



## MEMORANDUM

TO: Matt Walsh  
Interim Village Administrator

FROM: Thomas Gaertner  
Thomas Gaertner  
Fire Chief

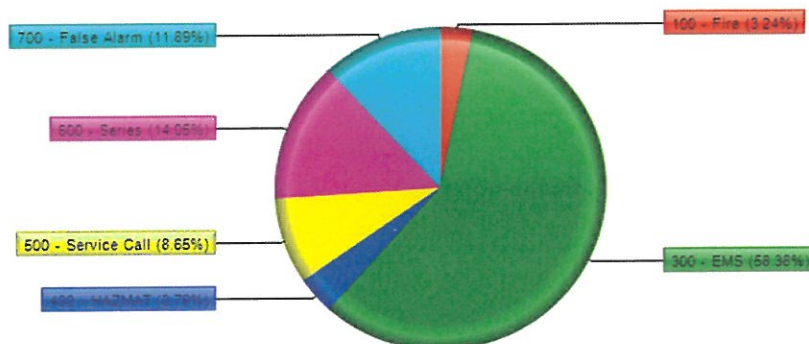
DATE: March 8, 2023

SUBJECT: Monthly Report – February 2023

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The Fire Department responded to 185 calls during the month of February. This is above our average number of calls in comparison to February 2022 where we had 159 calls. Emergency Medical Service calls represent 58.38% of our response activity for the month of February.

Incident Type Group	February 2023
100 - Fire	6
300 - EMS	108
400 - Hazardous Conditions	7
500 - Service Call	16
600 - Good Intent	26
700 - False Alarms	22
<b>Monthly Total</b>	<b>185</b>



### **Chief Gaertner Report**

- Attended monthly RFFD Officers meeting.
- Attended the Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association General Meeting.
- Attended the monthly Statewide Terrorism & Intelligence Center (STIC) webinar.
- Attended the monthly MABAS Division 11 Fire Chiefs Meeting.
- Attended the monthly Metro Chiefs Executive Board Meeting.
- Attended the West Central Municipal Conference Annual Breakfast.
- Spoke with FM Wiley at OPRF Health Class on Fire Service Careers.
- Attended a Communications Focus Group Meeting at OPRF.
- Attended a Fire Chiefs Workshop on Firefighter Line of Duty Death Federal Benefits.
- Assisted with our Office of the State Fire Marshal Training Records Audit.
- Completed our Medicare revalidation Process.
- Attended a Webinar on Firefighter Mental Health.

### **FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU**

#### **Fire Marshal Kevin Wiley**

February is a month that I have dedicated to inspecting all the buildings at the two campuses of Dominican University and Fenwick Priory. As you may know, I inspect several occupancies twice a year. I inspect all the university buildings in the first half of the year and then certain Target Hazard occupancies get a second inspection in the second half of the year. At the Universities, I inspect all the dorm buildings twice. Dominican has 13 buildings that I inspected and now Fenwick owns the 3 buildings at the Priory Campus, I will continue to do them in February. The Shifts completed 36 Company Inspections, which is above the seven average for any given month. With the increase in inspections comes an increase in violations brought to building owners' attention.

Now that I am concentrating on Plan Reviews, I was able to cut my review turn-around this year to 2.3 business days for February. My YTD is a respectable 3.5 business days. I'm very happy with those numbers and hope that they will stay relatively close throughout the year. I will continue to chip away at these numbers as the year progresses.

I had the chance this month to return to the River Forest Library again this year to talk to staff for their annual safety training. Much of the staff was the same as last year but there were several new staff members who haven't heard my safety talk. I also toured the building with them asking safety questions along the way.

Chief Gaertner and I attended a Career Day at OPRF High School. I must admit, we made a good tag team, and I was given a huge compliment from one of the students when she told me

that we were the most interesting talk of quite a number of presenters. Maybe we should take our talk on the road!! LOL!!

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  
 February 2023

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES	MONTHLY TOTALS		YTD-YEAR TO DATE	
	Feb-22	Feb-23	2022	2023
**FPB Inspections	15	16	27	28
**Company Inspections	28	36	44	43
FPB Re-Inspections	3	4	3	5
Company Re-Inspections	13	5	39	18
Special Inquiry - B/L Site Inspections	1	0	2	0
Construction Inspections (Rough/Finals)	0	4	3	4
Inspections with Building Department	2	0	2	0
Inspections <b>with/for</b> State Fire Marshal	0	0	1	0
Permit Inspections (tent, hot work, UST)	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL INSPECTIONS</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>98</b>
School/Business Emergency Plans/Drills	0	2	0	2
Violation Notices Issued	23	22	40	32
Violations Noted	39	72	80	95
Violations Corrected	15	13	35	28
Permits Issued	0	0	0	0
**Complaints Received & Investigated	0	0	0	0
Meetings/Consultations	13	7	22	16
Training Activities	1	1	1	2
Fire Suppression/Alarm System Tests/Finals	0	3	0	5
Fire Suppression Hydro's	0	1	0	2
**Plan Reviews and Revisions	8	3	16	6
**Average turn around ( <b>Business Days</b> )	7.25 days	2.3 days	11.25 Days	3.5 days
Public Education Programs	0	4	2	8
Public Education Program Contacts	0	66	18	132
Misc Fire Prev Activities (See Narrative)	6	6	6	14

\*\* Performance Measures for the Chief

Kevin Wiley Fire Marshal

## **Individual Shift Reports**

### **Gold Shift Report Lt. Howe**

**Activities:** During the month of February Gold Shift responded to 59 calls for service. 21 of the calls were fire related, 35 involved emergency medical services and there were 3 service calls.

**Incidents/Events of Note:** On February 22, gold shift responded to 7525 Lake for a pedestrian struck by car. Ambulance 215 provided care and transported patient to oak Park hospital in stable condition.

**Training:** Gold shift conducted 110 hours of training this month, for an average of 18.3 hours per firefighter. Our monthly fire training included global harmonization, bloodborne pathogens, Lock Out -Tag Out and Loyola EMS Continuing Education.

**Inspections:** 8 In-Company fire inspections were completed in February.

### **Black Shift Report: Lt. Bochenek**

**Activities:** Black Shift had a total of 66 calls. 23 were fire related, 40 were EMS calls, 3 service calls.

**Incidents/Events of Note:** The ambulance responded to multiple fires in Oak Park. The Lucas Device was used on a full arrest and allowed uninterrupted compressions to occur while carrying the patient down from the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of the structure.

**Shift Training:** Black shift conducted 77 hours of fire related training this month and 67 hours of EMS training for a total of 144 hours of training. Some of the fire training can be considered cross training between fire and EMS, but for categorization purposes it was placed under fire training. That is an average of 24 hours per Lieutenant and firefighter/paramedics.

**Inspections:** 22 In-company inspections were completed.

### **Red Shift Report: Lt. Smith**

**Activities:** For the month of February, Red Shift responded to a total of 66 calls. 22 of the calls were fire related. There were 36 EMS calls and 8 service calls.

**Incidents/Events of Note:** On February 7th, Ambulance 215 responded to 451 Greenfield, Oak Park for the structure fire. Ambulance 215 was medical control throughout the incident.

On February 12<sup>th</sup>, Ambulance 215 responded to 711 Des Plaines, Forest Park for the unresponsive person. The patient was found in cardiac arrest. Ambulance 215 provided ALS care and transported the patient to the hospital with a pulse. On February 24<sup>th</sup>, Engine 213 and Ambulance 215 responded to 8237 Lake Street for the car into the building. Ambulance 215



attended to the driver of the vehicle while Engine 213 secured the car and investigated the structure for damage.

On February 27<sup>th</sup>, Ambulance 215 and Engine 213 responded to 7343 Lake Street for the unresponsive person. The patient was found on a bench not breathing and with no pulse. Crew immediately applied the new LUCAS CPR device and began mechanical CPR. The crew provided ALS care and the patient was transported to the hospital with a viable rhythm. This is the fourth time the new LUCAS device has helped bring a patient back into a viable heart rhythm since we purchased the device in October of last year.

**Shift Training:** Red Shift conducted 153.5 hours of fire related training this month and 42 hours of EMS training for a total of 195.5 hours of training. That is an average of 32.6 hours per firefighter.

Red Shift training for the month included Loyola Continuing Education –AMS, Stroke, and Dementia. Red Shift members continue to train on mandatory bloodborne pathogens familiarization, Right to Know, MSDS and Lock Out/Tag Out. The shift continued to complete assignments on EMS topics on EMS1 Academy. FF Seablom attended a 40-hour Instructor 1 class held at NIPSTA. He began a 40-hour Advanced Firefighter class on February 27<sup>th</sup>. Lt. Smith attended two management classes with the Illinois Department of Human Rights. Lt. Smith also completed 12 hours of training for fire investigation and attended a Lexipol class titled: The Company Officer's Dilemma.

**Inspections:** 8 In-company fire inspection with 2 violations, and 2 re-inspections with 2 corrections.

### Training Lt. Carter

For February 2023 the department participated in various training activities such

- Loyola CE was held on February 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup>. Subject was Altered Mental Status, Stroke and Dementia
- Shifts continued their assigned building inspections.
- FF/PM Seablom attended Instructor I at NIPSTA
- FF/PM Zipperich taught 2 CPR classes to the public on February 11<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. FF/PM Buchholz assisted on the 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Division 11 Haz Mat drill was canceled.
- Division 11 TRT drill was held in Cicero on February 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. Subject was confined space. Lt. Howe and FF/PM Zipperich attended.
- Division 11 Fire Investigator drill was held in Stickney on February 23<sup>rd</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. Subject was NFPA 1033 requisite knowledge.

**EMS/Paramedic Activity FF/PM Fischer**

During the month of February, RFFD responded for a total of 117 patients. Of the 117 patients, 85 were treated and transported by Ambulance 215, 4 were invalid assists, 2 DOA's and 26 patients refused care. These 117 patients had various complaints. Below are how the complaints break down:

Abdominal Pain – 3  
 Allergic Reaction – 2  
 Animal Bite -- 1  
 Assault – 1  
 Breathing Problems – 10  
 Burns -- 0  
 Psychiatric – 4  
 Chest Pain – 2  
 Cardiac/Traumatic/Respiratory Arrest – 2  
 Choking -- 0  
 Diabetic – 2  
 Eye Problem -- 0  
 Fall - 15  
 Headache/Concussion – 0  
 Hemorrhage/Bleeding -- 2  
 Medical Alarm – 0  
 Opiate Overdose -- 2  
 Pain (Back) – 2  
 Pain (General) -- 3  
 Patient Assist – 0  
 Poisoning / Drug Ingestion – 0  
 Seizure – 2  
 Sick Person -- 26  
 Stroke / CVA – 0  
 Traffic Accident -- 6  
 Traumatic Injury – 4  
 Unconscious/Unresponsive – 6  
 Unknown Problems -- 4

The 85 patients who were transported went to the following hospitals:

Gottlieb – 16  
 Hines VA – 1  
 Loyola – 11  
 MacNeal - 0  
 Community First -- 0  
 Rush / Oak Park – 57  
 Resurrection - 0  
 West Suburban – 0

We had 26 calls to other towns for a mutual aid ambulance and received aid from other towns 6 times.

**Vehicle/Station Maintenance    FF/PM Zipperich**

**Vehicles**

200- 4 tires replaced

201- Nothing reported

202- Nothing reported

213- oil added

214- Nothing reported

215- Front brake service, PMs

218- Nothing reported

219- Driver's side, rear dually, inner tire air valve extension replaced

222- Nothing reported

**Equipment**

Hose monster gauge reconditioned/repared.

Blowhard extension cord, female end, broken.

O2 delivered- 9 D and 1 K tank.

**Fire Station**

Plymovent motor replaced on roof.

Roof leaking in truck bay.

Garage door #2(213) bearing issue. Service technician to schedule repair.



**LETTERS OF RECOGNITION**

# OPRFHS HEALTH CLASS

- Ella Hurlinger  
- Alex  
Caroline  
Leah  
Claire  
- Kelly  
Thank you chief,  
Gaerther for your  
service & coming in.  
Christina C.  
- Zoe  
- Eric  
Sidney  
Emily  
Talia  
- Carlos Reyes  
Evans  
- Michelle  
- Dior  
- Daniel Keane  
- Kayla  
Joel A  
Sadie

## Thomas Gaertner

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**From:** Lucas Finfrock  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 21, 2023 8:36 PM  
**To:** Thomas Gaertner  
**Subject:** LUCAS save

Chief, below is a narrative about the save with the LUCAS device. Viera and Seablom, plus Forest Park engine crew. Let me know if you need anything else. ~~Please add/omit whatever else you need. I am not sure exactly what the village would want to hear.~~

Luke

"RFFD Ambulance #215 responded to Forest Park train station for an unconscious person on the train. Crew found the patient with Forest Park engine crew, pulseless and not breathing. The crew began manual CPR and providing the patient with ventilations while moving her off of the train and into the ambulance. LUCAS device was applied and remained for the duration of the call. Patient remained in a non shockable cardiac rhythm and crew monitored the patient with capnography during CPR. Patient was given cardiac meds and transported to an area hospital. Shortly after arrival, the patient regained pluses and a normal cardiac rhythm, and is currently receiving care in the ICU."