it asks us to set a long-term goal of 100% clean energy for municipal operations by 2050. This is a goal that is in line with the Department of Energy and various other national and international groups. Also, to direct and support staff and the committee to create the plan and determine the current city energy use and what part of that is greenhouse gas emissions; then use that information to determine what steps to take to start to lower and/or remove it. Through that process we want to be an example for other communities, residents, and businesses in the city on how to do that and provide some type of support and guidance. He provided an example of where the city changed the lights in the parking garages to LED lights which resulted in savings. This is a good example of how to incorporate efficiency upgrades and new technologies to either reduce the burden on the tax levy or invest in other upgrades and changes. Rasmussen added that the Water Utility is looking into a solar field and has a task force working on it.

Rasmussen pointed out this resolution from a policy standpoint is only relevant to municipal government operations. We don't have the power or authority to dictate to private enterprises what they do or to individuals how they operate their homes. She felt our goal is to become a little less dependent on things that damage the environment.

Doug Diny questioned what resources the city would provide to residents and businesses. Lynch stated it would be informational resources and direction to programs and/or grants to apply for to get funds.

Rasmussen questioned if grant and funding opportunities may open up for the city as part of Bipartisan Infrastructure Act if we were to pass such a resolution and formulate such a plan. Lynch responded funding opportunities may be easier to obtain and there is one grant in particular that gave an option to submit an already created plan or complete a worksheet to show what the community has done.

Public comment was given in support of the resolution.

Diny questioned if there was a deadline set to determine the level of energy use and greenhouse gases used in the city government and who would be directed to do it and pay for it. Lynch stated they did not have a definite timeline yet but think there is some staff time to use to gather the information and narrow it down. The WLGCC is working on providing some software and other technical assistance to help model and track it. There is also a grant from the Department of Energy called Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant which as a time and staff saving measure they are offering as a voucher to use for technical assistance from the EPA.

Motion by Larson, second by McElhaney to approve the resolution. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and possible action approving update to City of Wausau's Americans with Disabilities Act Title II Policy, Accommodation Request Form, Notice and Complaint Form

Rasmussen explained with the departure of Attorney Nathan Miller, the City Clerk Kaitlyn Bernarde will be taking over the ADA requirement management, so this is a housekeeping item to update the standard forms to reflect that change.

Motion by Henke, second by Diny to approve the forms. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and possible action regarding an Ordinance Amending Section 9.24.050 Safety and Peace Nuisances

Attorney Tara Alfonso explained she was asked to do some research concerning our noise ordinances. There two ordinances, one is Section 9.04.030 Loud and unnecessary noises prohibited, which is typically used when police are called for a noise complaint. The other is Section 9.24.050(j) which is a part of our nuisance ordinance. The language didn't match up between the two ordinances or was somewhat vague, so this a housekeeping item to clarify the language.

Motion by Larson, second by Diny to approve the amendment. Motion carried 5-0.

Operations Report from Fire Department January 2023

Deputy Chief Jeremy Kopp commented they were enjoying the challenges of starting all the new firefighters. They will be purchasing one new ambulance and hope to purchase a second with budget surplus. *Report placed on file.*

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

No discussion, report placed on file.

Community Outreach Update

Tracy Rieger reported for the month of January there were 194 unhoused individuals. She indicated the data came from Catholic Charities, the Salvation Army, the Bridge Street Mission, the jail system, the Women's Community, and people still living outdoors. She stated of the 194 approximately 82% sought shelter in the month of January and about 18% remained outside. She noted the capacity of Catholic Charities and the Salvation Army combined is 53 and approximately 94% of the month was at capacity. The Salvation Army was at capacity only one night and Catholic Charities was at capacity almost 22 nights. The number of people that had to be turned away as a result of either ineligibility of program or capacity was 30 for Catholic Charities and 23 for Salvation Army. During the very cold days of January many people came together and collaborated to ensure the unhoused population was being served and there were zero gaps in service. Catholic Charities increased their capacity to 35 and Salvation Army increased capacity to 33 on those evenings; Open Door also extended their hours during that timeframe.

Rieger indicated she assisted in housing one individual for the month of January and re-housing two. She pointed out the importance of the need for case management, especially relating to re-housing. She stated to date 17 individuals have been housed off the streets since she started in September, with 100% of them still housed today. She commented this is a result of collaboration with Open Door, the Outreach Task Force, Catholic Charities, Northcentral CAP, all of the agencies in the city.

Communications

None

Adjourn

Motion by Larson, second by Henke to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:50 pm.

CLERK'S REPORT TO PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE

March 20, 2023 Meeting

AGENDA ITEM # 2

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

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

1. Denial Recommendations:

Operator/Bartender: Abedalrahman Sughayer - Battery conviction 2013, exempt offense. Cocaine and OWI misdemeanor convictions in 2018 (*Referred back by the Council*); 2) **Katrina Pelletier** – Numerous Felony Drug Convictions since 2017 (*This is the 2nd application, she was denied May 2022, see attached minutes of her appeal*)

2. Class A Beer & Liquor License: Gandaki Mart 1 LLC, is purchasing the business at 802 E Wausau Avenue, currently Fast Fuel Mart. (Gandaki Mart LLC purchased Pine Ridge Mobile last year, so this will be their second location.)

3. Renewal of Class B Beer & Liquor license for Wisconsin College Baseball, LLC d/b/a Wisconsin Woodchucks, Athletic Park, for 6-month license running April 15, 2023 – October 15, 2023.

4. Public Transport Business License – Northwoods Transport, owner Rochelle Schloemer, new business, one vehicle.

5. Class I Special Events: Family Pride Fest 6/03/23; World Culture Day 6/17/23 **Class II** – Ruder Forum 4/17/23; Dining on the Street – Wednesday evenings; Wausau Night Market 6/14, 7/20 & 8/17; Summer & Holiday Ale Trail 6/23/23 and 12/02/23.

***Note:** Links to the Special Events applications will be emailed to the committee.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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

Mary Goede, Deputy Clerk

Date of Report: March 17, 2023 (715) 261-6621

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE

Date and Time: Monday, May 16, 2022, at 5:15 pm, (Council Chambers)

Members Present: Lisa Rasmussen, Chad Henke, Becky McElhane; Doug Diny, Lou Larson

Others Present: Nate Miller, Ben Bliven, Jeremy Kopp, Kaitlyn Bernarde, Mary Goede, William Hebert, Jamie Polley, Katie Rosenberg

Consider approval or denial of various license applications, including annual liquor licensed establishment renewals for 2022-2023.

Lisa Rasmussen stated there is a denial recommendation by Chief Bliven for Katrina Pelletier's application for an Operator's License.

Katrina Pelletier appealed to the committee stating she was contesting the current pending charge against her going to trial on September 14th and felt she had a very strong case. She stated she works as a bartender for the Eagles' Club which does a lot of charity events for good causes, and she loves to be a part of that. Rasmussen pointed out that she could still work there without a license if another licensed person was present with her. She also pointed out if denied, she can reapply after the court case concludes.

Chief Bliven indicated he recommended denial based on the total conviction history, which includes six drug convictions over the last five years, and even excluding the pending felony possession of methamphetamine, he would still recommend denial. Ms. Pelletier stated she has been clean for some time and has proof of rehabilitation in the form of a certificate completing rehab December 21, 2021. She indicated she was re-united with her child, as well.

Motion by McElhane, second by Larson to approve or deny licenses as recommended by staff. Motion carried 5-0.



PHS Date 03/20/2023

License ID	License Typ	Name	Address	Details	Business	Begin Dt	End Dt	Police	PHS	Council
180521	9010 - Bartender/Operator New	PELLETIER, KATRINA	1504 N 8th St. Wausau WI 54403		EAGLE'S CLUB	03/07/2023	06/30/2023	No		
179334	9010 - Bartender/Operator New	SUGHAYER, ABEDALRAHMAN	1757 COUNTY RD X KRONENWETTE R WI 54455		DEN MAR TAVERN	01/11/2023	06/30/2023	No	No	
180596	9013 - Bartender/Operator Temporary	KURTZWEIL, JODI	150150 OWL LN WAUSAU WI 54401		HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH			Yes		
135157	9020 - Public Transport Driver Renewal	LAUFENBERG, KEVIN	2101 NEHRING ST WAUSAU WI 54401		NORTHWOODS CAB	03/09/2023	06/30/2023	Yes		
180961	9022 - Public Transport Business	SCHLOEMER, ROCHELLE	5207 SCOTT ST SCHOFIELD WI 54476		NORTHWOODS TRANSPORT	03/17/2023	06/30/2023			
180045	9026 - Class I	OPAL-WAHOSKE, BLAKE	316 SCOTT ST WAUSAU WI 54403	FAMILY PRIDE FEST on SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 2023 Organized by WAUSAU RIVER DISTRICT						
180614	9026 - Class I	XIONG, YEE LENG	1109 N 6TH ST WAUSAU WI 54401	WORLD CULTURE DAY on SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 2023 Organized by HMONG AMERICAN CENTER INC						
179990	9027 - Class II	DELOYE, MAGGIE	500 1ST ST, STE 2600 WAUSAU WI 54403	RUDER FORUM on MONDAY, APRIL 17, 2023 Organized by COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF NORTH CENTRAL WISCONSIN						



PHS Date 03/20/2023

License ID	License Typ	Name	Address	Details	Business	Begin Dt	End Dt	Police	PHS	Council
180047	9027 - Class II	OPAL-WAHOSKE, BLAKE	316 SCOTT ST WAUSAU WI 54403	DINING ON THE STREET on WEDNESDAYS Organized by WAUSAU RIVER DISTRICT						
180602	9027 - Class II	OPAL-WAHOSKE, BLAKE	316 SCOTT ST WAUSAU WI 54403	SUMMER & HOLIDAY ALE TRAIL on FRIDAY, 6/23/23 & SATURDAY, 12/02/23 Organized by WAUSAU RIVER DISTRICT						
180598	9027 - Class II	OPAL-WAHOSKE, BLAKE	316 SCOTT ST WAUSAU WI 54403	WAUSAU NIGHT MARKET on THURSDAYS, 6/14, 7/20 & 8/17 Organized by WAUSAU RIVER DISTRICT						
180524	9061 - Class A Beer & Liquor	SUBEDI, SURESH	1901 N 10TH AVE, APT 6 WAUSAU WI 54401		GANDAKI MART 1					
180599	9069 - Temporary Class B Retailer (Picnic)	OPAL-WAHOSKE, BLAKE	316 SCOTT ST WAUSAU WI 54403		WAUSAU RIVER DISTRICT					
180600	9069 - Temporary Class B Retailer (Picnic)	OPAL-WAHOSKE, BLAKE	316 SCOTT ST WAUSAU WI 54403		WAUSAU RIVER DISTRICT					
180601	9069 - Temporary Class B Retailer (Picnic)	OPAL-WAHOSKE, BLAKE	316 SCOTT ST WAUSAU WI 54403		WAUSAU RIVER DISTRICT					



PHS Date 03/20/2023

License ID	License Typ	Name	Address	Details	Business	Begin Dt	End Dt	Police	PHS	Council
180603	9069 - Temporary Class B Retailer (Picnic)	OPAL-WAHOSKE, BLAKE	316 SCOTT ST WAUSAU WI 54403		WAUSAU RIVER DISTRICT					
180604	9069 - Temporary Class B Retailer (Picnic)	OPAL-WAHOSKE, BLAKE	316 SCOTT ST WAUSAU WI 54403		WAUSAU RIVER DISTRICT					
180525	9075 - Cigarette	,	802 E WAUSAU AVE WAUSAU WI 54403		GANDAKI MART 1					
180406	9079 - Class B Beer & Liquor (1/2 Year)	,	2401 N 3RD ST WAUSAU WI 54403		WISCONSIN WOODCHUCKS			Yes		
180543	9080 - Public Transport Driver New	ALSTEEN, MOLLY	209732 COUNTY RD Y HATLEY WI 54440		NORTHWOODS CAB	03/08/2023	06/30/2023	Yes		

Total Licenses

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Wausau Fire Department 2022 Annual Report



City of Wausau
Katie Rosenberg, Mayor
Becky McElhaney, Council President

Wausau City Council

CAROL LUKENS
First Aldermanic District

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Second Aldermanic District

TOM KILIAN
Third Aldermanic District

DOUG DINY
Fourth Aldermanic District

GARY GISSELMAN
Fifth Aldermanic District

BECKY MCELHANEY
Sixth Aldermanic District



LISA RASMUSSEN
Seventh Aldermanic District

SARAH WATSON
Eighth Aldermanic District

DAWN HERBST
Ninth Aldermanic District

LOU LARSON
Tenth Aldermanic District

CHAD HENKE
Eleventh Aldermanic District

WAUSAU POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION

William Harris, Chair (4/26)
Cheryl Bahr, Commissioner (4/23)
William Graef, Commissioner (4/24)
Michael Loy, Commissioner (4/25)
Kathy Strasser, Commissioner (4/27)



**WAUSAU FIRE FIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION
LOCAL 415**

Adam Rahn, President
Maxxwel Nowitzke, Vice-President
Cody Wiesman, Secretary/Treasurer
Shahn Kariger, Member at Large

Wausau Fire Department Mission Statement

It is the mission of the Wausau Fire Department to provide rapid, professional, emergency services to protect and enhance our community.

Wausau Fire Department Vision Statement

Excellence in service to our community through best practices, innovation, and a positive attitude, the Wausau Fire Department strives to operate under these guiding principles:

- ❖ *Our philosophy is excellence in every aspect of our work. We strive to be a positive role model and leader in the fire service as well as maintaining community involvement.*
- ❖ *Our employees are inspired to cultivate a lasting and rewarding career. This is accomplished through recognition of outstanding contributions made by employees. In addition, every employee has the opportunity to develop and thrive professionally and personally.*
- ❖ *Community partnerships are vital to short and long term success. We will nurture and develop constructive relationships with business owners, residents, and officials, as well as our public safety partners.*
- ❖ *Every day, and at every opportunity, we will be THE positive influence in the lives of others.*
- ❖ *We are a highly effective, efficient, and adaptive organization. We are responsible, make a difference, and will contribute our efforts toward building a sustainable community.*
- ❖ *We will serve our community with pride, which is reflected in our high quality service and commitment to excellence.*

Wausau Fire Department Values

- Professionalism – We choose to take pride in our work, communicate effectively, project a positive image, and deliver service at the highest standards every time, in every situation.
- Accountability – We accept responsibility and take ownership of our actions.
- Integrity – We act ethically, honestly and lead by having our actions reflect our word.
- Respect – We choose to treat everyone the way we would like to be treated.
- Compassion – We recognize individuals stricken by misfortune and take actions to alleviate their pain as we serve them with kindness and understanding.





Wausau Fire Department

2022 BY THE NUMBERS

POPULATION 39,994	AREA SERVED 19.22 Sq. Miles	CALL VOLUME 6,686	UNIT RESPONSES 9,518	FIRE STATIONS 3	TOTAL PERSONNEL 57 Ops / 8 Admin
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STRUCTURE FIRES 52 VEHICLE FIRES 11 BRUSH/GRASS FIRES 12 FIRE ALARM ACTIVATIONS 223 ELECTRICAL CALLS 21	MEDICAL / 1ST RESPONDER 6,053 TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS 139 EXTRICATIONS 6 HAZMAT SPILLS/LEAKS 28 PUBLIC ASSISTANCE 125	COMMUNITY IMPACT 3,354 Adults & 6,753 Children TOTAL INCIDENT HOURS 5,199:22:31 Hours TRAINING HOURS 15,239.15 Hours #1 MEDICAL DISPATCH Falls - 823 MUTUAL/AUTO AID GIVEN 279 MUTUAL AID RECEIVED 5	BUSIEST STATION Station 1 – 2,688 Calls BUSIEST CREW B Crew – 2,248 Calls BUSIEST UNIT Med 1 – 1,755 Calls BUSIEST MONTH Dec – 612 Calls BUSIEST DAY Tuesday – 1,002 Calls BUSIEST TIME 11 AM – 393 Calls
UNIT TURNOUT TIME PERFORMANCE (STATION NOTIFICATION – UNIT ENROUTE) 2 Minutes 10 Seconds / 90% OF THE TIME SAVE CALCULATION (WHAT IS AT RISK – WHAT IS LOST – WHAT IS SAVED) \$29,816,625 – \$579,875 = \$29,155,950	UNIT TRAVEL TIME PERFORMANCE (UNIT ENROUTE – UNIT ARRIVAL) 6 Minutes 30 Seconds / 90% OF THE TIME PERFORMANCE CALCULATION (SAVED / RISK / SAVE PERCENTAGE) \$29,155,950 / \$29,816,625 = 97%		

MISSION

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CORE VALUES

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2022 Fire Chief Report



Wausau Fire Department
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Katie Rosenberg, Mayor

Robert Barteck, Fire Chief

We are proud to present the 2022 annual report of the operations and activities of the Wausau Fire Department. 2022 was a challenging and rewarding year for our organization.

2022 was the busiest year in the department's 153-year history, with 6,686 calls for service. This report provides insight into many data points we monitor. EMS remains the bulk of the department's workload with 90% of the call volume, EMS Division Chief Jared Thompson provides some interesting insights into the data in his portion of this report. The department also had an uptick in structure fires last year, which Deputy Chief Jeremy Kopp lays out in the operations data. Training Division Chief Dave Briggs continues to pioneer new ways to improve our training and preparedness and details many successes in his portion of this report. Under the leadership of Fire Marshal Brian Stahl, the Prevention Division continues to work collaboratively with community business leaders to ensure code compliance.

By far, the biggest story for 2022 was the addition of 12 new firefighter/paramedic positions created by the Wausau Common Council. In January, the Common council directed me to apply for funding for nine positions through the FEMA Staffing for Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant. The remaining three positions will be funded with ARPA dollars for 2023 and 2024. In late September, we received the news that we were selected to receive \$3.1 million in SAFER Grant funds to fully pay for nine firefighter/paramedic positions for the first three years (2023, 2024, & 2025). The FY 2022 SAFER Grant was highly competitive, with only 7.5% of applications awarded.

Working with the Human Resources Department, we had already begun recruitment and moved straight into interviews and hiring the additional firefighters. By late December, we had on-boarded three new firefighter/paramedic positions and had recruited nine more that would start in early February. However, this still left a few positions open due to attrition that will be recruited once the nine new firefighters are on-board. Recruitment of quality candidates remains challenging, but we are finding excellent candidates.

Our aging infrastructure of Central and Station Three remains a hindrance to our daily operations. To try to encompass the problem fully Five Bugles Design completed a Facilities Assessment of Central. The report found that Central has failing electrical systems, failing HVAC systems, plumbing problems, lacks proper privacy and bathrooms for female firefighters, lacks proper administrative and training space, and a litany of other problems. In 2020 the city invested \$120,000 into the station made the men's locker room toilets and showers operational again, and added a small office space for firefighters to write reports in. In 2023 I will bring the topic to the Public Health and Safety Committee to restart the conversation about the future of Central.

Station Three is in better condition and needs annual maintenance to keep the station in good working order. The Council approved \$75,000 to refurbish the apparatus bays in 2022. The spalling concrete around the floor drains will be removed and repaired. The floor will then get epoxy coated, new turn-out gear lockers, fresh paint, and added plumbing for an eventual turn-out gear washer/extractor. This will make that space like new.

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Katie Rosenberg, Mayor

Robert Barteck, Fire Chief

An emerging strain on our resources is coming from surrounding rural EMS systems requesting help. For many years we have contracted to supply EMS coverage to the Village of Maine and the Townships of Hewitt, Wausau, Texas, and Berlin. We have also had contracts for intercepts with rural EMS providers as far west as Owen-Withee and as far east as Wittenberg and all in between. These intercept contracts allow a rural EMS provider to call us while they are enroute to a Wausau hospital, and our paramedics will meet them along the highway corridor, hop in their rig and deliver paramedic-level care the remainder of the drive to the hospital. In 2022 we saw a slight uptick in these numbers. The emerging request for our resources has been when a rural EMS provider cannot staff an ambulance and requests us to respond to their jurisdiction to mitigate the call. This pulls a Wausau ambulance into a rural community to meet the need. While this is rare, it is worth noting and monitoring. This is indicative of what is occurring with EMS systems across Wisconsin. Many communities that rely on volunteer EMTs to staff ambulances are battling recruitment and retention and are becoming more strained. This pushes the workload to neighboring jurisdictions with more resources, like ours. More to come on this topic in 2023. M

In December 2022, we were excited to submit our application for Accreditation through the Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Services (CAAS). Preparing the application documentation was a massive effort, and we have already made several changes in policy and operations to meet their stringent guidelines. We anticipate an on-site visit from the CAAS commission in the spring of 2023.

The Wausau Fire Department's continual climb in organizational excellence is not easy. Despite the hurdles in our path with the high call volume, recruitment, and aging infrastructure, the men and women of this department remain steadfast in their commitment to selfless service and stand ready to meet the community's needs.

In closing, I want to thank the Wausau community for supporting our organization. Every day we received thank you notes, baked goods, and other expressions of appreciation for our organization. This means a great deal to our staff and motivates us to continue our organizational mission.

Thank you,

Robert Barteck, Fire Chief

2022 Deputy Chief's Operations Report

Personnel:

In 2022 the Wausau Fire Department has seen a lot of changes in personnel with promotions, retirements, and new hires.

Retirements

Engineer Mark Tautges	03/03/2022
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Promotions

Engineer Jared Koss	03/04/2022
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New Hires

Firefighter/Paramedic Mark Punzenberger	01/04/2022
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Firefighter/Paramedic Timothy Strege	01/10/2022
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Firefighter/Paramedic John Williams	01/10/2022
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Firefighter/Paramedic Hunter Herold	01/10/2022
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Firefighter/Paramedic Brooke Johnson	01/10/2022
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Firefighter/Paramedic Marissa Wilson	05/09/2022
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Firefighter/Paramedic Stephen Annen	05/09/2022
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Firefighter/Paramedic Matthew Riley	05/09/2022
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Firefighter/Paramedic Matthew Hieronimus	07/18/2022
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Firefighter/Paramedic Jerod Blomberg	09/12/2022
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Firefighter/Paramedic Autumm Oertel	11/28/2022
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Firefighter/Paramedic Jake Nelson	11/28/2022
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Firefighter/Paramedic Joshua Stoinski	11/28/2022
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Years of Service Milestones

Engineer Kurt Riel	25 Years
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Engineer Shawn Gehring	15 Years
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Lieutenant Matt Brockman	10 Years
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2022 Deputy Chief's Operations Report

Fleet:

In 2022 we seen the arrival of Ladder 2 serving the west side out of station 2. This quint ladder truck took the place of E-2 and gives us the versatility of having a truck that serves as an engine as well as having a 75-foot ladder on the west side. This is very important with the industrial park and the time it takes to get Truck 1 from central station to a scene when there is the need for a ladder truck. . The new design and configuration of this ladder truck helps with maneuverability on city streets as well as deployment of tools and handlines on fire scenes. Like Engine 1 and Engine 3, it is equipped with many more safety features for the safety of our personnel as well as meeting national standards. Some of these features are brighter LED lighting and reflective markings for visibility. Integrated air bags, ergonomics, and cameras. The ladder and master stream on this ladder truck can be operated with a remote control giving the operator a huge advantage for set up and placement. All three of these rigs are much needed in the aspect of meeting NFPA guidelines as well as maintaining our ISO 2 rating and working towards our goal of an ISO 1 rating. A new command car was ordered and being outfitted to replace the old command car that our battalion chiefs respond in. This is expected to go into service early 2023. It will be a Chevy pick up truck instead of an SUV helping the battalion chiefs to carry the proper equipment as well as running emergency scenes in a more efficient way.

Buildings and Grounds:

Spring and fall maintenance were done on all three stations on the heating and cooling systems as well as all three generators under the supervision of Leo Gau, this includes the much-needed window cleaning of all city buildings. The windows were tinted at central fire station on the south side of the building giving us the ability to control the heating and cooling in the offices throughout the year. Heating a cooling is still a challenge at this station but this assisted with a little relief to the air conditioning running in the winter when the sun is shining into the windows.

Charitable foundation:

The charitable foundation hosted its annual golf out in conjunction with NorthStar restoration at Greenwood Hills. All proceeds raised go back into the community to people and families in need of help that our responders see daily. The foundation also sent another family who lost someone in the line of duty on a dream vacation to Alaska. With help from the on-duty crews the charitable foundation delivered gifts on Christmas and food on Thanksgiving day to families in need.

Station Information

Central Fire Station

2,688 Incidents

Central Fire Station is located at 606 E. Thomas Street, Wausau, WI. It houses Car 1 (Chief's vehicle), Car 2 (Incident Command), Car 6 (Deputy Chief's vehicle), Truck 1, Engine 1, Med 1, Rescue 1, Med 4, Med 5, Car 5, three Inspection vehicles, Utility 1, Water Rescue Boat, Airboat, and Inflatable Rapid Deployment Craft.



Of the 19 line crew on each of our 3 crews, 10 of those are stationed at Central Fire. This includes, one Battalion Chief, one Lieutenant, 2 Engineers, and six Firefighter/Paramedics.

Wausau Fire's Administrative staff is also stationed at Central Fire and includes the Fire Chief, Deputy Fire Chief, Fire Marshal, Training Division Chief, EMS Division Chief, Lieutenant of Inspections, Firefighter/Inspector and one Administrative Assistant.

Station Information

Station 2

2,002 Incidents

Station 2 is located at 3017 Seymour Lane, Wausau, WI. It houses Ladder 2, Med 2, Engine 2, and the Hazardous Materials Truck and Trailer.



Of the 19 line crew on each of our 3 crews, 5 of those are stationed at Station 2. This includes one Lieutenant, one Engineer, and three Firefighter/Paramedics.

Station 3

1,996 Incidents

Station 3 is located at 800 E. Bridge Street, Wausau, WI. It houses Engine 3, and Med 3.



Of the 19 line crew on each of our 3 crews, 4 of those are stationed at Station 3. This includes one Lieutenant, one Engineer, and two Firefighter/Paramedics.

2022 Training Division Chief's Report

Training Division Overview

"Training prepares you for the expected, education trains you for the unexpected." -Thomas Ricks-

Training and education contribute to personal and professional growth. It is an essential building block to be an organization that is not only capable, but highly progressive in the pursuit of operational excellence. Our 2022 training plan was created and implemented to prepare our members to respond to any request for service. As an organization, we strive to improve our proficiency in basic fire and rescue skills. However, we know that if we are not learning what is new, improved, or changing, we face falling behind.

The following report will describe the lessons learned by our members throughout 2022. None of this would be possible without an organizational culture that supports knowledge, skills, abilities, and the efforts of each of our firefighters.

Thank you.

TDC Dave Briggs

Annual Fire & Rescue Training

Each year we cover various topics in fire suppression, rescue, and specialized rescue. Some of the most notable training from 2022 included training on the new Ladder 2 that was delivered on July 12th, firefighter escape/survival training, and specialized rescue such as vehicle extrication and ice rescue.

The delivery of Ladder 2 was a game changer for the City of Wausau. Prior to this delivery, the city was used to deploying a slow and heavy 100' platform-type aerial apparatus that took minutes to position and setup. While the 100' aerial is slower, it still serves a purpose. Following factory authorized and internal training on the deployment of Ladder 2, we can position and setup the apparatus in less than 1 minute. This apparatus allows for greater maneuverability, improved handling while driving through the city, and a smaller footprint to position and send the aerial to an objective. It is a capability never seen before in the City of Wausau.

Firefighter escape/survival training didn't start out as many members expected this year. While we have had "bailout" kits on our rapid intervention bags for some time, we had to replace the kits this year due to age and condition. In preparing to refresh on the kits, it was decided to train all members beyond "what we were used to." A curriculum was written and presented to every member in the organization on what these kits were intended for, how to deploy them, and how to assist in the rescue of a victim with them. The training was so well received and regarded that some members utilized their own money to purchase kits to carry in their own personal protective equipment (PPE)! Our other kits, purchased by the department, were put into service in more deployable positions for the safety of our members.

Specialized rescue training included various disciplines such as rope rescue, confined space, vehicle extrication, ice rescue, and others. Each year we train on different aspects of each of these specialties. Through our community risk assessment, we determine what and where our hazards are to focus our educational efforts to address the needs.

The following images speak volumes as opposed to writing lengthy explanations on each training conducted throughout the year. If you have questions, please feel free to contact the Wausau Fire Department Training Division.

2022 Training Division Chief's Report



Firefighter Escape/Survival Training



Rapid Intervention Crew Training



Training on the New Ladder 2



Search and Rescue Training



Hoses and Streams Training



State Certified Pump Operations Practice

2022 Training Division Chief's Report



Vehicle Extrication Training



Ice Rescue Training

External Training and Education

“It’s Your Ship”

In January, four members attended a leadership lecture session in Appleton, hosted by the Appleton Fire Department and the Fox Valley Training Officer’s Association. Captain D. Michael Abrashoff presented on leading through difficult times even when you are assigned “the worst ship in the Navy.”

This session provided actionable steps and concepts to utilize in fostering an exceptional work culture to drive positive performance and avoid “the way we have always done it.” Captain Abrashoff focused on identifying and isolating the root cause of an issue instead of attaching a problem to a person. This allows for an objective approach and guides the leader to work towards solutions. The Wausau Fire Department was able to send a Deputy Chief, Division Chief, a Lieutenant, and a Firefighter/Paramedic. By sending members of various ranks/positions, we maintained our stance on the importance of developing leadership in all levels of an organization.



2022 Training Division Chief's Report

FDIC

Training Division Chief Briggs attended the Fire Department Instructor's Conference (FDIC), the largest firefighter training conference in the world. This conference, based in Indiana, is host to world renowned speakers and classes and allows the opportunity to experience new and emerging technologies to improve our response capabilities.

TDC Briggs selected hands-on training and lectures to attend that fit the organizational needs of the Wausau Fire Department. After returning from the conference, TDC Briggs condensed the most crucial information and presented it to each of our three crews. In the weeks after returning to work, the hand-on concepts were also taught to the crews during scenario-based drills.



Victim Rescue in Champaign, IL (FDIC)



FDIC Conference Opening Ceremony

Confined Space Rescue

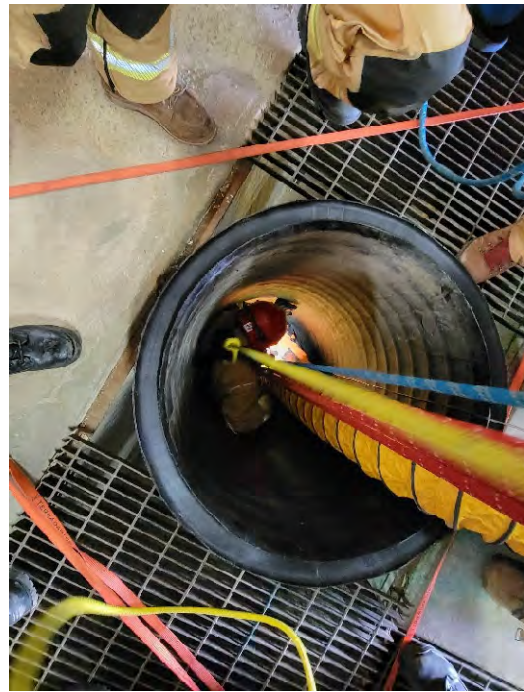
Through the Wisconsin Emergency Management office and the Wisconsin Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness grant, thirteen Wausau Firefighters and two Wausau Public Works employees completed Confined Space Entry and Rescue Technician training. This course taught members how to identify confined spaces, assess the dangers and hazards associated with them, and create an action plan to mitigate a situation.

Our members took the lessons learned and continued to improve their competency by sharing their new knowledge and skill with the rest of the department. In the following weeks, crews spent considerable time practicing entries and simulated rescues.

2022 Training Division Chief's Report



Confined Space Rescue Technician Training



Haz-Mat Refresher

To continue to broaden our educational horizons and increase our response capabilities, instructors from the Wisconsin Regional Emergency All-Climate Training Center (REACT) came to Wausau and conducted a Hazardous Materials Technician refresher for all our members. In addition to refreshing through scenario-based learning, they also taught our members how to address propane emergencies. Although there is not a great deal of homes in the City of Wausau heated with propane, there are some. Also, many businesses utilizing propane are based in the city. The training included transferring propane between tanks, offloading propane, and dispersing propane by utilizing a “flare” technique as seen in the following images.



“Flaring” of propane gas

2022 Training Division Chief's Report

Wisconsin Rapids Fire Seminar

Lt. Bauknecht and TDC Briggs attended a session with Mike Gagliano that addressed fire-service culture, "This House Rocks," and the tactical side of fire suppression entitled "The Art of Go/No-Go." Throughout this eight-hour day, Captain Gagliano provided insight into concepts that can build a positive work culture regardless of your environment. He was stationed in a firehouse in Seattle that became nationally known as the "cancer house" but was still able to function and build a strong organizational culture. His lessons were conveyed in a manner that can be adapted to any organization such as ours.

Captain Gagliano's second session, "The Art of Go/No-Go" taught us to make nearly immediate decisions to function on emergency scenes regardless of the emergency faced. This lesson utilized various scene photos and scenarios to build a muscle memory for incident commanders in their initial on-scene actions.

These concepts were brought back to WFD and implemented among crew, and departmental training sessions. The initial impressions and feedback have been positive. Captain Gagliano, and his wife, Anne, will be coming to Wausau in February through a partnership with NTC to bring a more worldly view to the Central Wisconsin area.

Anne is joining Mike to present on "The Challenges of the Firefighter Marriage." This session aims to build the relationship between a responder and their significant other. Mental health and relationship building contributes greatly to our ability to respond to adverse scenes and process them constructively.



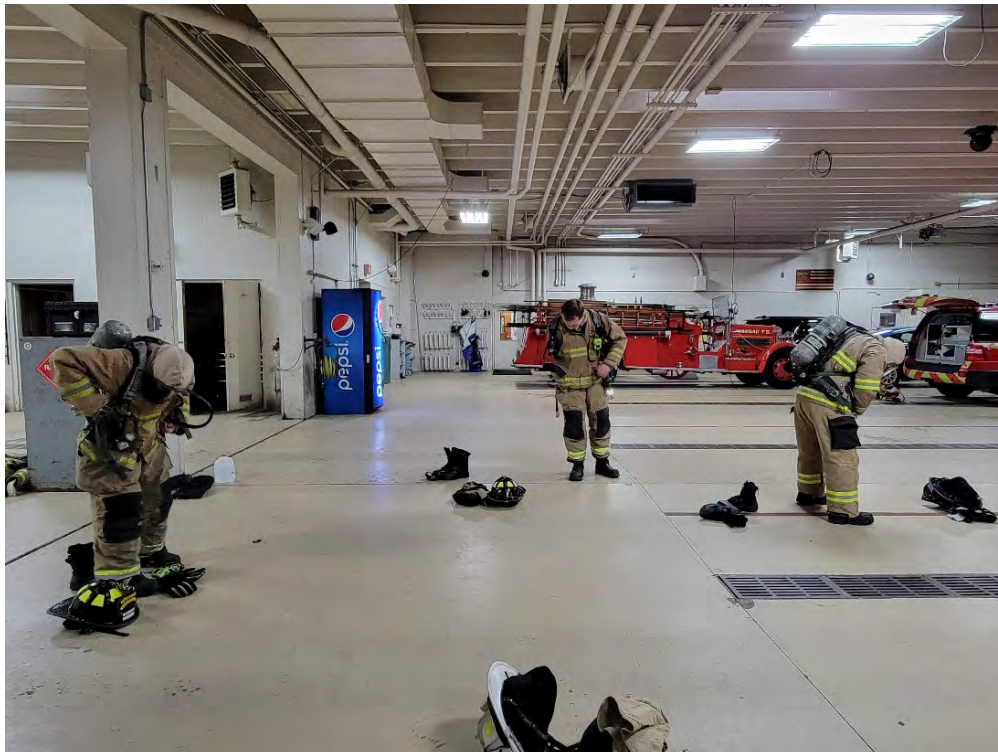
Members from Beaver Damn FD and Wausau FD
with Captain Mike Gagliano, Seattle FD (Ret)

2022 Training Division Chief's Report

Recruit Academy

The Wausau Fire Department recruit academy has been a staple of our organization's initial training for new hires over the years. 2022 was host to monumental changes in our academy. Due to record-breaking hiring, and small-batch processes, the Wausau Fire Department members and the TDC conducted five separate recruit academies.

Each academy is slightly different from the ones prior in how the format is run. The content itself is standardized such as personal protective equipment, forcible entry, ground ladders, hoses and streams, etc. However, the delivery overall is subject to change based on the needs of the new hire(s). Our fifth academy in 2022 included a longer lecture component discussing what it means to be hired with the Wausau Fire Department, the pride we take in serving the community, and the values we possess and intend to foster in each new member. This lecture included some of our newest hires sharing a candid discussion on what it means to them to serve our community. We have found this change to yield extremely positive results with our newest members.



Our newest recruits practicing "turnout drills."

2022 Training Division Chief's Report

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

An ancillary responsibility of the Training Division is to purchase, maintain, and monitor the condition of all Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). One major accomplishment of 2022 was completing PPE repairs that had not been completed for some time prior. Every member is not only in compliant equipment, but it is now in good repair and fully functional. This task takes a significant amount of time and a fair amount of funding to meet national standards.

A significant change with our PPE began with the phasing in of firefighter escape/survival belts being integrated into all new hire's PPE and the phasing in of the same belts for our current members. This change followed the training session on the implementation of our new escape kits.

Conclusion

Our organizational excellence in the service we provide is solely based on the quality of our members and the effort they put into our profession. Each of the prior mentioned trainings, drills, conferences, and classes contributes to a well-rounded and prepared fire department response force. Without the Wausau Firefighters, the individuals themselves, and their ability to work together, we would not be able to serve the community at such an exceptional level.

Type of Training	# of Hours -YTD
Company Training	7,424.37
Driver/Operator Training	930.25
Facilities Training	139.25
Hazardous Materials Training	667.00
Misc Training	79.83
Officer Training	1,033.55
Specialty Training	1584.50
Total	11,858.75

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 -YTD
Admin Training	136.75
EMS Training	2,528.15
Fire Instructor Training	601.00
Fire Prevention Training	0
Investigation Training	115
Total	3,380.40

2022 Fire Prevention/Inspection Report

The Fire Prevention division is responsible for many services pertaining to Fire Department functions and obligations. The predominate obligation is performing annual and biannual inspections for all businesses within the City of Wausau limits.

Inspections: The Prevention Division completed a total of 3379 inspections for 2022. Of those inspections, 401 businesses had a violation documented during the initial inspection. This number also includes 34 Consultation inspections. Consultation Inspections consist of new construction and remodeling projects within the City of Wausau. This year, we have a total of 31 outstanding violations that carried over from 2022. These re-inspections will be followed up with throughout the month of January 2023. This scenario happens when the initial inspections are performed in the month of December and a violation correction order is given for 30 days from the notice.

We did have a contract with the Town of Wausau where we would also do their biannual inspections. The spring round of inspections were completed over the course of two days. This contract has since been discontinued due to an increase in workload within our own jurisdiction and the random scheduling for inspections in the Township that pose an unreliability throughout the calendar year.

Technology and Software: Our APX software for inspections and pre-plans is continually being upgraded with information that is pertinent for successful responses. We are also looking at furthering the capabilities of this software to encompass our fire investigation data and reporting. This addition would help us track our fire response and investigation to differentiate between properties we inspect versus uninspected properties. This data would be helpful in furthering our initiative with Community Risk Reduction.

Since the Wausau Fire Department entered into an agreement with The Compliance Engine (TCE) in 2021, we have continually improved the content being added and removed from the website. TCE is a proactive compliance solution application and service which will help Inspectors reduce time spent in administering fire code requirements. This will increase our ability to enforce and verify compliant fire protection systems and strengthen the protection for citizens and visitors. The Prevention Division received and reviewed 1,052 compliant inspection and repair reports and 115 deficient systems during 2022. This number is up from the 2021 numbers of 713 compliant systems and 63 deficient. The reason for the increase is simply due to an effort in updating profile information, then collecting and reviewing the appropriate information which leads to a higher number of properties being compliant. This will also give us an encompassing and accurate count of deficiencies. We then follow-up regularly to gain a greater level of compliance when deficiencies are found. We now have learned that with these deficiency numbers, that most were long term issues that were historically going unnoticed. We now can follow-up and have these issues corrected.

Investigations: The Prevention Division performed a total of 8 formal Fire Investigations for 2022. Although the Fire Department responded to a much larger number of fires, only 8 required a formal investigation. The state requirement for any municipal Fire Department is that every reported fire is investigated. The non-formally investigated fires are completed by the line crews while still on scene. These are typically the “room and contents” fires that are either admitted to by the owners or obvious in nature. They are fires pertaining to garbage cans, dumpsters, cooking/kitchen, chimneys or fires where the owner already knows what occurred prior to the fire department being called.

2022 Fire Prevention/Inspection Report

Education: Fire Fighter Inspector Brad Ludwig attended and passed the “Fire Arson Origin & Cause Investigation” program at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland in May of 2022. He has now successfully received his International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI) Fire Investigation Technician (FIT) certification. Lieutenant Shahn Kariger attended and passed the “Fire Investigation: Electrical Systems” program at the National Fire Academy in January of 2022. These two programs are intricate for a productive and successful Fire investigation.

Public Outreach: The Prevention Division performed 15 Smoke and CO detector installs for 2022. Reaching a total of 26 people. This “install” program is a collaboration between The Wausau Fire Department, The American Red Cross and the City of Wausau’s Community Development. Each household has the detectors installed by the Prevention Division for them and they receive a 20-minute fire safety talk and Safety inspection of their homes.

In a typical year the Prevention Division would also perform “meet and greets” with multiple community organizations. These organizations include the United Way, Neighbor to Neighbor, Noon Optimists and elderly communities throughout the City of Wausau. These meetings consist of discussions ranging from Fire Safety & Prevention to day-to-day Fire Department operations. This program was expanded in 2022 to include our new refugee population. This program is performed with the help of the Ethiopian Community Development Council (ECDC) and translators.

Problem properties: The Prevention Division is also on joint task force within the City of Wausau that presents Problem Properties to the committee for remediation. We discussed a total of 39 properties within the City for 2022. Typically, these properties deal with problem landlords, delinquent taxes and blight or dilapidated buildings.

Continuing Education: The prevention Division attended two International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI) conferences in 2022. These two conferences will help us meet the “tested” criteria needed to maintain our FIT certifications with the IAAI. We also attended one Wisconsin State Fire Inspector (WSFIA) Area 9 meeting where we received new and up-to-date training on fire suppression hood systems for cooking.

School Programs: While working in conjunction with the Wausau School District it was determined that we would not be going into the schools again for 2022. An instructional learning plan was developed that could be shared with each school by way of a flash drive. These lessons were a combination of Websites and Videos that pertain to Fire Safety. A syllabus was developed for grades 1, 3 and 5 correlating between the lesson plans and the applicable age groups. We did perform and review a total of 11 fire drills for the school system throughout 2022. We witness the drills first, noting any ways for improvement and then perform a small critique with the principal and staff on ways to improve this process. This process could include input about the time it takes to evacuate, accountability of staff and students, and ease of egress pathways.



2022 EMS Division Chief's Report

In 2022, the Wausau Fire Department responded to 6,686 medical calls, a department record high. Despite the challenges of staffing shortfalls and increased demand for prehospital emergency medical calls, the Wausau Fire Department met those challenges head-on. Without the dedicated EMTs and Paramedics who fulfilled their sworn job duties, the Wausau Fire Department would not have been able to answer all the calls for help that poured in daily.

Thank you,

Jared Thompson, EMS DC

Revenue

For the 2022 calendar year, the Wausau Fire Department, with the assistance of LifeQuest, billed a total of \$5,033,738.00 in EMS services. The total revenue collected was \$1,811,340.00.

The City of Wausau faces many challenges in EMS revenue collection. 25% of the patients that the Wausau Fire Department transported were billed to Medicaid, and 54.4% were billed to Medicare. These state and federal programs only reimburse EMS agencies a fixed amount, leaving agencies with a substantial deficit to offset.

The City of Wausau looks forward to the Ground Emergency Medical Transportation (GEMT) program in 2023. The GEMT program provides supplemental payments to publicly owned or operated qualified GEMT providers. The supplemental payments cover the funding gap between a provider's actual costs per GEMT transport and the allowable amount received from Washington Apple Health (Medicaid) and any other sources of reimbursement.

EMS Funding and Grants

2022 was a significant year for the Wausau Fire Department regarding funding and grants. One substantial grant awarded to the Wausau Fire Department was a portion of the EMS Flex Grant. This grant provides one-time funding to emergency medical services in Wisconsin to help stabilize EMS providers during the COVID-19 pandemic and ensure the continuation of adequate emergency medical response across the state. The Wausau Fire Department received \$146,725.00. Portions of this grant will go towards purchasing a new ambulance, mechanical cot, EMS personal protective equipment, and EMS supplies. Another additional funding came when Governor Tony Evers announced on February 15, 2022, that the EMS Funding Assistance Program (FAP) for the SFY 2023 year will be raised from the yearly 2-million-dollar state budget amount to a 10-million-dollar state budget amount. The Wausau Fire Department received a one-time payment of \$30,000.00 that helped in the purchase of training aids, EMS supplies, and education.

Intercepts

The Wausau Fire Department has several EMS intercepts agreements with area fire and EMS departments that request the assistance of our paramedics for patients that need advanced life support interventions. Primarily, the paramedics from Station 2 respond to those requests for service. In 2022, the Wausau Fire Department fulfilled 60 paramedic intercepts.

2022 EMS Division Chief's Report

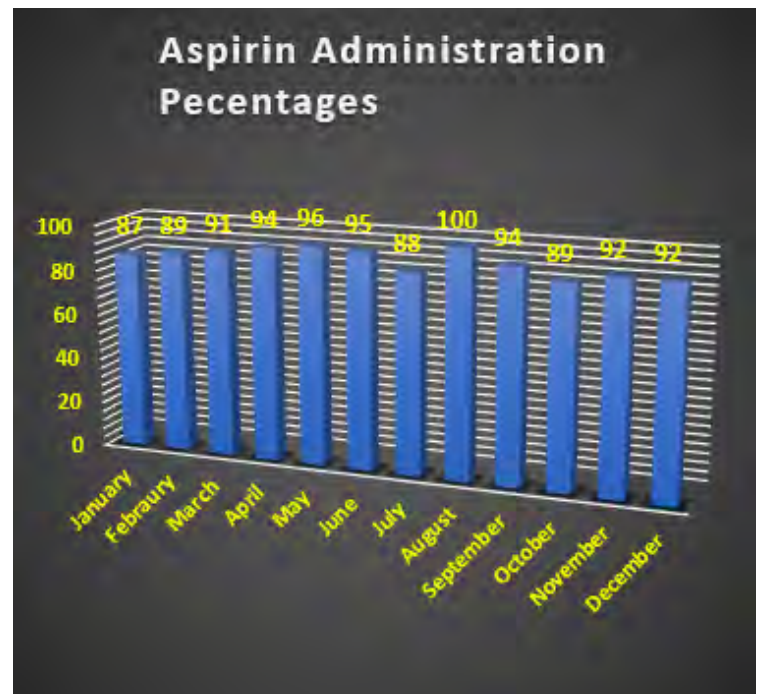
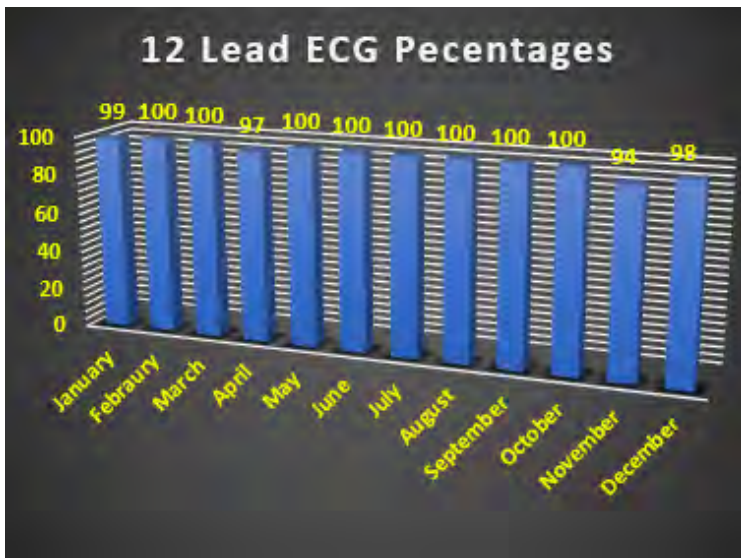
Wausau Fire Department's Cardiac Care

Every month, the Wausau Fire Department's EMS Division tracks the time it takes our paramedics to obtain a 12 Lead ECG and administer Aspirin for patients with an initial complaint of non-traumatic chest pain/acute coronary symptoms. The goal set by the EMS Division is to obtain these 12 lead ECGs within 10 minutes of making patient contact 90% of the time and administer Aspirin within 5 minutes of making patient contact 90% of the time. Portions of this goal were adopted from the American Heart Association Mission: Lifeline program.

The city of Wausau Fire Department is a part of an elite group of prehospital providers recognized by the American Heart Association for our commitment and success in implementing a higher standard of care by ensuring that every STEMI patient receives treatment according to nationally accepted evidence-based guidelines and recommendations, and standards.

Our department members deserve credit for their intense work in the field as they rapidly assess and render advanced life support care to patients suffering a cardiac event.

Mindy Walker is always instrumental in importing our data into our Mission: Lifeline application. Through our EMS reporting platform, she built data reports that captured information such as 12 Lead ECG performance and Aspirin Administration from all patients with a chief complaint of chest pain. Mindy can then import data from Aspirus Wausau Hospital's cardiac catheterization lab, which is also required to complete the application.



2022 EMS Division Chief's Report

In 2022 the City of Wausau achieved the Mission: Lifeline Silver Plus Ward for the vital cardiac care we deliver to the Wausau area



2022 Mission: Lifeline® EMS Recognition

The American Heart Association proudly recognizes

**City of Wausau Fire Department
Wausau, WI**

Mission: Lifeline® - EMS - SILVER PLUS

Achievement Award - EMS Agency

The American Heart Association/American Stroke Association recognizes this EMS 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.*

Handwritten signature of Nancy Brown in black ink.

Nancy Brown
Chief Executive Officer
American Heart Association

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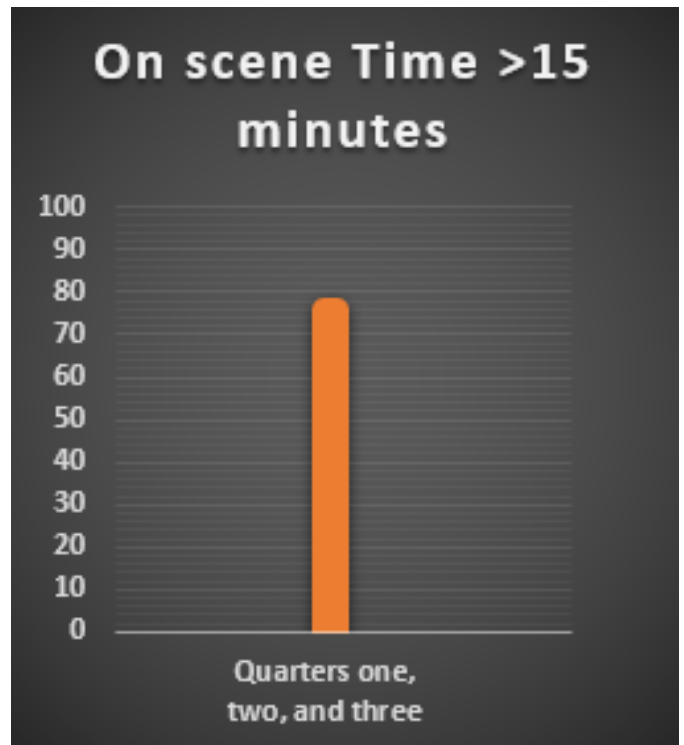
*For more information, please visit [Heart.org/MissionLifeline](https://www.heart.org/MissionLifeline)



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Stroke Care

The Wausau Fire Department voluntarily participates in the Coverdell Stroke Program. The Coverdell Stroke Program is named after the late U.S. Senator Paul Coverdell, who died in July 2000 due to a stroke. In 2021, Wisconsin was one of 13 states to receive funding in the latest iteration of the Coverdell grant program, extending Wisconsin's ongoing participation in Coverdell since 2012. This program analyzes specific data recorded during the care and transport of a patient suffering an acute stroke. The Coverdell Program sends quarterly report cards highlighting our overall performance. In this report, we are highlighting our department's total on-scene time and documentation of a last known well time. The Coverdell Program's goal for on-scene times is less than 15 minutes, and documentation of a last well-known time is 60% of patient encounters. Limiting on scene time is critical because the sooner the stroke patient receives definitive care, the less injury to the brain occurs. The last known well time is also important to ascertain because some of the definitive care a stroke patient is eligible to receive is time sensitive. This report reflects quarters one, two, and three, as quarter four's data has yet to be published from the Coverdell Stroke Program. The Wausau Fire Department is proud to report that we have exceeded the Coverdell Stroke Program's 60% goal thus far for quarters one, two, and three of 2022.



2022 EMS Division Chief's Report

Tactical Emergency Medical Services (TEMS)

The Tactical Emergency Medical Services (TEMS) program extends the medical and rescue capabilities of the Wausau Fire Department into the hostile and adverse environments inherent in law enforcement operations. This provides the ability to provide immediate medical aid to officers and others under conditions where the standard EMS response model is not feasible or would delay medical care. In addition, TEMS personnel train their law enforcement team members to enhance their ability to render aid and assist in multi-casualty incidents if necessary.

Over the last couple of years, an increasing number of events have highlighted the need for the ability to provide care in environments involving active or evolving threats, as well as in the austere environmental conditions encountered in civil disturbances and remote operations.

Partnering with our local law enforcement agencies, the Wausau Fire Department TEMS personnel are notable in working directly in the operational environment compared to other models that often place medical assets outside the perimeter of operations. Utilizing the advantages and benefits of that model, 2022 saw the expansion of the TEMS program to include attaching additional personnel to the Marathon County Sheriff's Mobile Field Force TEAM (MFFT) and Dive Team.

TEMS personnel responded eight times throughout the year, providing medical planning and support for high-risk law enforcement incidents in and around Marathon County. In addition, they participated in hundreds of hours of combined training with law enforcement teams and in specialized medical and rescue training.

Team members were also able to participate in training sponsored by the state that brought in Sean McKay of Element Rescue, one of the pioneers and nation's leading experts in Tactical Emergency Casualty Care (TECC) and TEMS operations. Providers from around the State were joined by Wausau Fire Department TEMS personnel and trained together in an intense 32-hour program focused on casualty management utilizing the same principles and tactics developed for top-tier medical providers in the military and specialized law enforcement units.

In 2023, the goal will be to continue advancing the knowledge, skills, and abilities of the department's TEMS personnel to strengthen their capabilities in working with law enforcement and enhancing public safety.



2022 EMS Division Chief's Report



Challenges

The Wausau Fire Department's most utilized request for ambulance service in 2022 was for falls. Many of these patients encounters only required assisting the patient up off the floor with no associated injuries. The total number of calls that only required lifting assistance, whether it was off the floor, toilet, or chair, was 379. Most of the time, these patients did not sustain injuries and refused or did not require transport to the hospital.

Currently, the Wausau Fire Department and other area departments are collaboratively working with the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ARDC) of Marathon County to assist in extending their services to these patients. Wausau Fire Paramedics offer patients who have fallen or require lifting assistance a referral to the ARDC, who can follow up after the incident and provide services to prevent further falls or lift assists.

Conclusion

The EMS Division of the Wausau Fire Department looks forward to continuing to advance its clinical practices throughout 2023. As the EMS industry continues to change and evolve, the Wausau Fire Department will be right there, always looking to improve and streamline the care delivered to the Wausau area.

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Type of Training	# of Hours -YTD
ARV – Other	9.5
ARV – Oxygenation	63
ARV – Simulated Intubation	147.9
ARV – Ventilation	92.75
CARDIO – Acute Coronary Syndrome	26
CARDIO – Cardiac Arrest	289.25
CARDIO – Congestive Heart Failure	4.5
CARDIO – Other	22
CARDIO – Stroke	1
CCP – Cardiovascular System	10
CCP – Diagnostics: Lab Interpretation, Radiology	6
CCP – Other	2
CCP – Pharmacology	10
CCP – Respiratory	4
CCP – Vascular Access, Fluid & Blood Admin	6
Protocol Study/Review	4.75
ACLS	4
CPR Refresher	220
EMS Instructor	78.5
PHTLS	8
TEMS Training	314.5
MED – Neurological Emergencies/Seizures	9
MED – OB Emergencies	55
MED – Other	108.25
MED – Toxicological Emergencies/Opioids	11.5
OPS – Ambulance Safety	6
OPS – Crew Resource Management	6
OPS – Documentation/HIPAA/Compliance	106.5
OPS – Other	74.5
OPS – Pediatric Transport	76.5
PED – Handtevy	72
PED – Neonatology	104.5
TRAUMA – Hemorrhage Control	2
TRAUMA – Other	130.25
All Other EMS Training	442.50
TOTAL	2,528.15

ARV = Airway, Respiration and Ventilation
 CARDIO = Cardiovascular
 CCP = Critical Care Paramedic
 ACLS = Advanced Cardiac Life Support
 PALS = Pediatric Advanced Life Support
 PHTLS = Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support

TEMS = Tactical EMS
 MCI = Mass Casualty Incident
 MED = Medical
 OPS = Operations
 PED = Pediatrics
 TRAUMA = Trauma

Financial Report 2022

2022 Actual Budget

Organization	Personnel	Operating	Total
Administration	\$ 749,164.30	\$ 257,777.03	\$ 1,006,941.33
Maintenance	\$ 25,575.40	\$ 375,848.98	\$ 401,424.38
Inspection	\$ 345,992.39	\$ 6,159.32	\$ 352,151.71
Firefighting	\$ 2,784,875.68	\$ 61,546.07	\$ 2,846,421.75
Ambulance	\$ 3,159,540.98	\$ 305,008.29	\$ 3,464,549.27
Training	\$ 126,583.49	\$ 11,776.77	\$ 138,360.26
Capital (240)	\$ 0.00	\$ 45,593.55	\$ 45,593.55
Capital (150)	\$ 0.00	\$ 38,584.00	\$ 38,584.00
Total	\$ 7,191,732.24	\$ 1,102,294.01	\$ 8,294,026.25

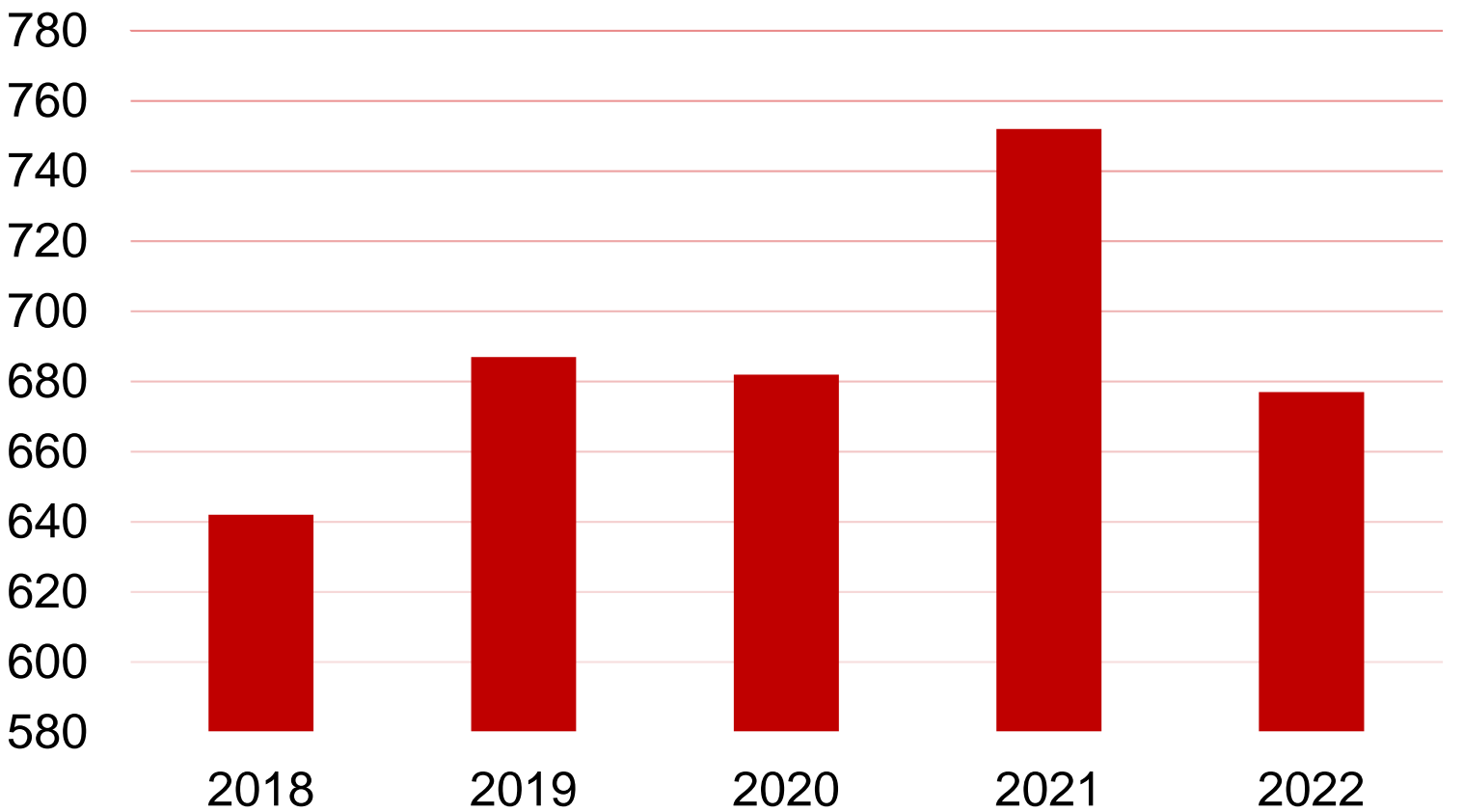
2022 Revenues Collected

Administration	\$ 137,664.69
Ambulance	\$ 1,896,533.44
Unaudited Balance as of 12/31/21	\$ 2,034,198.13



Yearly Fire Response Comparison Chart 2018-2022

Year	Total
2018	642
2019	687
2020	682
2021	752
2022	677



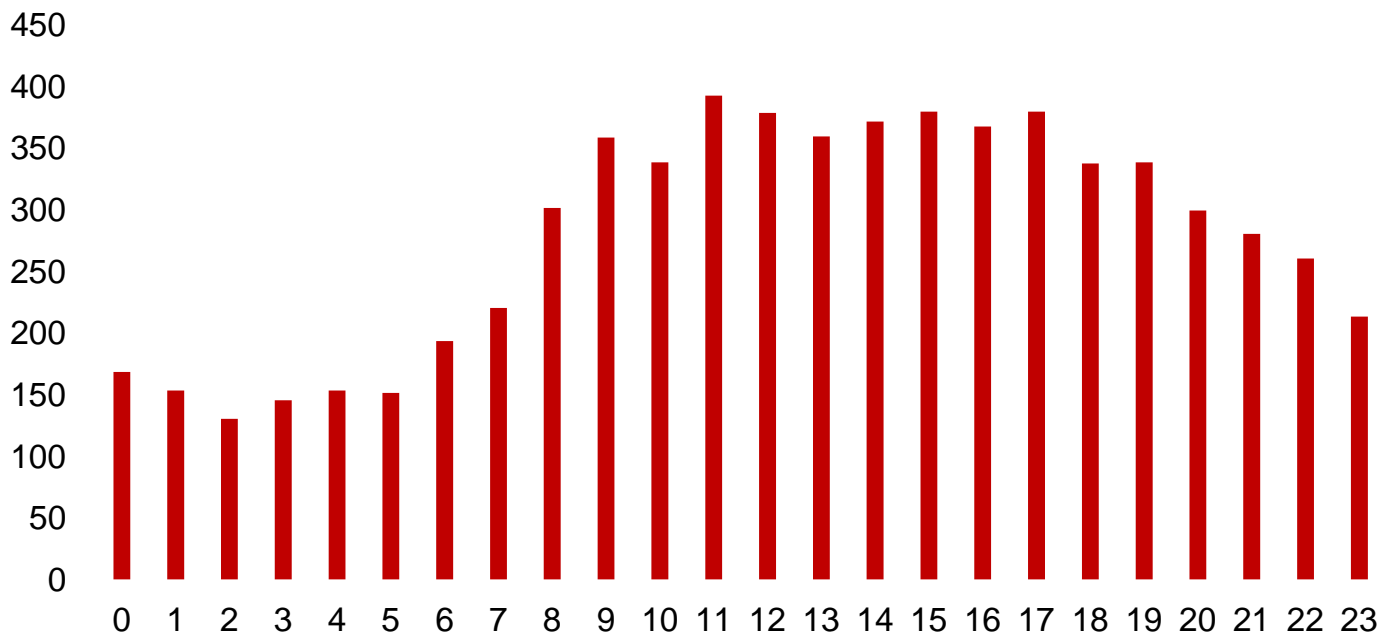
Summary by Incident Type

Calls By Incident Type

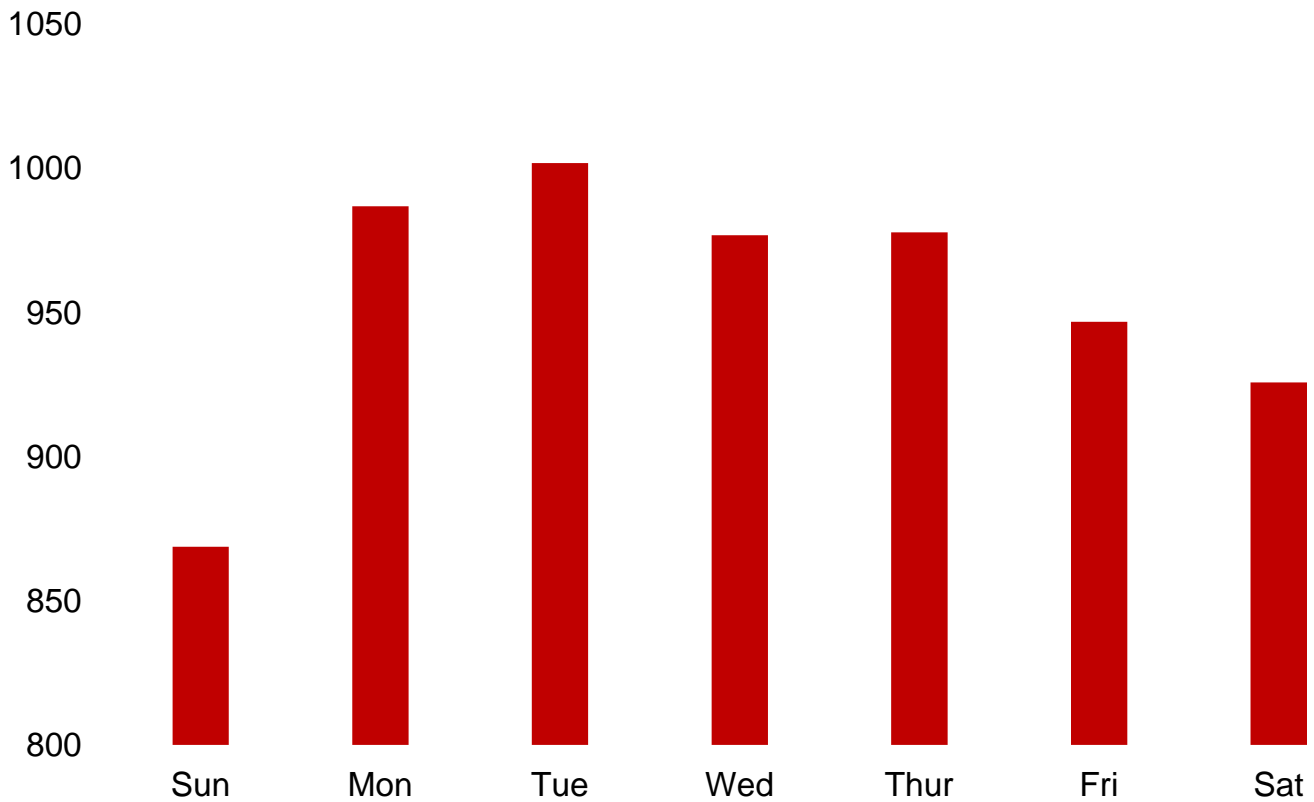
	Frequency	Percent Of Total Calls	Mutual Aid None	Mutual Aid Given	Mutual Aid Received	Other Aid Given	Invalid Aid Flag	Exposures	Total Incidents
FIRES									
Structure Fires (110-118, 120-123)	37	0.58 %	36	10	1	0	0	0	47
Vehicle Fires (130-138)	11	0.17 %	11	0	0	0	0	0	11
Other Fires (100, 140-173)	17	0.27 %	17	0	0	0	0	0	17
Total Fires	65	1.01 %	64	10	1	0	0	0	75
Pressure Ruptures, Explosion, Overheat (200-251)	2	0.03 %	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
RESCUE CALLS									
Emergency Medical Treatment (300-)	5,562	86.80 %	5,557	249	4	1	0	0	5,811
All Others (331-381)	32	0.50 %	32	2	0	0	0	0	34
Total Rescue Calls	5,594	87.30 %	5,589	251	4	1	0	0	5,845
Hazardous Condition Calls (400-482)	80	1.25 %	80	0	0	0	0	0	80
Service Calls (500-571)	189	2.95 %	189	2	0	0	0	0	191
Good Intent Calls (600-671)	242	3.78 %	242	14	0	0	0	0	256
Severe Weather or Natural Disaster Calls (800-815)	1	0.02 %	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Special Incident Calls (900-911)	13	0.20 %	13	0	0	0	0	0	13
Unknown Incident Type (UUU)	0	0.00 %	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FALSE CALLS									
Malicious Calls (710-715, 751)	9	0.14 %	9	0	0	0	0	0	9
Other False Calls (700, 721-746)	213	3.32 %	213	1	0	0	0	0	214
Total False Calls	222	3.46 %	222	1	0	0	0	0	223
TOTAL CALLS	6,408	100.00 %	6,402	278	5	1	0	0	6,686

Total Incidents With Exposure Fires	0	Total Fire Dollar Loss	\$ 705,875.00
Total Exposure Fires	0	Total Dollar Loss	\$ 705,875.00
Casualty Summary			
	Civilian	Fire Service	
Fire Related Injuries	2	0	
Non-Fire Injuries	0	0	
Fire Related Deaths	0	0	
Non-Fire Deaths	0	0	

Incidents by Hour of Day



Incidents by Day of Week



EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

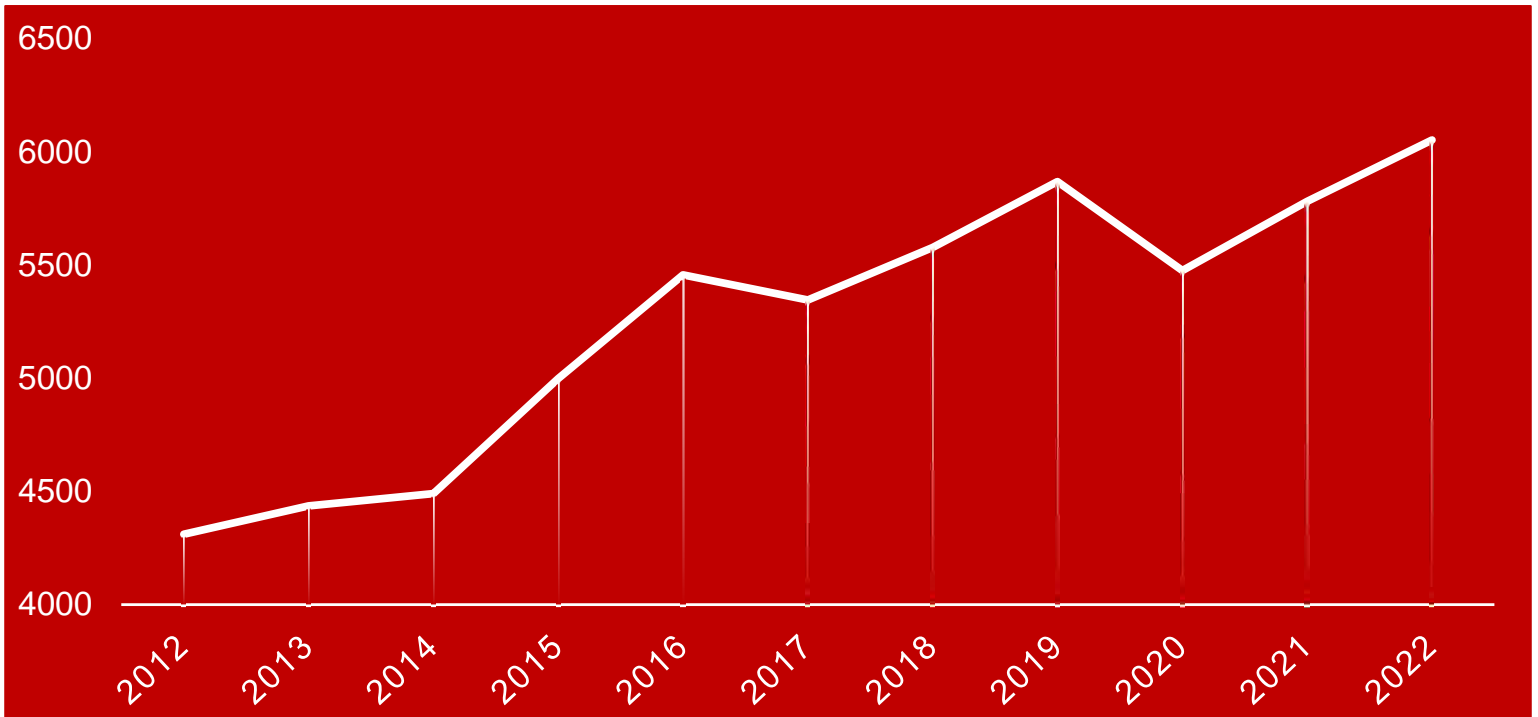


Contracted Response Territory and Population

City of Wausau	19.2 square miles	39,994
Town of Berlin	34.7 square miles	945
Town of Hewitt	43.4 square miles	606
Village of Maine	43.8 square miles	2,337
Town of Texas	45.1 square miles	1,615
Town of Wausau	32.2 square miles	2,229

Patient Care Reports 2018 - 2022 (by month)

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Tot	% of Chg
2018	441	474	463	438	517	456	445	456	439	469	443	537	5,578	+4.34%
2019	484	449	524	514	464	457	546	469	496	479	480	507	5,869	+5.22%
2020	468	451	433	330	409	463	483	454	473	539	466	507	5,476	-6.69%
2021	453	404	439	443	487	526	496	515	484	495	515	525	5,782	+5.59%
2022	543	464	487	448	526	512	481	539	478	500	524	551	6,053	+4.69%



Township Ambulance Responses 2019 through 2022

Township	2019	2020	2021	2022
City of Abbotsford				2
City of Merrill			2	2
City of Mosinee			3	
City of Schofield			1	2
Clark County			1	1
Other/Interfacility	15	30	1	
Intercept	5	22	50	
Town of Berlin	17	29	27	28
Town of Bevent				1
Town of Bern				1
Town of Cassel			10	3
Town of Elderon			1	1
Town of Emmet			3	
Town of Franzen				1
Town of Hamburg				6
Town of Halsey				1
Town of Harrison				1
Town of Hewitt	33	16	14	25
Town of Johnson				1
Town of Marathon			1	3
Town of Mosinee			2	
Town of Rib Falls			7	5
Town of Rib Mountain			3	6
Town of Rietbrock			2	1
Town of Stettin	1	3	5	2
Town of Texas	55	54	79	62
Town of Wausau	59	77	89	113
Town of Wien			4	3
Village of Athens			1	5
Village of Edgar			5	1
Village of Kronenwetter			1	
Village of Maine	115	80	109	102
Village of Marathon City			16	2
Village of Rothschild			1	2
Village of Stratford			1	1
Village of Weston	13	9	12	12
Wittenberg				1
Wood County				1
Total	313	320	451	398

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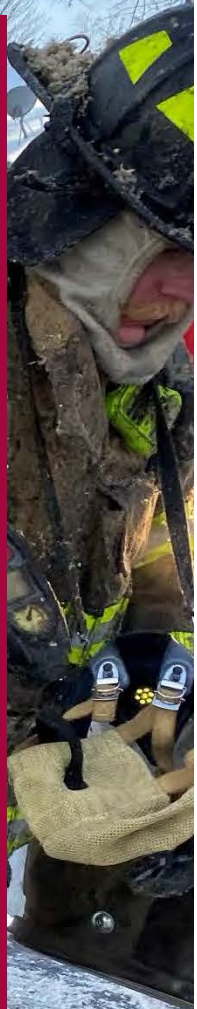


WAUSAU FIRE DEPARTMENT

February 2023 Report

City of Wausau Fire Department

606 E Thomas ST
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Wausau Fire February 2023 Monthly Report

Fire Chief Monthly Report, Fire Chief Robert Barteck

NOTE: This Month's report has a different look and lacks some of our normal data reporting. This is because our fantastic Administrative Assistant was out when I finished my monthly report, and the due date was upon us. So, I took on assembling the report to meet the deadline. We will update the report with its standard data sets as soon as possible.

February was a historic month for the Wausau Fire Department as the nine firefighters being funded through the SAFER Grant began their careers with us. This moment was a long time in the works, and we are thrilled with the quality of candidates that we were able to hire during this difficult recruitment era. Each candidate has a unique and different education and background that will make a well-rounded team.



Front L-R: Derrick Krueger, Dylan Schifflet, Zach Ihle. Back L-R: Ashley Sakis, Koua Xiong, Josh Koll, Ben Springob, Ethan Cordova, James Brockman

Six of the new firefighters began their educational journey to earning their Paramedic licenses through a partnership with Northcentral Technical College. That course will conclude in December. The remaining three are paramedic students at Fox Valley Technical College and Mid-State Technical College. They are working a hybrid schedule as they complete the remainder of their training, which will conclude in May.

EMS Division Chief Thompson, Deputy Chief Kopp, and I attended the annual Wisconsin EMS Association Conference in Green Bay in early February. It was a high-quality conference with a large turnout from Wisconsin EMS agencies. One of the more prominent topics was the difficulties that rural volunteer ambulance providers are experiencing. The problem is a lack of volunteer EMTs and Paramedics to staff volunteer ambulances.

A new report from the Wisconsin Office of Rural Health reported that approximately 41 percent of Emergency Medical Service providers in the state are staffed by six or fewer people, with 21 percent being run by just two or three staff members. A recent survey by the Wisconsin State Fire Chief's Association, 10 communities reported one 911 call that was never responded to because there was no staffed ambulance to send. Between rising costs and a lack of available staffing, some communities have had to go without ambulance services, left with no other option but to hope and rely upon neighboring providers.

These difficulties in rural regions will push the burden of 911 response to communities with greater resources and tilt the balance of the EMS system in Wisconsin.

Governor Evers is aware of these difficulties. During his visit to Wausau Fire, he highlighted his plan to send 20% of sales tax back to Wisconsin Communities, with a portion of the 20% earmarked for public safety (fire, EMS, and law enforcement). We were excited that Governor Evers included Wausau among his stops with this announcement.

The Wisconsin Fire Service is amazing at supporting and helping other departments in any way possible. Our success with the FY21 SAFER Grant has made us popular with other departments writing FY22 SAFER Requests. We

have shared our SAFER Grant narrative and materials with eight other fire departments to aid them in wiring their own grants. Locally, Marshfield and Wisconsin Rapids Fire Departments are using our documents as templates of what a successful SAFER grant looks like. We have worked to help them just as other departments, like Brookfield Fire, helped us with our grant. We have our fingers crossed that these departments experience the same amazing success that we did through this grant.

Operations Monthly Report: Deputy Chief Jeremy Kopp

Significant Calls:

WFD responded to seven fires in the month of February. Four of them were building fires, two of them were vehicle fires, and one was a cooking fire. In all seven calls the crews were able to extinguish the fires quickly without extension to other rooms or structures. We did have two firefighters fall down a set of stairs while advancing a hose line to the basement to put out one of the fires, luckily neither of them were hurt.

Recruitment and Retention:

On February 6th we started 6 Firefighters in our in-house paramedic program in conjunction with NTC. These 6 firefighters are in class at station 2 Monday through Friday every week training and in March they will start doing ride time on the ambulances and fire engines. We started an additional three firefighters on February 10th who are paramedic students in other technical colleges and will be completed in May. These three new firefighters are in class a couple days a week then doing ride along and training at our stations on the days they are not in class. Our entire staff has been very busy making sure we are training and helping all our new hires succeed and feel welcome.

Fleet:

Our ambulances have had continued issues through February in which we have had warranty work getting done on Med 1 at Brickners and heating issues in the other ambulances that we have been working with DPW on. We have had a couple delays with Battalion 1 and will be putting it into service in March.

Buildings and Grounds:

Leo Gau has been working on getting bids and contractors lined up to repair station 3 apparatus bay. The bay will get drains and floor replaced as well as updated gear lockers and new paint on walls and ceiling. Leo has also been working on getting damaged floor replaced at station 2 where the concrete has broken up inside the apparatus bay around one of the drains.

EMS Division Report, Division Chief Jared Thompson

CAAS Accreditation:

In December 2022, the EMS division submitted our CAAS accreditation application for our initial review. We are excited to inform you that we have received the results of our initial application. CAAS only requested clarification on a few items from our initial application. We will be submitting those clarification documents to CAAS this week. The next step is the official on-site review, where CAAS sends three evaluators to our department to review our EMS operations internally.

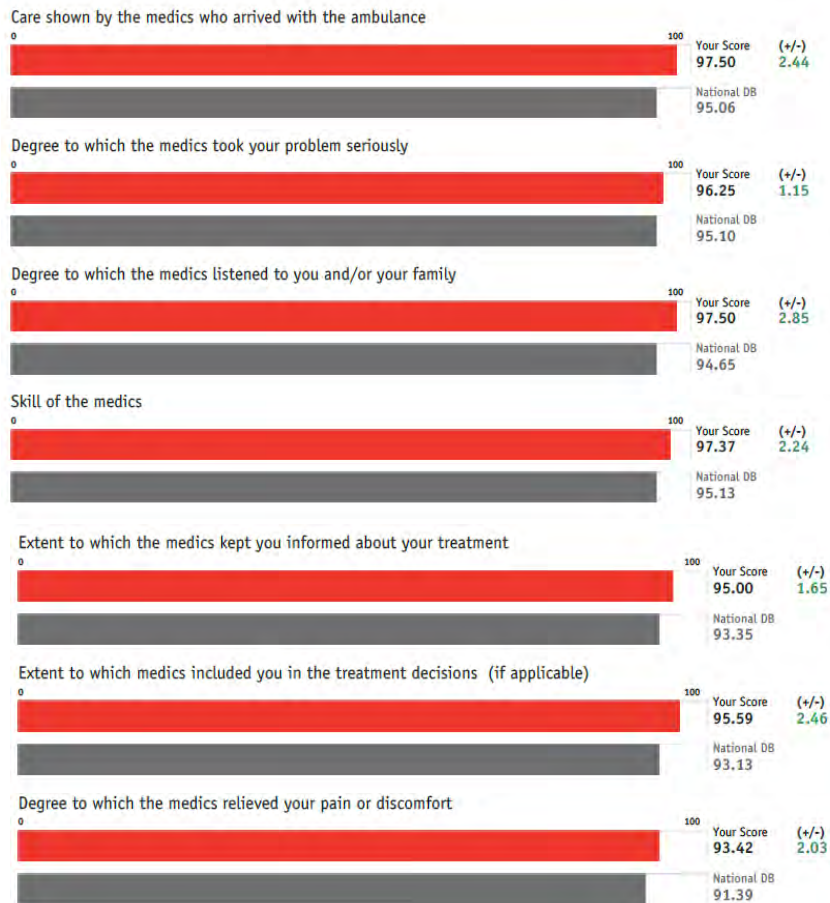


EMS Surveys:

The EMS Division found that as part of the CAAS Accreditation process, we needed to send surveys to patients we transported to the emergency department. This is something very new to the Wausau Fire Department. We entered into an agreement with EMS Survey Team, who sends out surveys via US mail. EMS Survey Team is the market leader in collecting and measuring the quality of the EMS patient experience. EMS Survey Team enables EMS agencies to analyze Patient Experiences by measuring satisfaction and benchmarking services against other providers in the industry. This past month we received our first report from them. As the EMD Division Chief, I am proud to share the “Medic Composite” results. As you see, we have scored higher than the national average of other agencies that report to the EMS Survey Team.

Medic Composite

This report shows mean scores for each Medic survey item and the overall composite score. The first column shows your organization score with the national database score below it. The second column is the difference between your score and the database mean.



Fire Training Division Report, Division Chief Dave Briggs

February Scheduled Training:

- Rope Rescue Anchoring
- Positioning Fire Apparatus
- Hearing Conservation
- Elevator Operations
- Fireground Strategy and Tactics

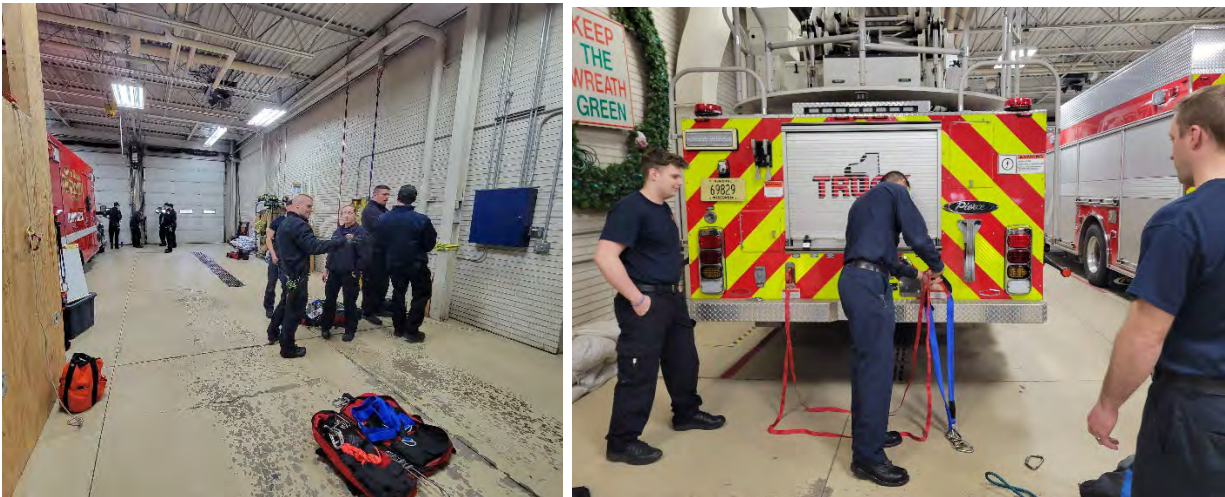
A brief breakdown of our scheduled activities follows:

Rope Rescue Anchoring

When it comes to technical rescue, creating a safe, effective, and efficient anchor for operations is a foundational skill. If we do not have a functional

anchor, we can not use any rope skills in rope rescue, confined space, trench rescue, water rescue, etc. This month, crews performed multiple skills in an informal setting and co-taught themselves.

Members were told to use any of our approved equipment and create whatever anchor came to mind. They were then given a brief lecture on a portable white board before looking at each anchor created. We then proceeded from anchor point to anchor point discussing what had been made, how it should be used, and how it could be used. Following this round-robin style of training, we created and discussed any types of anchors not performed by the group. This session proved to be a highly effective method of refreshing on our skills.



Above: Crews created and discussed rope rescue anchoring.

Positioning Fire Apparatus

Nearly all training we do improves safety and efficiency in performing our duty. In this drill, members reviewed how to park and position vehicles while on various types of emergency scenes. While this may sound simple, it can be a balancing act of sorts. Consider this; park a fire engine directly in front of a home to allow for the hoses to enter it. Then try to position a ladder truck near the home to reach with the ladder. A 200' hoseline can be extended with extra lengths of hose. However, the 75' on Ladder 2 is only 75' long no matter how much we try to stretch it. An engine parks slightly further away to allow for an aerial truck to position it's main ladder or bucket for rescue or master stream deployment.

Hearing Conservation

Every year, WFD members must refresh on hearing conservation as part of federal and state standards. A great deal of what we do in the fire and EMS profession involves a great deal of noise. Consider a vehicle crash scene with diesel motors running, saws operating, and metal being cut, pried, and manipulated. Or consider running chainsaws and rotary saws on a fire scene. Each of these descriptions are reasons why we must educate our members on safe hearing protection methods and conservation techniques. Our training program, *Vector Solutions* has accredited courses in which members were able to view the content and receive CEUs towards fire and EMS refresher training.

Elevator Operations

With the sheer number of elevators in the City of Wausau, elevator entrapments are not all that uncommon. Each year, we are called to elevator entrapments that are usually easily remedied. To ensure all members are safe in elevator emergencies and response, we train all members on how to re-set elevators, open stuck doors, and even access the elevator shaft itself. In January and February, all crews trained on elevator anatomy, basic operations, and minor and moderate rescue techniques. Following this month's training, we have a goal of performing more in-depth rescue training throughout the year in case any of these simpler tasks become more complex.

Fireground Strategy and Tactics

As the following image explains, we simply can not go setting fire to gain experience. The lack of a fire training facility means we have to get creative to improve our knowledge, skills, and abilities in reading smoke, sizing up fires, and setting our incident action plan. The image below is one method we use to create a "mental slideshow" of fire behavior in relation to the buildings on fire. Crews met and viewed the training while discussing what they were seeing and hearing. This is the "Observation" phase. Members then discussed those findings to confirm what they were seeing and believing in the "Orientation" phase. This will either confirm they were right, or they needed to re-observe. Everyone then had to "Decide" on a plan of action or an "Incident Action Plan" as we call it in the fire service. Once the IAP was established, we would put it into action in the "Act" phase. For some, this will sound familiar. We utilize many acronyms to assist us in our size-ups and decision making. This process as described is the OODA-Loop process as developed by Colonel Boyd during Vietnam.

Home Administration Calendar Community Resources Account Help

REVIEW COMPLETED ACTIVITY

WFD FIRE OFFICER DRILLS:
WFD Drill - Fireground Strategy and Tactics

While this drill is video-based, we can not just go lighting fires for this practice. Please use the videos that follow to hone your knowledge, skills, and abilities on scene size-ups, first-in reports, and initial action plans (such as assigning units). If you wish, please contact the TDC to schedule with you to facilitate this drill. If you prefer to do it as a company or you missed a group session, you may practice at your own pace. Thank you.

Please view the video on Scene Strategy, Tactics, and Tasks. Discuss how some things are similar or different to how we operate? Do we need to change or are we still relevant.

[Fire Ground Strategy Tactic and Task](#)

I have read and agree to the document above.

Please use the following clips as practice for size-ups, first-in reports, and initial strategies and tactics (IAP).

[The Size-Up Volume 1](#)

I have read and agree to the document above.

Please use the following clips as practice for size-ups, first-in reports, and initial strategies and tactics (IAP).

[Pre-Arrival Firefighter Compilation](#)

Driver-Operator/Aerial Certification

Below, members of Wausau FD, Merrill FD, and SAFER all joined together in a class through NTC to certify as certified Aerial Operators. This course is being taught by Training Division Chief Briggs to meet the needs of our on-duty members and those from surrounding departments. More information will follow in the March report after completion of the course.



Crew Self-Initiated Training

Ice Rescue Scenario

Lieutenant Ambrosius and Engineer Gehring planned and lead an ice rescue scenario for their crew. Several years ago, an incident occurred in which a woman fell through the ice on the Wisconsin River. Anyone who knows the river in the City of Wausau knows that the river has many islands and sloughs that can cause confusion if we are not given good directions or locations. Members were given similar information and were forced to learn to make decisions based on the information at hand. A multi-faced approach was used to find and rescue the victim. These scenarios are imperative to developing a mindset to make informed decisions with only the information provided. Kudos to Lt. Ambrosius and Engineer Nick Gehring for putting this one together.



Prevention Division Report, Fire Marshal Brian Stahl

Inspections:

Within the City of Wausau for the month of February, we performed 69 total inspections. Of those 11 were re-inspections. We had 12 properties that had Fire Code Violations. These properties will require follow up inspections to confirm compliance. The Compliance Engine continues to perform as intended. We reviewed 98 service contractor reports with 84 being compliant and 14 that reported some type of discrepancy for us to follow up on. These reports grant us the information that was never obtained historically. These reports encompass everything related to sprinklers, fire alarms, and kitchen hood/suppression systems.

Investigations:

The prevention Division conducted 4 Fire Investigations for the month of February. All these fires were determined to be accidental and/or unintentional.

Public Outreach:

During the month of February, we had one scheduled public outreach. We attended a meeting with the Hmong American Center. This was at the request of the Center to go over the safety of the property and what to expect when dealing with new tenants for their property at 1109 N 6th Street. This discussion also entailed how to translate some basic fire safety instructions into the Hmong language. The biggest hurdle with this would be differentiating between their different dialects.

Education:

Lieutenant Shahn Kariger successfully passed the Case Preparation and Expert Witness Testimony class at the National Fire Academy. With the completion of this class, Lt. Kariger will be set to challenge the International Association of Arson Investigators Certified Fire Investigator (IAAI-CFI) test. This credential is the gold standard for fire investigators throughout the world. Lt. Kariger is also scheduled to attend the Fire Investigation: Forensic Interview and Evidence Collection class in early April of this year.



Spring Cleaning
for **Fire Safety**

Inside The Home

-  Test your home's smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.
-  Don't use electrical appliances with frayed cords.
-  Check for water around electrical appliances.
-  Clean debris from your clothes dryer lint trap and exhaust duct.

Outside The Home

-  Remove dead leaves and other debris around foundations, decks, porches, and stairs.
-  Check grills for rust, worn parts, insects, grease, and other debris before use.
-  Grills should only be used when at least 10 feet away from your house or any building. 



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Date 03/03/2023

To Chief Bliven

From Lt. Mike Felder

Subject TAVERN REPORT February 1, 2023, through February 28, 2023

ROUTINE TAVERN INSPECTIONS (No violations unless noted)

*Cruisin 1724, 1724 Merrill Ave.

Denmar Tavern, 601 W. Thomas St.

- No licensed bartender on duty. 50 Demerit Points assessed.

Domino Bar, 740 Washington St.

Eagle's Club, 1703 S. 3rd Ave.

***Glass Hat**, 1203 N. 3rd St.

Intermission, 325 N. 4th St.

Jim's Corner Pub, 1244 S. 9th Ave.

Labor Temple, 701 Washington St.

***Limerick's Public House**, 121 Scott St.

Loppnow's Bar, 1502 N. 3rd St.

Chellis Street Pub, 265 Chellis St.

***Wausau On the Water (WOW)**, 1300 N. River Dr.

***Whiskey River Bar and Grill**, 5512 Stewart Ave

***Several checks were not completed due to my scheduling of them late in the month and the bars not being open as frequently.**

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CONVENIENCE/GROCERY STORE INSPECTIONS (No violations unless noted)

None.

RESTAURANT INSPECTIONS (No violations unless noted)

None.

ALCOHOL COMPLIANCE CHECKS

None.

NOTABLE INCIDENTS AT TAVERNS TO WHICH POLICE WERE DISPATCHED.

Cop Shoppe Pub, 701 Washington Street

- (1) *Case #23001108, 02/09/2023 at 8:23 PM:* CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS: A **bartender** called for assistance with the removal of an unruly patron suspected to be under the influence of drugs. Officers responded and the woman left the interior of the building, but remained on the property outside and continued being disruptive. The woman was arrested for bail jumping and taken to jail.
- (2) *Event #23021840, 02/18/2023 at 3:06 AM:* CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS: A male described by the dispatcher as being “highly intoxicated” called to complain that he believed his wallet to have been stolen while at the bar. He claimed a male had followed him into the bathroom, after which his wallet was missing. An officer called the reporting person, who didn’t answer the phone. The officer left a message with instructions on how to contact her. The reporting person did not return the call.

Domino Bar, 740 Washington Street

- (1) *Event #23024973, 02/14/2023 at 8:03 PM:* SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY: The **bartender** called to request assistance with the removal of a woman that was on the property and refusing to leave. Officers arrived and located the woman outside the west side of the property. This is the same woman from the Cop Shoppe (call #1). On this occasion, she eventually left the property, even as she claimed to be the owner.

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Malarkey's Pub, 412 N. 3rd Street

- (1) *Event #23022398, 02/19/2023 at 11:47 AM:* CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS: A **bartender** called requesting assistance with an intoxicated, belligerent female that was refusing to leave. Officers responded and contacted the woman (different woman than previously listed calls above) and escorted her outside when she agreed to leave.

Christine's Bar, 936 S. 3rd Avenue

- (1) *Event #23015802, 02/04/2023 at 10:54 PM:* CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS: A **bartender** called and requested officers to do a walkthrough of the bar, specifically citing a group of patrons that were getting rowdy and starting to push each other. Officers arrived and conducted a walkthrough. They did not note anyone being rowdy. The employees suggested that the offending people had already left the bar.

Den Mar Bar, 601 W. Thomas Street

- (1) *Event #23024083, 02/23/2023 at 12:35 AM:* WARRANT SERVICE: An officer driving by the bar observed a vehicle belonging to a person the officer knew to have a warrant. Officers entered the bar and took the wanted male into custody after the warrant was confirmed as valid.
- (2) *Event #23026406, 02/28/2023 at 12:01 AM:* BAR CHECK: Officers responded to the bar for a bar check. The only bartender working showed the officers what was likely her Responsible Server training certificate/certification. There was no City of Wausau license issued to her, and no other licensed bartender present to supervise her. She stated the licensed bartender had just gone upstairs. After going behind the bar (out of sight of officers) for a short time, she returned and said the licensed bartender had left to get something and got into a crash. EVOLVE licensing records do not show any (bartender) operator's license issued to the bartender that was present during the check. I have assessed the bar **50 Demerit Points** for Operating Without Licensed Bartender.

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Jim's Corner Pub, 1244 S. 9th Avenue

- (1) *Event #23023145, 02/20/2023 at 11:54 PM:* MEDICAL EMERGENCY: Dispatch received a call from the **bartender** that a male patron had eaten some pizza, was looking funny and fell off the barstool. He was described as breathing, but being in an unresponsive state. The caller "didn't think (the male was) drunk." EMS responded as did an officer. EMS indicated they did not need assistance from law enforcement, so the officer cleared from the call.
- (2) *Event #23026344, 02/27/2023 at 7:53 PM:* MEDICAL EMERGENCY: A **bartender** called to report that a 75 year old male patron was breathing, but had become unresponsive. The patron was known to have a heart issue. The male was helped/lowered to the floor, where he remained until EMS arrived. The bartender claimed the male had only three sips from the one beer he had been served. An officer responded and determined that it was only a medical issue.

****NOTE:** This is the fifth MEDICAL EMERGENCY call to this establishment since 10/14/2022. ******

Treu's Tic Tock, 818 S. 3rd Avenue

- (1) *Case #23001446, 02/23/2023 at 2:19 AM:* SEXUAL ASSAULT: A **bartender** called to report that a patron had come behind the bar and proposition the bartender and tried forcing things on her. The male was also trying to get the bartender to come the hotel room that he had rented. The investigating officer was able to obtain enough information to identify a suspect and arrested the suspect the following day.
- (2) *Event #23025456, 02/25/2023 at 10:20 PM:* SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY: A bartender called to request assistance with the removal of a woman that was loitering on the property. When an officer encountered the woman, she was rambling somewhat incoherently. When asked to leave, she did, and added that she was going to a the Den Mar bar. This was the same female from the Cop Shoppe complaint.

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ALCOHOL BEVERAGE DEMERIT POINTS ASSESSED

- Den Mar assessed **50 Demerit Points** for No Licensed Bartender on site.
- See below synopsis and attached report.

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

Campus Pub 50 Demerit Points
Disorderly Conduct on Premise/Failure to Summon Police (08/20/2022)

Christine's Bar 25 Demerit Points
Open After Hours (04/24/2022)

Den Mar Bar 50 Demerit Points
No Licensed Bartender on Duty/Premise (02/08/2023)

Jalapeno's 225 Demerit Points
Open After Hours (06/19/2022)
Allowing Underage on Premise (06/19/2022)
Serving Underage Person (06/19/2022)
Leaving with Open Container (06/19/2022)
No Licensed Bartender on Duty/Premises (09/19/2022)

M and R Station 50 Demerit Points
Failure to Summon Police (05/29/2022)

Milwaukee Burger Company 50 Demerit Points
No Licensed Bartender on Duty/Premise (08/29/2022)

Newch's Eatery 100 Demerit Points
Disorderly Conduct on Premises (03/20/2022)
Penalty Enhancer for severe offenses (Bodily Harm)

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ALCOHOL BEVERAGE DEMERIT POINTS ASSESSED TO TAVERNS/STORES

Establishment	Defendant/Relationship	Date of Violation	Ord. Section/Statute Number	Type of Violation	Point Value*	Case #
6th Street Pub					Total	0
101 Pub					Total	0
Aftershock Bar & Grill					Total	0
Applebee's Restaurant					Total	0
Buffalo Wild Wings					Total	0
Bunker's					Total	0
Cabaret					Total	0
Callon Street Pub					Total	0
Campus Pub	Kevin Steinke/Owner	8/20/2022		Disorderly Conduct on Premise	50	Case #22007058
					Total	50
Cheers Bar					Total	0
Christine's Bar	Pahoua Chee Yang/Bartender	4/24/2022	5.64.010/125.32(3)(a)	Open After Hours	25	Event #22052223
					Total	25
Cop Shoppe Pub					Total	0
Crossroad's County Market					Total	0
Cruisin 1724					Total	0
Den Mar	Emily Forrest/Bartender	2/8/2023	5.64.010/125.68(2)	No Licensed Bartender	50	Event #23026406
					Total	50
Days' Bowl-a-Dome					Total	0
Domino Bar					Total	0
Eagle's Club					Total	0
Glass Hat					Total	0

Hiawatha					Total		
Hmong Eggroll Restaurant							
					Total		0
Hutch's Bar							
					Total		
Intermission Bar							
					Total		
Jalapeno's	Jose Pedro Pineda-Medellin/Owner	6/19/2022	5.64.010/125.07(3)	Open After Hours/Underage Person on Premise	25/25	Case #22005159	
				Serve Underage Person	25		
	Jose Pedro Pineda-Medellin/Owner	9/19/2022	5.64.010/125.68(2)	Leaving with Open Container	25	Event #22128462	
				No Licensed Bartender on Duty	50		
					Total		150
Jim's Corner Pub							
					Total		
Labor Temple							
					Total		
Limmerick's Public House							
					Total		
Loppnow's Bar							
					Total		
Lumpy's							
					Total		
Kohlman and Lee's IGA							
					Total		
Krist Food Mart #89							
					Total		0
M & R Station	Rick Gordon/Owner	5/29/2022		Failure to Summon Police	50	Case #22004445	
					Total		50
Malarkey's Pub							
					Total		0
Milwaukee Burger Company	Jack Haldeman/Agent	8/29/2022	5.64.010/125.68(2)	No Liscensed Bartender	50	Case #22007009	
					Total		50
Newchee's Eatery	Mai Yang Lor,Newchee Lor/Owner	3/20/2022	5.64.010	Disorderly Conduct on Premises w/ Bodily Harm	100	Case #22002411	
					Total		1
North End Pub							
					Total		
Pick N' Save #6405							
					Total		
Pine Ridge Mobil							
					Total		0
Player's							

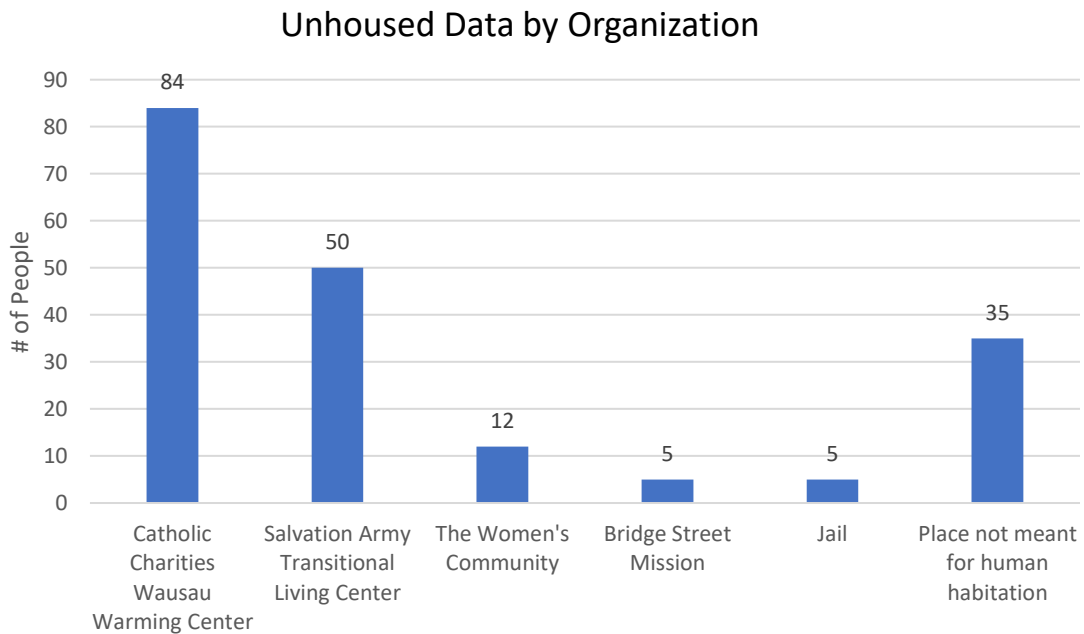
Pregame Pub	Total	C
R Store #31	Total	C
R Store #34	Total	C
Red Eye Brewing Company	Total	C
Showtime Gentlemen's Club	Total	C
The Store #62	Total	C
Thrive Foodery	Total	C
Treu's Tic Toc	Total	C
Tobacco Outlet Plus #501	Total	C
Trig's Wausau	Total	C
VFW Burns Post 388	Total	C
Wausau BP	Total	C
Walgreen's #13371	Total	C
Wausau Labor Temple	Total	C
Wausau Mine Company	Total	C
Whiskey River Bar & Grill	Total	C

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



Unhoused Data

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



Unhoused Data Summary

In February, data suggests there were approximately 191 unhoused individuals in Wausau. As indicated in the footnote, 191 is more than the true number of unhoused. As of today, organizations do not cross-reference names when coming up with their unduplicated count. This means an unhoused individual may be part of more than one organizations' count, thereby inflating the true number of unhoused. An example is provided in the footnote.

In the graph above, 82 percent of the unhoused sought or received shelter in the month of February. 18 percent of the unhoused were living outside, or in places not meant for human habitation.

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

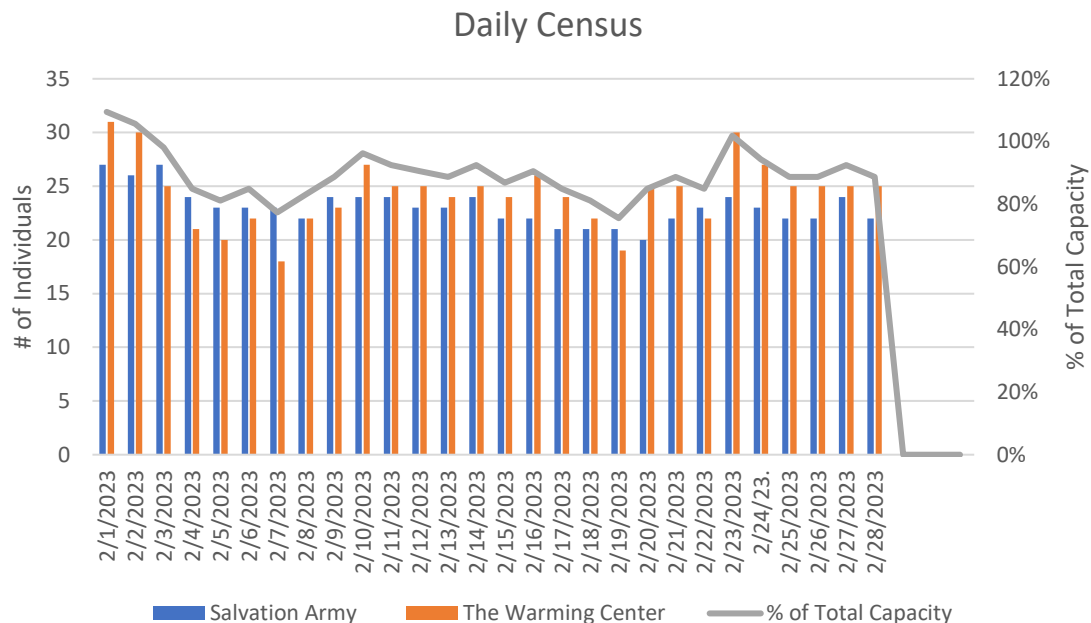
The Women’s Community data includes crime victims who sought shelter because their home was unsafe.

Bridge Street Mission includes individuals received by their shelter after release from jail/prison, drug rehab, or homelessness.

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

Daily Census

We are working hard to collaborate with partner organizations to get a handle on shelter capacity in Wausau. It’s important to know if we’re meeting or exceeding capacity. The Salvation Army has a capacity of 28. The Warming Center has a capacity of 25 but can expand to 30 when temperatures fall below 15 degrees. In sum, there is shelter space for 53 individuals on a given night between the 2 organizations.



Daily Census Summary

On average, capacity was at 81 percent for the month of February. The Salvation Army did not reach maximum capacity for the month of February. Catholic Charities was at or over their capacity a total of 16 days in the month of February, for a total of 57 percent capacity in February.

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

We continue to work with our partner organizations to learn how many people are turned away each day. In addition to capacity, individuals are turned away for a variety of other reasons. The “turn-away”

statistics for the month of February are as follows: Catholic Charities = 12 and Salvation Army = 11 individuals and 6 families.

Outreach Update

In February, outreach resulted in 2 unhoused individuals receiving housing. One of those individuals was a Veteran. Year to date, 19 individuals have been assisted into stable housing and we are excited to report that 100% of those who have received housing remain housed at this time.

In addition to assisting with housing, we have also provided additional aid like transportation to medical/psychiatric appointments, medication management, collaboration with St. Vincent DePaul, Catholic Charities, and NCCAP. Assistance was also provided with obtaining identification.

Collaboration with landlords and other non-profit agencies is on-going. Office hours at the Marathon County Library twice per week and at the Open Door once a week have proved beneficial in reaching the unhoused population.

Challenges and Opportunities

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

Stories of Success

To be presented during the Outreach Update 😊