

RIVER FOREST FIRE DEPARTMENT



MONTHLY REPORT

AUGUST 2023



MEMORANDUM

TO: Matt Walsh
Village Administrator

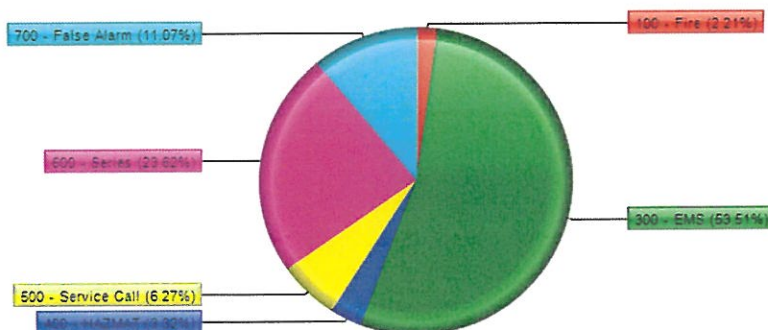
FROM: Thomas Gaertner
Thomas Gaertner
Fire Chief

DATE: September 6, 2023

SUBJECT: Monthly Report – August 2023

The Fire Department responded to 282 calls during the month of August. This is above our average number of calls in comparison to August 2022 where we had 218 calls. Emergency Medical Service calls represent 53.51% of our response activity for the month of August.

Incident Type Group	August 2023
100 - Fire	6
300 - EMS	145
400 - Hazardous Conditions	9
500 - Service Call	17
600 - Good Intent	64
700 - False Alarms	30
800 - Other	11
Monthly Total	282





Custom ▾ Aug 1, 2023 - Aug 31, 2023 ▾

48%

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Percentage of Total Incidents

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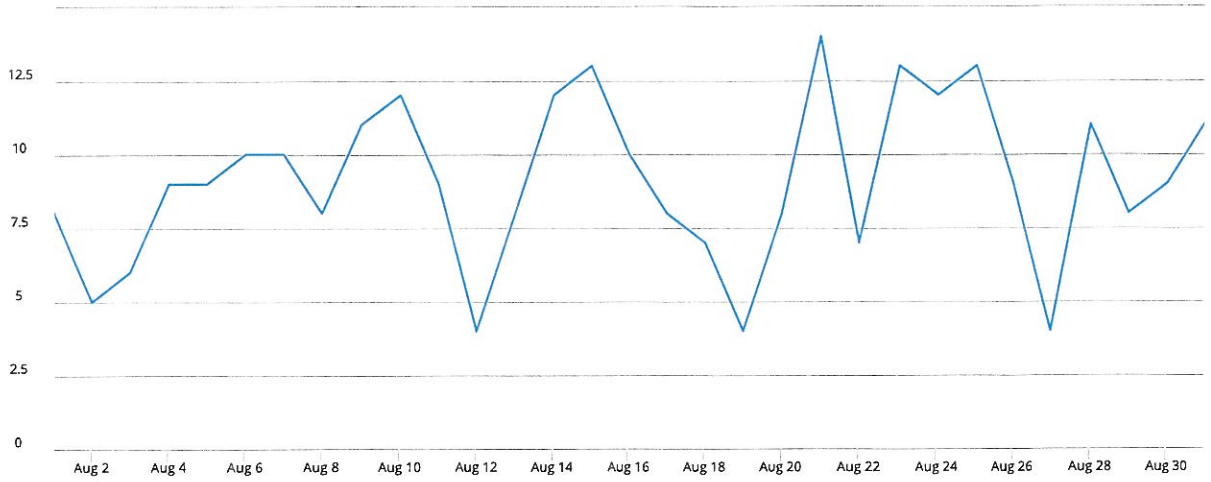
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INCIDENTS
In Selected Time Slice

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DAYS
In Selected Time Slice



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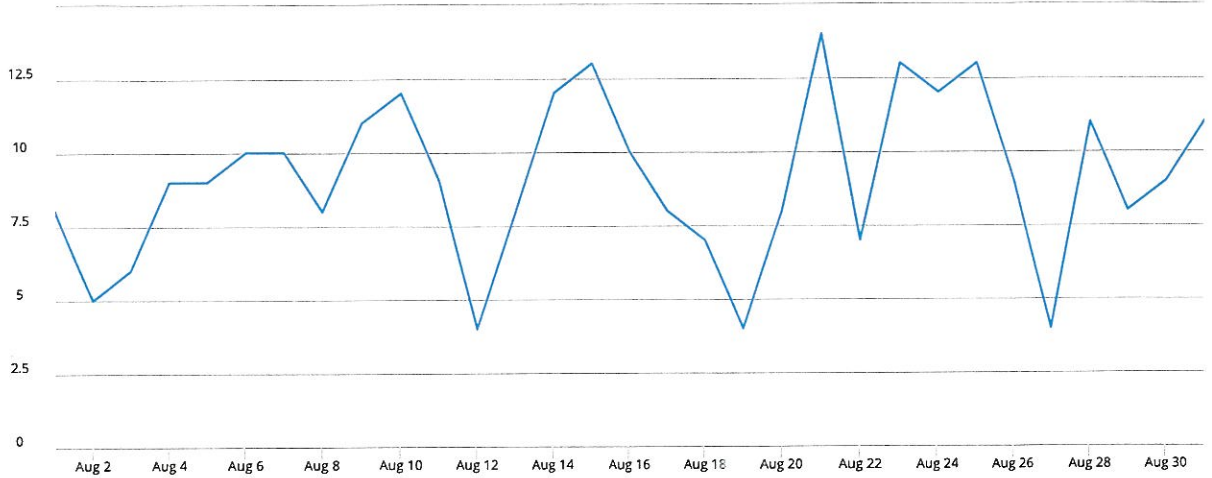
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(11) Structure Fire		4	1	1										6
(32) Emergency medical service (EMS) incident	27	30	31	38	22									148
(35) Extrication, rescue			1											1
(41) Combustible/f. spills & leaks		2	2											4
(42) Chemical release, reaction, or toxic condition		1		1										2
(44) Electrical wiring/equipm. problem		1		1										2
(45) Biological hazard				1										1
(51) Person in distress		1	2	2										5
(52) Water problem			1											1
(53) Smoke, odor problem		1	1											2
(55) Public service assistance			3	2	6									11
(61) Dispatched and canceled en route	12	17	13	13	9									64
(62) Wrong location, no emergency found	1	1	1	2										5
(73) System or detector malfunction	1			2										3

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(74) Unintentional system/detect... operation (no fire)	6	4	6	9	2									27
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Fire Chief Gaertner Report

- Attended monthly RFFD Officers meeting.
- Attended the Weekly Village Administrators Staff Meetings.
- Attended the monthly Statewide Terrorism & Intelligence Center (STIC) webinar.
- Attended the Metro Chiefs General Meeting.
- Attended the monthly Metro Chiefs Executive Board Meeting.
- Attended the Annual West Central Municipal Conference Golf Outing.
- Attended the IRMA Fire Chiefs Steering Committee Meeting.
- Attended a meeting with Lexipol on Policy Development.
- Distributed Fire Prevention Materials at the Illinois Fire Marshals Tent at the Illinois State Fair in Springfield.
- Attended the International Fire Chiefs Association Conference in Kansas City, MO.

FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

Fire Marshal Kevin Wiley

The Fire Department assisted the Police Department with the Junior Police Academy. The Fire Department was assigned two sessions with the “cadets”. The first session took them on an extended tour of the fire house that included showing the cadets how to maneuver a fire hose line around the front apron of the firehouse and dragging the Rescue Dummy around the apparatus floor. We also dressed some of them in a turnout coat and had them go up and down the hose tower stairs while carrying a tool. The cadets also experienced some hands on time with the on-duty firefighters, who showed them the “Tools of the Trade”, if you will. Many of the cadets described the tools as “being too heavy”!! The second session was conducted by Deputy Chief Dave Bochenek who is also a Certified Fire Investigator. This session was an overview of how we work with the Police to investigate fires and determine the fire origin and cause and then turn over the investigation to the Police for arrest and prosecution. Chief Bochenek had them eating out of his hand!! (See Photos)

With the end of August, almost all the schools are now back in session for the '23-'24 school year. I adapted several new August Flyers on returning to school for the E-Newsletter. August is also the start of the School Fire Drill schedule. In accordance with the State Fire Marshal's Office, the first Fire Drill is to take place within the first week of the school opening. The first fire drill must be witnessed by the Fire Prevention Bureau. The first drill can be an un-announced drill, or the principal may decide to tell the students to relieve some of the stress of the first week of school. I witnessed four drills in August with more scheduled in September. All public and private schools are required to hold three fire drills, one Lock-Down drill, a Bus Evacuation drill and a Protect in Place, also known as a Severe Weather drill during the school year.

If it's August, that must mean it's time for the annual Food Truck Rally, sponsored by the Village of River Forest, OPRF Rotary and the River Forest Park District. I inspected nine Food

Trucks for the rally. There was only one truck that had a few problems. In the same weekend, Dominican hosts its "DU Fest" for all new and returning students. Dominican had five food trucks on the front circle that I needed to inspect. Dominican had another event early in August where they had food trucks supplying the food for the event. They have another event scheduled for September. I'm pretty sure we will be having more and more events where food trucks will be used.

Public Education events were happening all over this past month. CPR classes have increased since we now have 3 certified CPR-AED Instructors. They have conducted five classes for 44 students since the beginning of the year. There was a total of 13 Public Education events with 245 contacts for the month of August.

As part of the on-going Village Hall Employee Social Events, August was the Police Department's month to coordinate with all other departments to host an employee luncheon. Due to the extreme temperatures, the Community Room was quickly transformed into a dining hall and Village Staff sat down for lunch. The Fire Department kitchen was used as the food staging area. (See Photos)

The Fire Department was honored to host a class on train safety for first responders put on by the Metra Safety Team. We invited area fire departments who were able to send some in-service companies.

The last item in my monthly report is a summary of activities that do not fit in any other category such as, hydrant flows for sprinkler companies, servicing a Knox Box, public education flyers, and picking up and/or dropping off vehicles for service among others. These activities may not be difficult but do take up time that I like to account for.



RIVER FOREST FIRE DEPARTMENT
 FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU
 MONTHLY REPORT
 July 2023

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES	MONTHLY TOTALS		YEAR TO DATE	
	Aug-22	Aug-23	2022	2023
**FPB Inspections	9	12	99	110
**Company Inspections	10	0	112	87
FPB Re-Inspections	0	13	49	60
Company Re-Inspections	2	4	84	49
Special Inquiry - B/L Site Inspections	1	2	13	5
Construction Inspections (Rough/Finals)	3	9	20	38
Inspections with Building Department	0	0	5	1
Inspections with/for State Fire Marshal	0	0	9	4
Permit Inspections (tent, trucks, UST)	17	18	25	20
TOTAL INSPECTIONS	42	58	416	374
School/Business Emergency Plans/Drills	7	4	10	17
Violation Notices Issued	8	10	131	102
Violations Noted	29	29	267	273
Violations Corrected	6	33	191	160
Permits Issued	16	18	24	21
**Complaints Received & Investigated	0	1	3	3
Meetings/Consultations	9	5	84	47
Training Activities	3	0	27	25
Fire Suppression/Alarm System Tests/Finals	0	3	1	12
Fire Suppression Hydro's	1	1	2	4
**Plan Reviews and Revisions	35	36	140	91
**Average turnaround (Business Days)	4.0 days	2.13 days	5.46	2.73 days
Public Education Programs	2	13	25	35
Public Education Program Contacts	104	245	734	608
Misc Fire Prev Activities (See Narrative)	4	9	44	61

** Performance Measures for the Chief
 Kevin Wiley Fire Marshal

Individual Shift Reports

Gold Shift Report Lt. Howe

Activities: For the month of August Gold Shift had a total of 89 calls. 39 of the calls were fire related, 48 involved emergency medical services and there were 2 service calls.

Incidents/Events of Note: On August 7th, Gold Shift responded auto-aid to Elmwood Park for a house fire. The crew of engine 222 assisted with overhaul and extinguishment under very challenging conditions.

On August 21st the members of gold shift responded for a fall from a 3rd floor window. The crews of ambulance 215 and engine 222 provided advanced life support and transported one person in critical condition to Loyola University Hospital.

Shift Training: Gold shift had 158 hours of training this month, for an average of 26.3 hours per firefighter. Our monthly fire included water supply, standpipe operations care and maintenance of equipment, hose deployment, SCBA training, and driver operator training. Metra train emergencies, and Loyola mandated continuing education. FF Krall completed Rope Technician and Infant Seat Tech continuing education. FF Rouse had additional Engineer/Driver training in preparation for an Engine assignment.

Inspections: Gold Shift had no inspections in August.

Gold shift completed 1/3 of assigned hydrant testing in August.

FF's Zipperich and Rouse instructed AHA CPR class for members of the West suburban dispatch center, River Forest public works and the River Forest Tennis Club.

Black Shift Report: Lt. Boyd

Activities: Black Shift responded to a total of 106 calls. 44 were fire related, 59 were EMS calls, 3 service calls.

Incidents/Events of Note: None

Shift Training: Black shift had 90.5 hours of fire related training this month and 22 hours of EMS training for a total of 112.5 hours of training. That is an average of 18.75 hours per Lieutenant and firefighter/paramedics. Driver/operator, tools, standpipe systems, condo pack deployment, hydrant hook-ups, SCBA, fire extinguishers, and pumping training were completed this month. The standpipe and condo pack training were conducted at the Concordia University parking garage stairwell, and we were able to assess the effectiveness of the New York load during the training evolutions. LUMC CE was completed this month as well as an additional LUMC policy and procedure update.

FF Buchholz had an additional 40 hours of training for water ops and FF Ercoli also had an additional 40 hours of training for FAE.

Inspections: 1 in-company inspection was completed.

Red Shift Report: Lt. Smith

Activities: For the month of August, Red Shift had a total of 87 calls. 34 of the calls were fire related. There were 44 EMS calls and 9 service calls.

Incidents/Events of Note: On August 5th, A215 responded to 328 South Blvd. in Oak Park for the two people electrocuted on the EL tracks. A215 transported one of the patients ALS to Loyola Hospital. On August 17th, Red Shift responded to 1 Gale Ave for two people trapped inside a stalled elevator. Engine 222 and Truck 219 rescued both occupants from the elevator. On August 23rd, Red Shift responded to 7351 North Ave for the accident involving a car and a truck. The car struck a tree after the impact with the truck. Ambulance 215 and Elmwood Park 943 transported two patients. E222 and T219 secured the vehicle, disabled the car battery, and removed debris from the roadway. On August 30th, Red Shift responded to 624 Harlem Ave for the vehicle accident. A car struck a light pole causing the pole to fall into a southbound lane of Harlem Ave. A215 transported the driver to the hospital. E222 and Truck 219 provided traffic control, secured the vehicle, and disabled the battery. Loose absorbent was placed on fluids leaking from the engine compartment. The debris was moved out of the roadway and the street was washed down. E222 was on the scene for approximately three hours.

Shift Training: Red Shift had 134.75 hours of fire related training this month and 21.5 hours of EMS training for a total of 156.25 hours of training. That is an average of 26 hours per firefighter. Red Shift training for the month included Loyola CE – SMO update. Red Shift continues to train the probationary firefighter. Red Shift attended a Metra Train emergency preparedness class. The class was instructed by Metra Police. Red Shift installed six smoke detectors in a residence. Red Shift attended an OSHA electrical powerline safety and response class. The Shift attended four block parties. FF Viera attended the Division 11 Hazmat Drill in North Riverside. FF Basa taught a CPR class to members of WSCDC and Public Works.

Inspections: Completed 0 in-company fire inspections with 0 violations, and 6 re-inspections with 4 corrections.

Department Training Lt. Carter

For August 2023 the department participated in various training activities such as:

- Loyola CE was SMO updates that take effect September 1st.
- Shifts continued their assigned building inspections.
- All shifts along with RFPD and OPFD attended a 4-hour Metra Rail Emergency Preparedness class in River Forest
- FF/PM Krall attended a 2-week Rope Rescue Technician class at Orland Park. Practical and OSFM written test were passed.
- FF/PM Zipperich and Rouse taught a CPR class for RF Tennis Club
- FF/PM Buchholz attended a 3-day Surface Water Operations class at Romeoville Fire Academy. Practical was passed, waiting to take OSFM exam.
- FF/PM Krall attended a car seat technician skill building workshop.
- FF/PM Ercoli attended Fire Apparatus Engineer class at Orland Park. Practical and OSFM written test were passed.
- FF/PM Viera attended Division 11 Hazardous Materials drill in North Riverside. Subject was updates and tabletop scenarios.
- Lt's Boyd and Carter attended Division 11 Technical Rescue Team drill at Stickney FD. Subject was concrete cutting and rescue. Concrete saws and jackhammers were gone over and used.

EMS/Paramedic Activity FF/PM Fischer

During the month of August, RFFD responded for a total of 138 patients. Of the 138 patients, 107 were treated and transported by Ambulance 215, 7 were invalid assists and 23 patients refused care. These 138 patients had various complaints. Below are how the complaints break down:

No complaint – 0
 Abdominal Pain – 3
 Allergic Reaction – 1
 Altered Mental Status - 0
 Animal Bite -- 0
 Assault – 1
 Breathing Problems – 11
 Burns -- 0
 Psychiatric – 4
 Chest Pain – 7
 Cardiac/Traumatic/Respiratory Arrest – 2
 Choking – 0
 CO Poisoning - 1
 Diabetic – 0
 Electrocution - 1
 Eye Problem -- 0

Fall – 20
General aches, pain - 1
General Injury - 0
Headache/Concussion – 1
Hemorrhage/Bleeding – 3
Medical/Inter-Facility Transfer - 2
Medical Alarm – 0
Opiate Overdose -- 0
Pain (Back) – 0
Pain (General) -- 0
Patient Assist – 7
Poisoning / Drug Ingestion – 3
Seizure – 1
Sick Person -- 37
Stroke / CVA – 5
Special Event Stand-by - 0
Traffic Accident – 16
Traumatic Arrest - 1
Traumatic Injury – 2
Unconscious/Unresponsive – 8
Unknown Problems – 2
Weakness - 1

The 107 patients who were transported went to the following hospitals:

Gottlieb – 26
Hines VA – 0
Loyola – 8
MacNeal -0
Community First -- 0
Rush / Oak Park – 70
Resurrection - 0
West Suburban – 3

We had 37 calls to other towns for a mutual aid ambulance and received aid from other towns 18 times.

Vehicle/Station Maintenance FF/PM Zipperich

VEHICLES

200- Nothing Reported

201- Nothing reported

202- Nothing reported

299- Nothing reported

213- OOS. Wiring harness replaced. Front brakes serviced. Tank to pump and cab tilt OOS.

214- At Forest Park and returned

215- Oil change due

218- Nothing reported

219- Wigits added Freon charge to AC, call still out to E1 to advise on system/complete service. Aerial cable track bent. Exhaust rehung. Tank to pump valve may be leaking.

222-Nothing reported

EQUIPMENT

222 Blowhard fan voltage adjusted.

SCBA and masks tested by Air One, except for DC

50-foot electric reels on 219 and 222

219 sensit repaired.

Gas detectors calibrated.

SCBA compressor Fill #1 hose assembly repaired.

219 cellphone moved to 222

Some gear/clothing orders wrong

FIRE STATION

Hastings repaired Plymovent. Transmitter needed for 219 bay.

JUNIOR CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY (FIRE DEPARTMENT COMPONENT)





