

Wausau Fire Department



2011 Annual Report



ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2011

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WAUSAU FIRE DEPARTMENT MISSION STATEMENT

It is the mission of the Wausau Fire Department to provide rapid, professional emergency services.

WAUSAU FIRE DEPARTMENT GOALS

- ☐ ***Emergency Services Goal:*** Provide rapid, effective, and professional response to emergency situations.
 - ☐ ***Fire Prevention/Public Education Goal:*** Promote a safe environment in the Community by educating the public and identifying hazards.
 - ☐ ***Public Relations and Support Goal:*** Gain the support of the public and city government to provide sufficient funds for personnel, equipment, and programs.
 - ☐ ***Workplace and Human Relations Goal:*** Provide a physically and mentally healthy workplace based on trust, good communications, training, and teamwork.
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CITY OF WAUSAU CORE VALUES



MISSION STATEMENT OF THE CITY OF WAUSAU

**In response to our citizens, we will provide services
in the most effective and efficient manner
in order to promote and enhance
our living environment.**

Plan and encourage positive growth.

**Promote a positive community image
by encouraging citizen involvement
and civic pride.**

Service to Our Citizens



Employees

Supervisors

Departments Heads

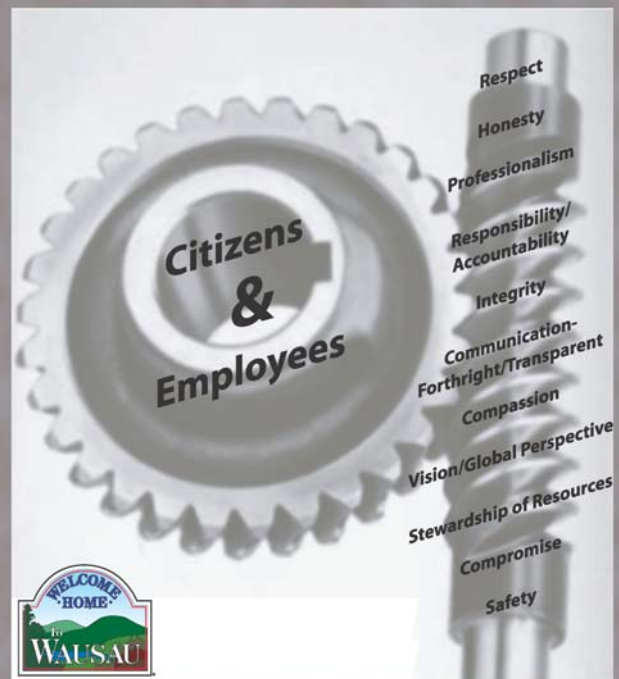
Mayor

Council



Transforming Our Environment

City of Wausau Core Values



FOR THE GOOD OF ALL



**WAUSAU FIRE & EMS
PEER FOCUS GROUP**



PURPOSE:

To improve our work environment through use of our core values.

VISION:

To be the place where:

All new recruits want to work.

All employees enjoy coming to work.

All are proud of their careers.

All strive to leave a positive legacy.

SCOPE:

Be open to discuss all issues without actual bargaining.

GROUP GUIDELINES:

Will not supercede contract.

Turn over to labor/management those issues that are appropriate for them to negotiate.

Be positive and maintain enthusiasm.

Post meeting summary and provide direct feedback to the individual (s) involved.

Respect, listen, work collectively, be forthright and transparent on all issues.

Encourage those who need help beyond our scope, to seek out the appropriate services, i.e. E.A.S. (Employee Assistance Services.)

Include our personnel and other departments, in our Peer Focus Group meeting, when necessary.

Learn to trust each other and maintain the confidentiality of the group.

ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES:

Must have a minimum of 6 members to conduct a meeting; one must be a manager.

Initial term of members is at least two years, but this is open for review at anytime.

Keep minutes of each meeting. After review by group members, post on "O" drive and distribute to all fire department employees via email.

Post list of Peer Focus Group members.

APPROACH / PROCESS:

Identify issues.

Prioritize.

Determine solutions and/or identify options.

Communicate.



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Gary Buchberger, Fire Chief

December 31, 2011

The Honorable Mayor of Wausau
Members of The Common Council
Members of The Police and Fire Commission
Citizens of Wausau

Re: The 2011 Annual Report of the Wausau Fire Department

I am pleased to present the fire department's 2011 Annual Report. The following pages will provide you with a great deal of information concerning the department's activities and accomplishments during the past year.

The accomplishments you will read of here are the accomplishments of the men and women of the Wausau Fire Department, striving to provide you with the best service possible. As always, we must remember that it is the residents and leaders of this community that provide us with the guidance and support that is essential to our efforts. I thank you for that support. To those of you who will read on, I hope you will find this report informative and enlightening.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary Buchberger, Chief
Wausau Fire Department



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Fire Chief Gary Buchberger
City of Wausau Fire Department
December 31, 2011

RE: 2011 Training Annual Letter

2011 was an exceptional year for training. Not only has the Department continued with the build up of an effective training program, it has taken steps forward to ensure continuity of services by developing its future leaders. All Department employees should be commended for their support of training. They have been remarkable in their motivation and participation, and also in the sharing of their knowledge and expertise with other city employees.

We didn't accomplish this success alone - others have contributed to it as well. Internal agencies and departments that assisted us are listed below, but without the consideration and support we received from the Wausau community, we would not have reached the heights we have. For example, we obtained several donations of structures which gave us the opportunity to conduct live fire training. Although this type of training will typically disrupt a neighborhood, the residents were welcoming. Externally, we benefited from agencies outside of Wausau such as funded instruction for our hazardous materials refresher, and assistance with other coursework. These highlights, successes, and cooperative interdepartmental relationships cannot be emphasized enough.

One of our long-term goals was met in 2011 - that every operational member should hold at least the State of Wisconsin Fire Fighter II certification. Another goal was met with department members expanding on the training given to other City of Wausau departments. We provided training in various courses such as CPR, Confined Space, Fleet Safety, insurance, payroll, and others, all of which assisted with employee development.

Our continued and valuable relationship with Northcentral Technical College has been mutually beneficial, and their decision to build a "Splash Tower" at their main campus is appreciated. We will use this tower to practice ground and aerial ladder operations, as well as high-level rescue.

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As mentioned earlier, we had many outside agencies help us either with funding or instruction, were instrumental in our success and should be recognized. They are:

Aspirus Wausau Hospital
Canadian National Railroad
Cities and Villages Mutual Insurance Company
Eau Claire Fire Department
EFI Global
International Association of Arson Investigators
International Association of Fire Fighters
Liberty Mutual
Marathon Box
North Central Regional Trauma Advisory Council
Randlin Homes
State of Wisconsin Emergency Management
State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services
Wisconsin Public Service

Training Highlights for 2011 include:

Fire Fighter II
Driver/Operator – Pumper
Fire Instructor I
Fire Officer I
Fire Suppression tactics course
Live Structure Fires
Positive Pressure Attack/Positive Pressure Ventilation course
Fireground Survival Training
Fire Engineering and Laboratory
Supervisor/Management certification coursework
Emergency Medical Technician practical skills review
Emergency Medical Technician refresher coursework
Pre Hospital Trauma Life Support
Weapons of Mass Destruction and Emergency Medical Service
Hazardous Material Refresher
Hazardous Material Emergencies
ESponder Training
Critical Incident Response tabletop exercise
Wisconsin Fire Inspectors Association Conference
Wisconsin Department Safety and Professional Services
International Association of Arson Investigators Conference

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Wausau Fire Department provided training to the following organizations:

City of Wausau City Hall employees
City of Wausau Department of Public Works
City of Wausau Police Department
City of Wausau Water Utility
City of Wausau Wastewater
City of Antigo Police Department
City of Marshfield Fire Department
Everest Metro Police Department
Village of Weston Fire Department
Marathon County Sheriffs Department
Clark County Arson Task Force

Although all City departments have been helpful in our training efforts, we would especially like to thank the:

City of Wausau's Attorney's office
Department of Community Development
Department of Public Works

Respectfully Submitted,

Philip Rentmeester, Deputy Chief
Wausau Fire Department

TRAINING ANALYSIS BY CATEGORY

Category	# of Classes	% of Classes	Attendees	% of Attendees	Hours	% of Hours
<i>Admin</i>						
Computer	25	2.19 %	65	1.17%	158:30	1.39%
Administrative Conference	4	.35%	4	.07%	5:19	.04%
Documentation	3	.26%	9	.16%	7:00	.06%
Administrative Training – other	7	.61%	29	.52%	75:00	.65%
Policies & Procedures	5	.43%	17	.30%	11:30	.10%
<i>Curriculum</i>						
Acquired Structure Prep	17	1.49%	68	1.22%	182:34	1.60%
EMS	1	.08%	1	.01%	3:45	.03%
Training Program – other	6	.52%	8	.14%	7:30	.06%
Recruit Program	5	.43%	12	.21%	21:54	.19%
Confined Space	2	.17%	22	.39%	34:00	.29%
<i>Driver</i>						
Aerial Operations	17	1.49%	81	1.46%	118:25	1.04%
Ambulance Operations	2	.17%	5	.09%	4:30	.03%
Engine Operations	42	3.68%	141	2.54%	249:21	2.19%
EVOC & Defensive Driving	1	.08%	4	.07%	8:00	.07%
Haz Mat Vehicles	4	.35%	12	.21%	23:00	.20%
Rescue 1 Operations	9	.79%	35	.63%	55:50	.49%
Tanker Operations	7	.61%	44	.79%	78:10	.68%
Vehicle Familiarization	28	2.45%	87	1.56%	123:45	1.08%
<i>EMS</i>						
Adult Cardiology	20	1.75%	146	2.63%	225:30	1.98%
12 Lead Interpretation	15	1.31%	133	2.39%	116:15	1.02%
Adult Medical	33	2.89%	81	1.46%	92:45	.81%
Adult Pharmacology	9	.79%	60	1.08%	111:30	.98%
Adult Respiratory	5	.43%	13	.23%	15:00	.13%
Adult Trauma	20	1.75%	143	2.57%	551:10	4.84%
Airway & Breathing	4	.35%	7	.12%	9:15	.08%
Documentation	11	.96%	97	1.74%	190:16	1.67%
Infection Control	2	.17%	6	.10%	6:00	.05%
IV Access & Medication Administration	6	.35%	59	1.06%	194:30	1.71%

TRAINING ANALYSIS BY CATEGORY

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Category	# of Classes	% of Classes	Attendees	% of Attendees	Hours	% of Hours
EMS continued						
Obstetrics	6	.52%	57	1.02%	104:00	.91%
EMS Operations	13	1.14%	120	2.16%	159:05	1.39%
EMS Other	2	.17%	13	.23%	13:15	.11%
Pediatric Cardiology	2	.17%	5	.09%	8:30	.07%
Pediatric Medical	16	1.40%	103	1.85%	370:00	3.25%
Pediatric Pharmacology	1	.08%	1	.01%	2:00	.01%
Pediatric Trauma	14	1.22%	124	2.23%	202:00	1.77%
EMS Supplemental Reading	10	.87%	12	.21%	14:34	.12%
EMS Scenario (s)	3	.26%	13	.23%	32:30	.28%
Skill & Equipment Review	11	.96%	57	1.02%	83:00	.72%
EMS WMD Preparedness	24	2.10%	58	1.04%	116:30	1.02%
ACLS	2	.17%	5	.09%	29:00	.25%
EMS Conferences	5	.43%	19	.34%	20:15	.17%
CPR Refresher	1	.08%	1	.01%	1:30	.01%
CPR Instructor	9	.79%	9	.16%	23:00	.20%
PALS	8	.70%	38	.68%	7:00	.06%
PHTLS	8	.26%	33	.59%	00:00	0.00%
Basic Refresher	8	.70%	8	.14%	22:00	.19%
Fire						
Fire Behavior	4	35%	13	.23%	18:09	.15%
Building Construction	11	.96%	43	.77%	47:00	.41%
Certification Course	39	3.42%	109	1.96%	428:45	3.77%
Other Certification Course	1	.08%	1	.01%	2:00	.01%
Communications	5	.43%	28	.50%	37:51	.33%
Fire Incident Review (Critique)	10	.87%	119	2.14%	101:28	.89%
Forcible Entry	28	2.45%	132	2.38%	181:04	1.59%
Hose & Fire Streams	14	1.22%	74	1.33%	106:00	.93%
Ladders	5	.43%	18	.32%	41:15	.36%
Live Fire Training	8	.70%	167	3.01%	881:30	7.75%
Mayday	18	1.58%	130	2.34%	252:55	2.22%
Fire other	11	.96%	24	.43%	80:30	.70%

TRAINING ANALYSIS BY CATEGORY

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Category	# of Classes	% of Classes	Attendees	% of Attendees	Hours	% of Hours
Power Equipment on Vehicles	7	.61%	18	.32%	21:00	.18%
RIT	10	.87%	46	.82%	84:45	.74%
Salvage & Overhaul	5	.43%	16	.28%	11:35	.10%
Save Our Own/Fireground Survival	13	1.14%	74	1.33%	165:15	1.45%
Search & Rescue	6	.52%	28	.50%	39:00	.34%
Sprinklers & Systems	4	.35%	16	.28%	31:31	.27%
Tactics	14	1.22%	96	1.73%	320:25	2.81%
Ventilation	24	2.10%	124	2.23%	197:56	1.74%
Water Supply	3	.26%	17	.30%	17:30	.15%
Maps and Street Review	19	1.66%	31	.55%	30:30	.26%
NIOSH Report of the Month	15	1.31%	44	.79%	64:45	.56%
Protective Clothing and Equipment	4	.35%	12	.21%	11:24	.10%
Preplans	5	.43%	17	.30%	21:45	.19%
Supplemental Reading	29	.254%	43	.77%	31:30	.27%
Fire Officer						
Fire Officer Certification	69	6.05%	345	6.22%	788:35	6.93%
Officer Development	2	.17%	6	.10%	9:30	.08%
Training & Instructional Techniques	15	1.31%	60	1.08%	121:34	1.06%
Leadership	2	.17%	2	.03%	14:00	.12%
Management Training	20	1.75%	27	.48%	129:55	1.14%
Fire Officer, other	40	3.51%	60	1.08%	126:00	1.10%
Reports-NFIRS, Fire Due, etc.	1	.08%	2	.03%	3:00	.02%
Risk Management/Safety Training	1	.08%	1	.01%	7:30	.06%
Supervisory Management Training	7	.61%	13	.23%	55:00	.48%
Hazardous Materials						
CAMEO	3	.26%	10	.18%	14:00	.12%
Chemical Specific	2	.17%	29	.52%	102:30	.90%
Command & Control	8	.70%	42	.75%	82:00	.72%
Conferences	2	.17%	4	.07%	31:30	.27%
Decontamination	4	.35%	47	.84%	97:42	.85%
Equipment Set up & Usage	5	.43%	59	1.06%	145:55	1.28%
Identification of HazMat	4	.35%	35	.63%	44:31	.39%

TRAINING ANALYSIS BY CATEGORY

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Category	# of Classes	% of Classes	Attendees	% of Attendees	Hours	% of Hours
Hazardous Materials continued						
Information Resources	7	.61%	25	.45%	33:04	.29%
Instrumentation	11	.96%	62	1.11%	69:00	.60%
PPE	7	.61%	76	1.37%	91:00	.80%
Refresher – Technician	3	.26%	45	.81%	332:00	2.94%
Scenario	1	.08%	10	.18%	80:00	.70%
Spill & Leak Control	10	.87%	8	1.76%	130:30	1.14%
Transportation	6	.52%	59	1.06%	237:00	2.08%
Weapons of Mass Destruction	1	.08%	1	.01%	4:00	.03%
Incident Management						
Incident Command	4	.35	6	.10	18:15	.16%
ICS 800 Nat'l Response Framework Intro	1	.08	1	.01	:30	.00%
Inspections						
Code Training	4	35%	8	.14%	22:00	.19%
Origin & Cause Investigation	17	1.49%	59	1.06%	97:24	.85%
Inspection Principles	2	.26%	17	.30%	30:15	.26%
MABAS	2	.17%	3	.05%	18:30	.16%
New						
New Equipment	3	.26%	20	.36%	12:00	.10%
New Hazard	2	.17%	32	.57%	13:06	.11%
New Policy	8	.70%	32	.57%	20:19	.17%
New Procedure	7	.61%	51	.91%	71:48	.63%
Rescue						
Confined Space	10	.87%	59	1.06%	111:45	.98%
Confined Space – Simulated Rescue	8	.70%	116	2.09%	214:43	1.88%
Extrication	22	1.92%	161	2.90%	295:03	2.59%
Ice & Water Rescue	10	.87%	85	1.53%	114:30	1.00%
High Angle/High Level Rescue	22	1.93%	154	2.77%	294:18	2.58%
Other	2	.17%	10	.18%	15:00	.13%
Respiratory SCBA						
Donning/Doffing	3	.26%	8	.14%	4:00	.03%

TRAINING ANALYSIS BY CATEGORY

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Category	# of Classes	% of Classes	Attendees	% of Attendees	Hours	% of Hours
Respiratory SCBA continued						
Recharging Cylinders/ Cascade System	2	.17%	6	.10%	3:40	.03%
Inspection, Care, Maintenance	3	.26%	10	.18%	11:06	.09%
Other Training	9	.79%	42	.75%	42:40	.37%
Supplied Air Respirators	1	.08%	13	.23%	13:00	.11%
Certification Course	1	.08%	3	.05%	24:00	.21%
Safety						
Safety Training – other	1	.08%	4	.07%	36:00	.31%
Special						
Hazard Training – other	1	.08%	14	.25%	14:00	.12%
Severe Weather	1	.08%	4	.07%	4:00	.03%
Wellness						
EAP Training	2	.17%	3	.05%	2:15	.01%
Wellness Training	1	.08%	2	.03%	1:00	.00%
TOTAL	1,139		5,546		11,370:4	



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December 31, 2011

RE: 2011 Inspections Annual Letter

2011 has been an eventful year for the fire inspection division. Our department has increased interaction with the majority of the City Departments assisting and receiving assistance in regards to fire investigations, code concerns and special event activities. The majority of the commercial properties that are subject to fire code inspections are doing a great job maintaining a safe environment for their employees and the public. Most of the properties that had fire code violations completed the corrections within 30 days. Several properties have been referred to the city attorney for court action.

At year end, outstanding violations are those in court process, variances waiting for State approval, or properties in need of construction changes.

Our Fire Prevention Programs again this year were well received by the teachers and children. By spending the day at each school or education center, it gave the fire department personnel time to interact with the children and instill the fire prevention theme which gave the children knowledge, and even homework, to take home and share with their parents and siblings.

When you continue reading this 2011 Annual Report, you will find a breakdown of the inspection activities and fire prevention programs on pages 33 and 34.

Respectfully Submitted,

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City of Wausau Fire Department
December 31, 2011

RE: 2011 Emergency Medical Services Report

An important service that was instituted in 2011 was the establishment of the EMS Division Officer position within the department. Newly appointed to that office in January, 2012 I have reviewed the many accomplishments made in 2011 by our EMS service and am planning new programs and upgraded services for the future.

The emergency medical technicians and paramedics of the Wausau Fire Department strive to provide the citizens of the City of Wausau and surrounding communities with the highest level of pre-hospital care possible. The department's emergency medical providers make every effort to decrease response times while increasing the level of care delivered to each patient. Such a high level of service is only able to be provided by offering organized training, dependable equipment, and sufficient resources while remaining fiscally responsible.

Due to the everyday changing environment of emergency medical care, frequent changes of protocols and updates in training is required. In 2011 an in-house refresher program for all levels of emergency medical services was developed and implemented which allows for a frequent refresher of skills and technology. Paramedics also attended Pre-hospital Trauma Life Support, Advanced Cardiac Life Support and Pediatric Advanced Life Support courses. Fire department members also provided assistance to groups within the city to offer CPR training and other first aid courses, increasing the overall safety of our city. Several other programs are in development for 2012 to further progress our department, and to offer the highest level of service in the area providing safety to the citizens and visitors of the Wausau metro area.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joshua Finke, EMS Division Chief
Wausau Fire Department

CITY OF WAUSAU

James Tipple, Mayor
Ed Gale, Council President

WAUSAU COMMON COUNCIL

WILLIAM P. NAGLE

First Aldermanic District

ROMEY WAGNER

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Twelfth Aldermanic District

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Cheryl Bahr, Commissioner (4/13)

William Graef, Commissioner (4/14)

Dennis Huntimer, Commissioner (4/12)

Laurin Jorstad, Commissioner (4/15)

WAUSAU FIRE FIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION LOCAL 415



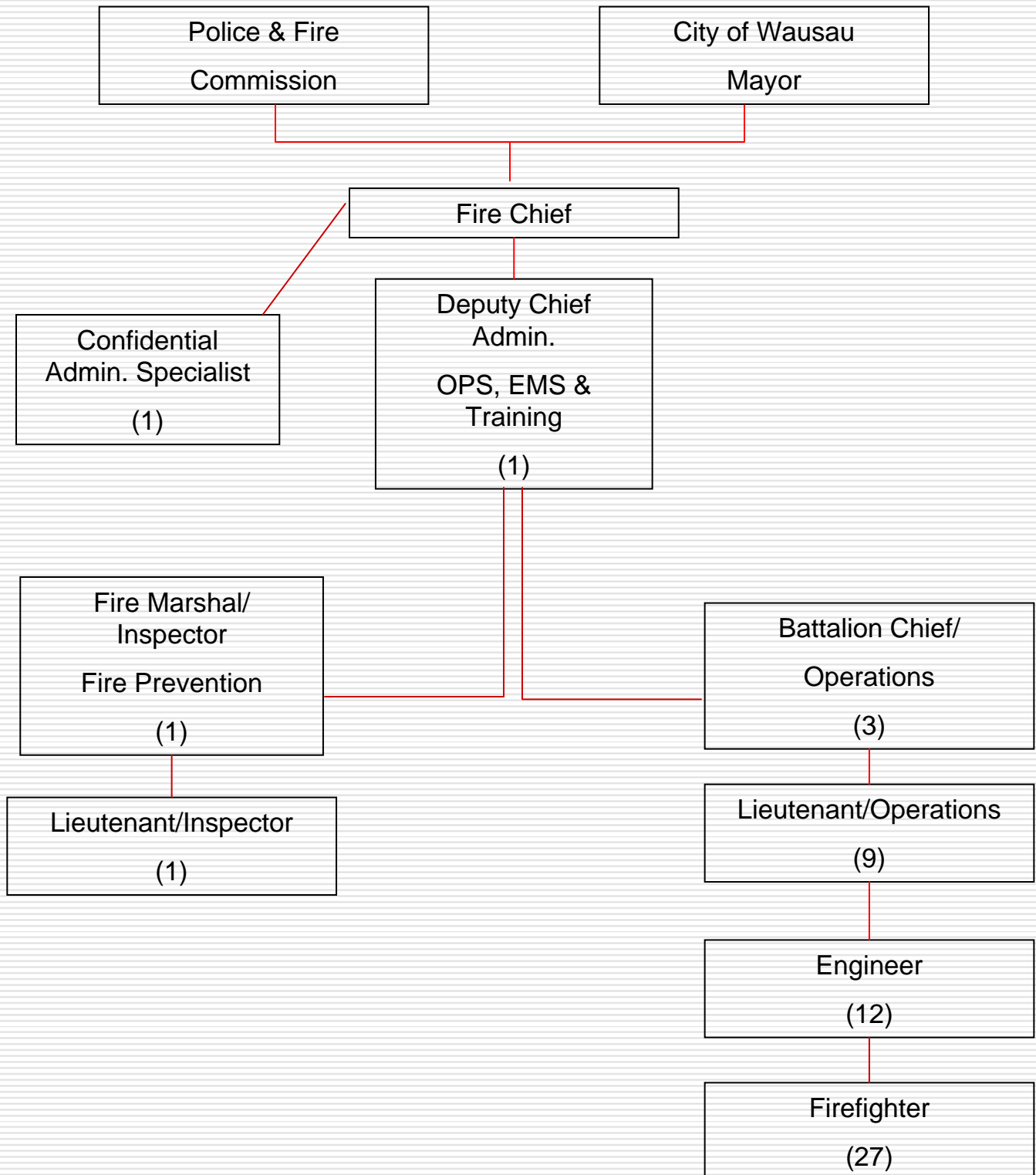
Jeremy Kopp, President

Charles Prinz, Vice-President

Steven Bahr, Secretary/Treasurer

Douglas Flory, Member at Large

WAUSAU FIRE DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



FINANCIAL REPORT

2011

2011 Budget – Actual

Organization	Personnel	Operating	Outlay	Total
Administration	\$376,297	\$90,736	\$0	\$467,033
Maintenance	\$0	\$107,950	\$0	\$107,950
Inspection	\$312,861	\$7,500	\$600	\$320,961
Firefighting	\$2,668,768	\$11,800	\$14,500	\$2,695,068
Ambulance	\$2,521,738	\$234,229	\$1,200	\$2,757,167
Training	\$79,100	\$12,250	\$0	\$91,350
Total	\$5,958,764	\$464,465	\$16,300	\$6,439,529

2011 Revenues Collected*

Administration = \$84,321.05

Ambulance = \$1,384,782.46

*Unaudited Balances as of 12/31/11

Total = \$1,469,103.51



WAUSAU FIRE DEPARTMENT 2011 ROSTER

Dept. Employee	Rank	Yrs of Service	Training
Gary Buchberger	Fire Chief	13	A,C,D,F,P
Philip Rentmeester	Deputy Chief	13	A,C,F,H,J,P,T,U,Z
Douglas Beula	Battalion Chief	25	A,H,J,P,T,U,W,Z
Mark Krueger	Battalion Chief	22	A,H,K,M,N,O,P,T,Z
Paul Czarapata	Battalion Chief	23	K,P,T,Z,AA
Tammy Friedrich	Conf. Admin. Spec.	19	C,D
David DeSantis	Fire Marshal	12	E,H,K,P,V,X
Jeremy Kopp	Lieutenant/Inspector	7	E,J,X
Thomas Pooch	Lieutenant	29	H,J,P,T,U
Raymond Yeager	Lieutenant	23	J,P,T
Douglas Flory	Lieutenant	25	J,P,S,T,U
Steven Bahr	Lieutenant	16	K,M,N,P,T
David Sanft	Lieutenant	26	J,P,T
Wallace Olson	Lieutenant	22	H,K,N,P,T
Patrick Moucha	Lieutenant	21	H,J,P,T
Allan Antolik	Lieutenant	16	L,P,T
Jeffery Strouf	Engineer	26	J,P,S,T,U
Thomas Gipp	Engineer	25	J,P,T
Christopher Kainz	Engineer	22	J,P,T,AB
Clark Reetz	MPO	21	J,Q,T
Kevin Hicks	MPO	21	H,J,P,Q,T
Michael Tulisaari	Engineer	19	K,T,Z
Theodore Tautges	Engineer	18	I,L,P,S,T,Y
Keith Cortright	Engineer	18	H,L,P,T
Christopher Barber	Engineer	17	K,Q,T,S
Gary Lech	Engineer	17	K,P,S,T,Z
Andrew Adrian	Engineer	16	K,P,T
William Resch	Engineer	16	L,P,T
Guy Skidmore	Firefighter	15	J,P,T
James Whitehead	Firefighter	15	H,L,P,T
Robert Rode	Firefighter	15	J,T
Thomas Hanke	Firefighter	15	L,N,P,T
Steven Robers	Firefighter	14	L,P,T,U
Mark Tautges	Firefighter	14	H,I,L,P,T,Y

WAUSAU FIRE DEPARTMENT 2011 ROSTER

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Dept. Employee	Rank	Yrs of Service	Training
Kurt Riel	Firefighter	14	I,L,P,T,Y
Jennifer Luther	Firefighter	14	L,P,T
Robert Buss	Firefighter	12	J,P,T
Michael Faehling	Firefighter	12	H,L,P,T
Michael Herdina	Firefighter	12	L,P,T
Scott Habeck	Firefighter	12	H,L,P,T
Brian Stahl	Firefighter	11	H,L,P,T
Chad Eberle	Firefighter	10	L,P,T
Brad Ludwig	Firefighter	8	L,N,P
Jared Thompson	Firefighter	8	L,P
Kraig Kruzan	Firefighter	8	L,P
Michael Becker	Firefighter	7	L,P
Hyden Prausa	Firefighter	6	L,P
Marlon Marks	Firefighter	6	L
Nicholas Gehring	Firefighter	5	L
Shawn Gehring	Firefighter	4	L
Charles Prinz	Firefighter	3	L
Jamie Geise	Firefighter	2	L
Derek Pionke	Firefighter	1	L
Timothy Bingham	Firefighter	1	L

Ambulance and Training: Personnel drawn from other organizations within the department

**=Indicates organizations where personnel serve in dual roles*

KEY

A = Administration / B = Training / C = Purchasing / D = Inventory / E = Fire & Arson Investigation /
 F = Contingency Planning / H = Cameo (Computer Assist. Mngt. Of Emergency Operations Specialist) /
 I = Emergency Medical Services Coordinator / J = Emergency Medical Technician - Basic /
 K = Emergency Medical Technician – IV Tech / L = Emergency Medical Technician – Paramedic /
 M = Emergency Medical Technician – Instructor / N = CPR Instructor / O = Hazardous Materials Team Coordinator /
 P = Hazardous Materials Team Member / Q = Air Quality & Breathing Apparatus / S = Rapid Water & Ice Rescue /
 T = Confined Space Rescue / U = High Level Rescue / V = Certified Underground Tank / W = Protective Clothing /
 X = Children's Fire Safety House / Y = EMS Quality Assurance Program / Z = Fire Service Instructor /
 AA = Hazardous Materials Instructor / AB = Hazardous Materials Instrumentation

WAUSAU FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL OCCURRENCES

Deaths - Active Firefighters:	0	Deaths - Retired Personnel:	0
Retirements:	Gordon Mortensen	1/3/11	
	Paula Moylan	1/5/11	
	Mitchel King	12/23/11	
Resignations:	0		
New Employees:	Ruben Macias	3/14/11	
	Shahn Kariger	3/14/11	
	Shane Woller	3/14/11	
	Quinn Ambrosius	7/20/11	
Promotions:	William Resch FF to Engineer	1/19/11	
Years of Service	Douglas Flory	25 years	James Whitehead 15 years
	Douglas Beula	25 years	Robert Rode 15 years
	Thomas Gipp	25 years	Thomas Hanke 15 years
	Michael Tulisaari	20 years	Brian Stahl 10 years
	Guy Skidmore	15 years	Chad Eberle 10 years

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITIONS

During a structure fire on October 18, 2011, Firefighter Paramedics Jared Thompson and Jaime Giese provided mouth to snout resuscitation on a yellow lab named Koda. The picture made front page in which both received calls, letters and emails of thanks from as far away as the Dominican Republic and calls to appear on the Ellen DeGeneres Show and Anderson Cooper. They were interviewed on The Today Show via satellite at Station 2 and Mayor Tipple presented the Compassionate Award from PETA .



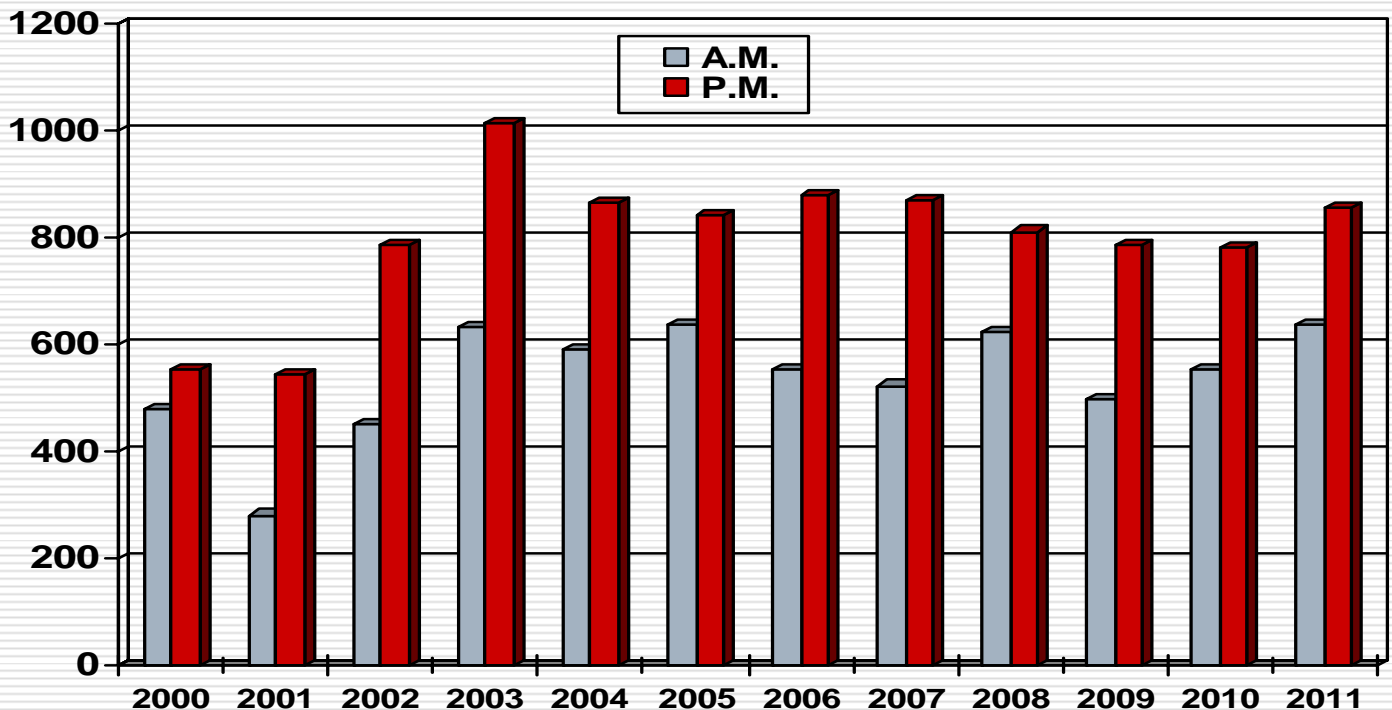
The VFW "Americanism Award" was presented to Deputy Chief Philip Rentmeester for his ability to lead the department in achieving major personnel and operational improvements department-wide.

EMPLOYEE LEAVE

Time lost due to Family/Medical Leave – 2,943.50 hours
 Time lost due to on-duty injuries – 1,748.50 hours
 Time lost due to sickness – 4,022.69 hours
 Catastrophic leave – 1,785.77

WAUSAU FIRE DEPARTMENT YEARLY FIRE RESPONSE COMPARISON CHART 2000 - 2011

<u>Year</u>	<u>A.M.</u>	<u>P.M.</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
2000	265	555	820
2001	281	543	824
2002	452	786	1,238
2003	633	1015	1,648
2004	591	864	1,455
2005	636	842	1,478
2006	555	878	1,433
2007	523	870	1,393
2008	625	812	1,437
2009	497	788	1,285
2010	552	781	1,333
2011	638	855	1,493



CITY OF WAUSAU FIRE RESPONSE BY INCIDENT TYPE

Fire

Fire, Other	4
Building fire	31
Cooking fire confined to container	9
Chimney or flue fire, confined	3
Passenger vehicle fire	8
Natural vegetation fire	1
Forest, woods or wild land fire	1
Brush or brush and grass mixture fire	2
Outside rubbish fire	2
Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire	2
Dumpster or other outside trash receptacle	1
Outside stationary compactor/compacted	1
Special outside fire, other	2
Outside equipment fire	2

Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident

Rescue, EMS incident, other	4
Medical assist, assist EMS crew	670
EMS call, excluding vehicle accident w/injuries	3
Motor vehicle accident with injuries	63
Motor vehicle/pedestrian accident	9
Motor vehicle accident with no injuries	24
Lock-in	1
Search for person in water	1
Extrication of victim (s) from vehicle	5
Removal of victim (s) from stalled elevator	2
Water & ice related rescue	3
Rescue or EMS standby (<i>confined space stand-by</i>)	89

Hazardous Conditions

Hazardous conditions, other	5
Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill	6
Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	14
Oil or other combustible liquid spill	1
Chemical spill or leak	1
Carbon monoxide incident	27
Electrical wiring/equipment problem	4
Heat from short circuit (wiring)	2
Overheated motor	1

CITY OF WAUSAU FIRE RESPONSE BY INCIDENT TYPE

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Hazardous Conditions *(continued)*

Breakdown of light ballast	2
Power line down	13
Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	8
Biological hazard, confirmed or suspected	1
Vehicle accident, general cleanup	8

Service Calls

Service call, other	11
Person in distress, other	2
Lock-out	34
Ring or jewelry removal	2
Water problem, other	1
Water evacuation	1
Water or steam leak	2
Smoke or odor removal	9
Animal problem	3
Animal rescue	7
Public service assistance other	1
Assist police or other governmental agency	8
Public service	2
Assist invalid	1
Unauthorized burning	3

Good Intent Calls

Good intent call	5
Dispatched & cancelled en route	46
No incident found on arrival at dispatch	2
Authorized controlled burning	4
Prescribed fire	1
Steam, other gas mistaken for smoke	1
Smoke scare, odor of smoke	4
Steam, vapor, fog or dust thought to be smoke	1
Hazmat release investigation w/no hazmat	3
Biological hazard investigation	1

CITY OF WAUSAU FIRE RESPONSE BY INCIDENT TYPE

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False alarm & False Call

False alarm or false call, other	5
Malicious, mischievous false call	11
Central station, malicious false alarm	1
Local alarm system, malicious false alarm	12
System malfunction	4
Sprinkler activation due to malfunction	3
Smoke detector activation due malfunction	15
Heat detector activation due to malfunction	3
Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	20
CO detector activation due to malfunction	21
Unintentional transmission of alarm	5
Sprinkler activation, no fire	6
Extinguishing system activation	2
Smoke detector activation, no fire	31
Detector activation, no fire	29
Alarm system activation, no fire	51
Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO	19

Severe Weather & Natural Disaster

Severe weather or natural disaster, other	1
Lightning strike no fire	1

Total	1,431
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2011 INVESTIGATED FIRES



*1233 S 7th Ave, January 12, 2011



1412 Golf Club Rd, February 3, 2011



5424 Sherman St, February 7, 2011



803 S 10th St, February 23, 2011



911 4th Ave, February 22, 2011



**1910 W Stewart Ave, February 24, 2011

2011 INVESTIGATED FIRES

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827 Chicago Ave, March 27, 2011



529 Grant St, April 6, 2011



1103 Spruce St, April 8, 2011



Cell Tower behind 535 S 3rd Ave, April 27, 2011



*713 Scott St, May 4, 2011



117 N 2nd Ave, June 22, 2011

2011 INVESTIGATED FIRES

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506 Elm St, July 8, 2011



316 1/2 S 4th Ave, July 29, 2011



929 Townline Rd, August 23, 2011



408 N 5th Ave, September 16, 2011



*310 Park Ave, September 24, 2011



408 N 5th Ave, September 16, 2011

2011 INVESTIGATED FIRES

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1022 S 3rd Ave, October 2, 2011



216 S 6th Ave, October 18, 2011



1019 Cherry St, December 16, 2011



*1021 Cherry St, December 16, 2011

Additional investigated fires with no pictures...

8861 State Hwy 29, Eland, January 15-2011

3339 North Road, Mosinee, February 2, 2011

8707 Scenic Dr, Weston June 4, 2011

320 S 11th Ave, December 1, 2011

**Photos courtesy of Wausau Police Department*

***Photos courtesy of WI Dept. of Justice Division of Criminal Investigation*

TOWNSHIP FIRE RESPONSES WITH INCIDENT TYPE

Township	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Athens	0	1	0	0	0
Berlin	2	5	1	2	1
Brokaw	3	4	0	1	1
Easton	0	0	1	0	0
Hamburg	0	0	0	2	0
Hatley	0	0	0	0	1
Hewitt	1	6	1	4	6
Kronenwetter	0	0	0	0	1
Maine	10	2	13	15	19
Merrill	0	0	0	0	1
Rib Mountain	2	2	0	1	1
Schofield	0	1	0	0	0
Stettin	2	13	3	0	2
Texas	10	10	6	6	6
Wausau, Twn	9	10	11	0	3
Weston, Twn	0	0	1	4	2
Weston, Village	38	32	12	16	18
Total	77	86	49	51	62

Assist police or other governmental agency	1
Building fire	6
Chimney or flue fire, confined to chimney	3
Dispatched and cancelled en route	24
Extrication of victim (s) from vehicle	3
Fire other	1
Fuel burner/boiler malfunction, fire	1
Medical assist, assist EMS crew	8
Motor vehicle accident with injuries	12
Passenger vehicle fire	1
Smoke scare, odor of smoke	1
Wind storm, tornado/hurricane assessment	1
Total	62

WAUSAU AREA TANKER RESPONSES

Township

Hewitt – 3/21/11
6841 County Rd J
Tanker dispatched and cancelled en route

Maine - 3/3/11
4580 Naugart Dr
Provide tanker support for building fire

Rib Mountain - 6/19/11
2504 Grouse Ln
Tanker dispatched and cancelled en route

Texas – 5/21/11
14969 County Hwy W
Tanker dispatched and cancelled en route

Wausau, City - 11/4/11
2100 Townline Rd
Responded w/tanker for a medical assist

Wausau, Twn – 4/11/11
8808 Townline Rd
Provide tanker support for building fire

MUTUAL AID RECEIVED

Rib Mountain Fire Department	1	Weston Fire Department	4
Marathon County Sheriff's Dept	1		

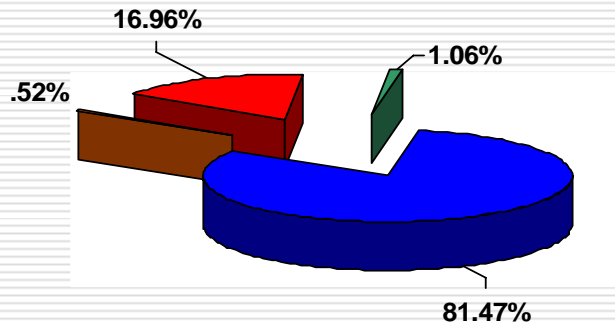
MUTUAL AID GIVEN

Berlin –	1	Merrill -	1
Hatley Volunteer Fire Department –	1	Rib Mountain Fire Department -	2
Hewitt Volunteer Fire Dept -	6	Wausau Township Fire Department -	2
Kronenwetter -	1	Texas Volunteer Fire Department -	6
Maine Township Fire Department –	18	Weston Fire Department –	21

WAUSAU FIRE DEPARTMENT EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE ACTIVITY SUMMARY

Request for E. M. S.	4,224
Total Patient Transports	3,515
City of Wausau Runs	4,048
Township Runs	176
Emergency-Lights & Siren	2,648
Non-Emergency-No Lights & Siren	1,555
Initial Emergency-Downgraded	10
Initial Non-Emergency-Upgraded	3
Not Applicable/Recorded	8
WFD Mutual Aid Ambulance Requests (Rib Mountain = 3)	3

EMS LEVEL OF CARE



■ ALS Ground ■ BLS Ground ■ Non Transport ■ Other Transport

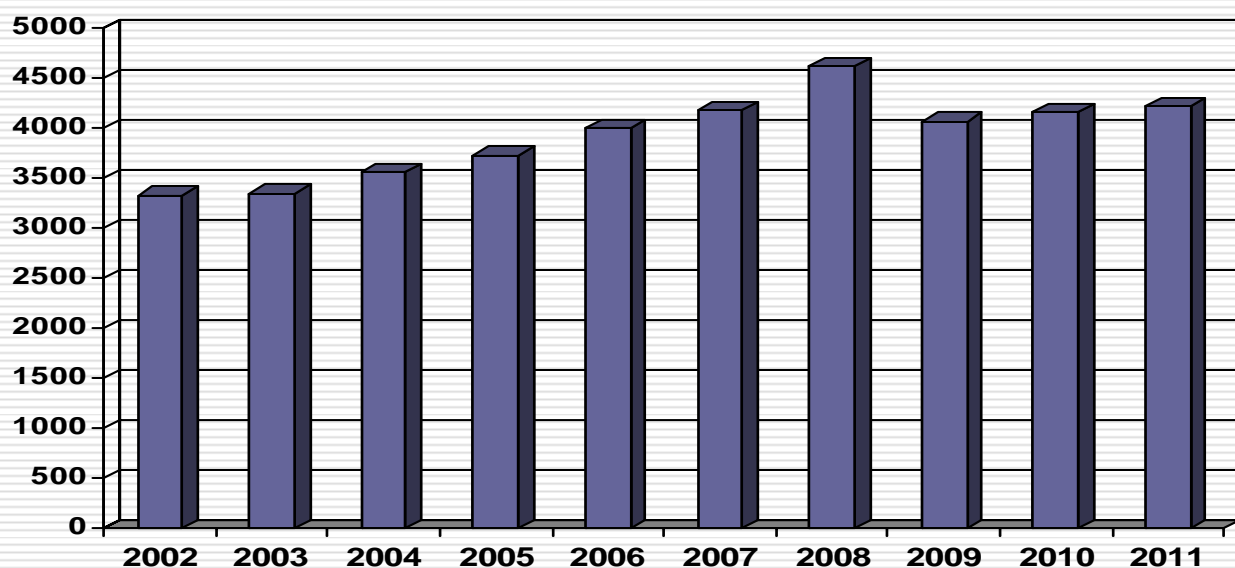
Level of Care	# of Runs	Percentage
ALS Ground Transport	3,503	82.93%
BLS Ground Transport	9	.21%
Non Transport	674	15.96%
Other Transport	38	.90%

CONTRACTED RESPONSE TERRITORY AND POPULATION

City of Wausau	19.2 square miles	40,700
Berlin, Town of	34.7 square miles	976
Brokaw, Village of	1.2 square miles	229
Hewitt, Town of	43.5 square miles	624
Maine, Town of	42.6 square miles	2,466
Texas, Town of	44.9 square miles	1,763

WAUSAU FIRE DEPARTMENT AMBULANCE CALLS FOR SERVICE 2002 THROUGH 2011

Year	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Responses	3,329	3,350	3,565	3,734	4,003	4,185	4,617	4,074	4,161	4,224

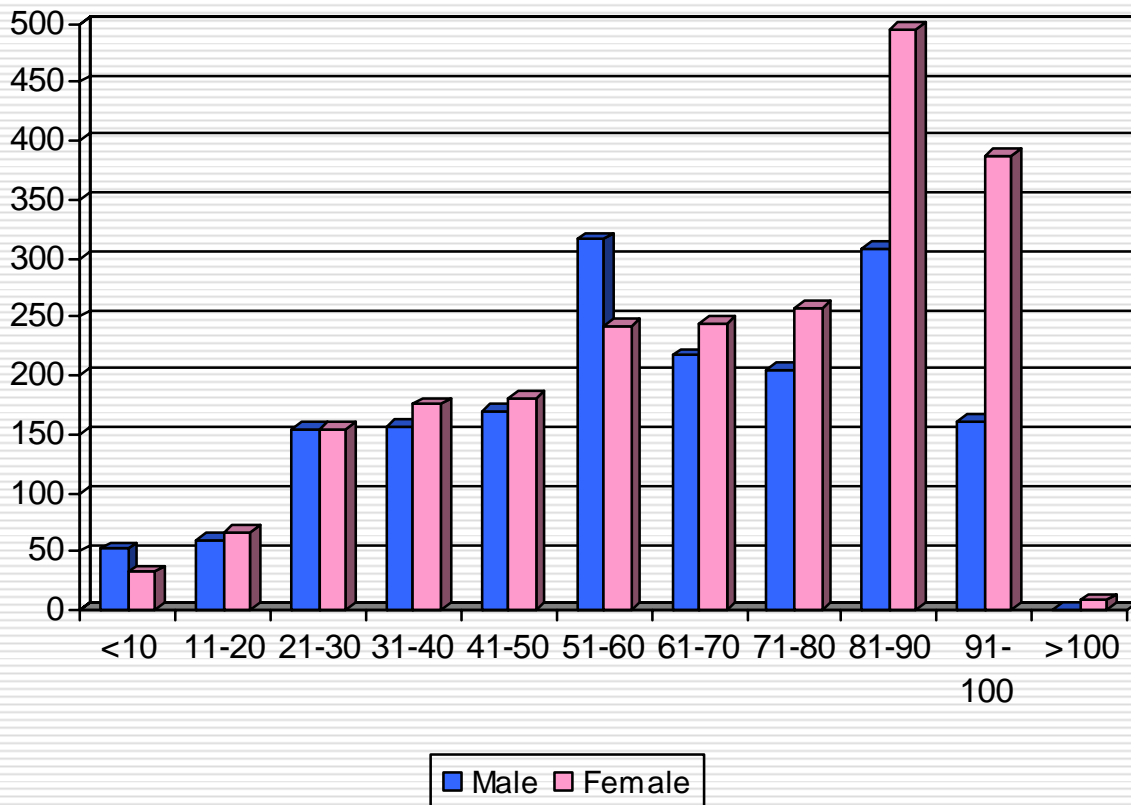


10 YEAR AMBULANCE CALLS FOR SERVICE BY MONTH

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Tot	% of Chg
2002	270	252	284	303	273	267	297	338	261	272	237	275	3,329	0
2003	279	256	301	269	264	301	284	282	271	258	265	320	3,350	.63
2004	305	252	294	276	285	281	306	280	340	334	297	315	3,565	6.03
2005	330	287	316	284	277	309	331	348	282	339	294	337	3,734	4.53
2006	320	316	292	302	348	358	331	358	336	332	332	378	4,003	6.72
2007	376	314	381	342	359	337	384	348	338	327	317	362	4,185	4.35
2008	390	404	418	387	406	407	361	380	350	384	352	378	4,617	9.36
2009	377	329	356	291	324	336	317	397	343	353	319	331	4,073	-13.36
2010	344	324	308	327	360	373	352	399	338	325	338	373	4,161	2.11
2011	362	346	360	313	357	337	362	349	399	343	337	359	4,224	1.49
Total	3,353	3,080	3,310	3,094	3,253	3,306	3,325	3,479	3,258	3,267	3,088	3,428	39,241	

AMBULANCE PATIENT CONTACT RESPONSES BY AGE

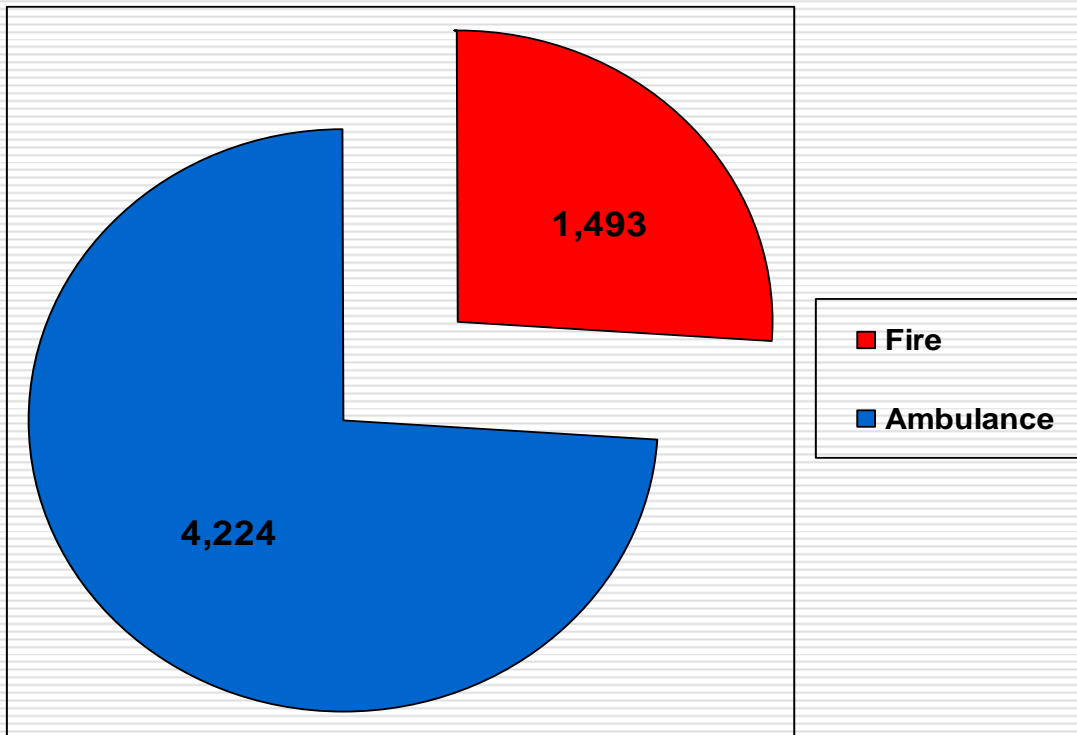
Age	<10	11-20	21-30	31-40	41-50	51-60	61-70	71-80	81-90	91-100	>100	Total
Male	52	60	155	157	169	316	217	205	308	161	0	1,800
Female	32	67	154	175	181	243	245	257	495	388	8	2,245
Unk	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Total	86	128	309	332	350	559	462	462	803	549	8	4,048



TOWNSHIP AMBULANCE RESPONSES 2002 THROUGH 2011

Township	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Berlin	12	14	19	15	21	18	37	14	24	16
Brokaw	13	11	10	10	2	5	41	11	9	7
Cassel		1								
Easton	3	2	3		2	2		1	1	
Edgar		2	1			1		1		
Elderon			1							
Hamburg	1	3	1				2			
Harris					1					
Hatley		1	1							
Hewitt	7	14	9	5	12	19	23	19	16	24
Kronenwetter			3							
Maine	89	56	79	85	92	68	60	72	82	80
Marathon	1	1								
Merrill								1		
Mosinee		4	14		6					
Rib Falls							1			
Rib Mountain	1	5	7		3	2	6	1	1	2
Rothschild		2	3							
Ringle			1							
Schofield		1	1		1					
Stettin	1	6				2	3			1
Texas	44	11	48	34	41	48	60	69	51	32
Wausau,Twn	57	66	67	42	54	53	74	57	2	12
Weston		2	3		7		6	1	1	2
Total	234	235	274	191	246	229	313	247	187	176

DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY FIRE vs AMBULANCE CALLS



Fire	1,493
Ambulance	4,224



FIRE INSPECTIONS AND INVESTIGATIONS

Inspection Type	#Inspections
Initial Inspection No Violations	2,294
Initial Inspection Violations	706
2 nd Inspection Violations Corrected	636
2 nd Inspection Violations Not Corrected	56
3 rd Inspection Violations Corrected	40
3 rd Inspection Violations Forward for Citation	17
Re-Inspection for Compliance	6
Plan Review	1
Site Inspection	89
Fire Alarm	2
Fire Protection	2
Sprinkler System	2
Permit	1
License	10
Citizens Complaint	1
Investigation Type	
Cause and Origin	25
False Alarm	1
Consultation Type	
Fire Protection	1
Sprinkler	1
Legal Type	
Simple Notice	8
Preparation	16
Court Appearance	4
Total Inspections	3,919

FIRE INSURANCE PREMIUM DUES

The State of Wisconsin Department of Commerce pays the City of Wausau 2% of insurance premiums paid for fire insurance. These payments help reimburse the City of commercial inspections completed which are mandated by the State of Wisconsin.

Year	Amount	Year	Amount
2006	\$81,778.07	2009	\$80,251.63
2007	\$74,885.26	2010	\$81,670.46
2008	\$76,630.00	2011	\$85,662.19

FIRE PREVENTION PROGRAMS

The Wausau Fire Department dedicated the month of October for Fire Prevention by spending an entire day going into each school to present Fire Prevention Programs to every classroom. With the help of department personnel we were able to reach 4,065 children and 347 adults from 22 schools and child care centers. Programs distributed were:

“Sparky” for the pre-kindergarten and kindergarten

“Be Cool About Fire Safety” for 1st Grade

“Sparky’s Greatest Escape” for 2nd Grade

“How to Prevent Home Fires” for 3rd Grade

“Fire Power” for 4th Grade

“Survive! Fire in Your Home” for 5th Grade

The Fire Safety House Program was also presented to each 1st, 3rd, and 5th Grade class.



WAUSAU FIRE DEPARTMENTAL EVENTS

The 2011 Firefighters Ride for MDA, held on May 20 and 21, was again, a success. There were nearly 900 people registered for the event and over \$33,000 was donated to Muscular Dystrophy.

The event took place at Harley Davidson of Wausau. There was an organized motorcycle parade on Friday night and was escorted by the Wausau Police and Wausau Fire department. Following the parade was live entertainment by the band Oil Can Harry. Things started off Saturday morning under cloudy skies. The rain started to fall during the organized ride to the lunch stop in Stratford, WI. It stopped just long enough for everyone to eat and rest for about an hour. As the day continued, so did the down pouring of rain. Before the live entertainment on Saturday night by the band Road Trip, the rain had stopped and the tent was filled with people enjoying the evening.

For the past few years, this event has become a very popular one for the Wausau community and **everyone** is welcome to attend. These motorcycle enthusiasts sure know how to throw a party.

Thank you to everyone that attended. If you missed the 2011 MDA ride, mark your calendar for May 18 and 19, 2012, or visit the web site at www.wausaufire.com



On June 1st and 2nd, the Wausau Fire Department Central Station was part of the John Muir 2011 Amazing Race. Activities included hose dragging, confined space crawl, manikin drag and holding a charged 1 ½" fire hose.



The City of Wausau Fire Department participated in numerous parades such as the Memorial Day Parade, Labor Day Parade and the United Way Parade.