

RIVER FOREST FIRE DEPARTMENT



MONTHLY REPORT

February 2024



MEMORANDUM

TO: Matt Walsh
Village Administrator

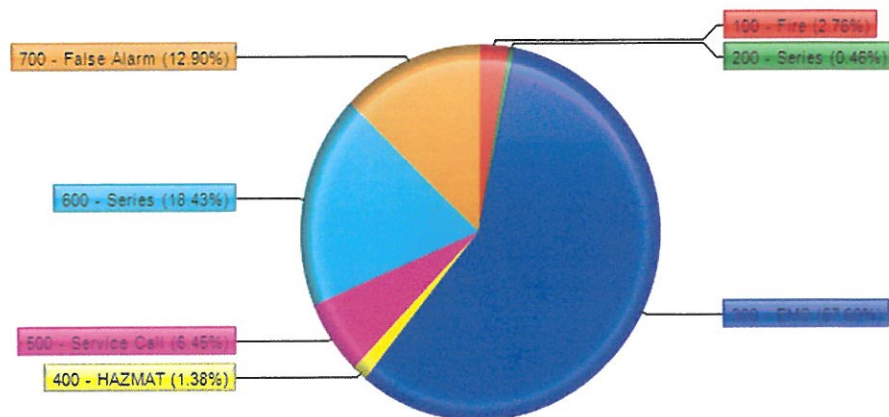
FROM: Thomas Gaertner
Thomas Gaertner
Fire Chief

DATE: March 11, 2024

SUBJECT: Monthly Report – February 2024

The Fire Department responded to 222 calls during the month of February. This is above our average number of calls in comparison to February 2023 where we had 189 calls. Emergency Medical Service calls represent 57.60% of our response activity for the month of January.

Incident Type Group	February 2024
100 - Fire	6
300 - EMS	125
400 - Hazardous Conditions	3
500 - Service Call	14
600 - Good Intent	41
700 - False Alarms	28
800 - Other	5
Monthly Total	222





Custom ▾ Feb 1, 2024 - Feb 29, 2024 ▾

44%

FIRE
Percentage of total incidents

56%

EMS
Percentage of total incidents

222

INCIDENTS
In This Report Period

29

DAYS
In This Report Period



Counts	% Rows	% Columns		% All										
Week Ending	2/4/24	2/11/24	2/18/24	2/25/24	3/3/24	3/10/24	3/17/24	3/24/24	3/31/24	4/7/24	4/14/24	4/21/24	4/28/24	Total
RIVER FOREST FIRE DEPARTMENT	34	62	42	54	30									222
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Custom Jan 1, 2024 - Feb 29, 2024

45%

FIRE
No. of fire incidents

55%

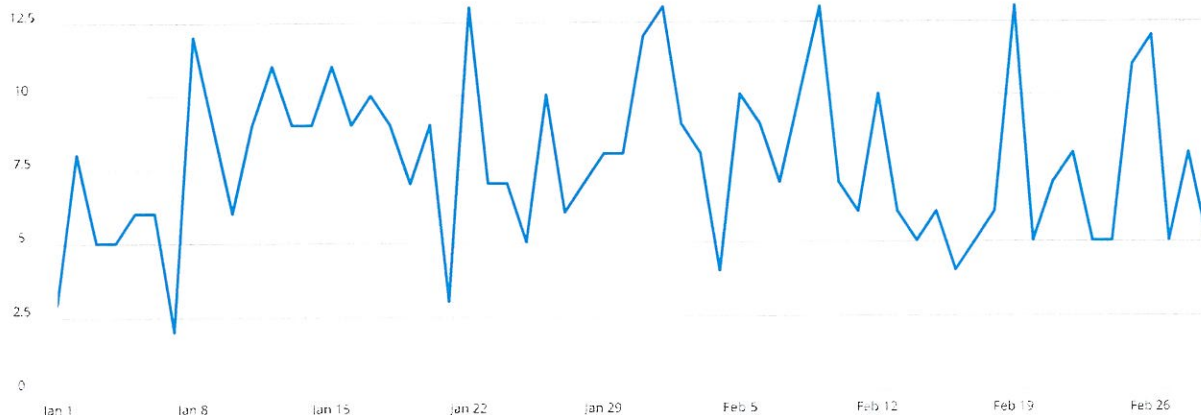
EMS
No. of emergency medical service incidents

463

INCIDENTS
No. of total incidents

60

DAYS
No. of days with incidents



Counts	% Rows	% Columns	% All											
Week Ending	1/7/24	1/14/24	1/21/24	1/28/24	2/4/24	2/11/24	2/18/24	2/25/24	3/3/24	3/10/24	3/17/24	3/24/24	3/31/24	Total
(11) Structure Fire					1		1	1	1					4
(13) Mobile property (vehicle) fire								1						1
(14) Natural vegetation fire										2				2
(21) Overpressure rupture from steam (no ensuing fire)						1								1
(32) Emergency medical service (EMS) incident	22	33	22	34	38	38	20	28	19					254
(33) Lock-In			2											2
(35) Extrication, rescue						1	1	1						3
(38) Rescue or EMS standby						1								1
(41) Combustible/f.. spills & leaks	1		1	1	1	1								5
(42) Chemical release, reaction, or toxic condition		1					1							2
(44) Electrical wiring/equipm. problem		2		2										4
(51) Person in distress	1	5	1			2	1							10
(52) Water problem			5	1	1		1							8
(53) Smoke, odor problem									1					1
(55) Public service assistance	2	1	4	2	2	2	2	1	2					18

Week Ending	1/7/24	1/14/24	1/21/24	1/28/24	2/4/24	2/11/24	2/18/24	2/25/24	3/3/24	3/10/24	3/17/24	3/24/24	3/31/24	Total
(61) Dispatched and canceled en route	7	13	10	6	10	10	6	8	2					72
(62) Wrong location, no emergency found	1	2	2	3	1		2	3						14
(65) Steam, other gas mistaken for smoke			1						1					2
(73) System or detector malfunction			2	1			1							4
(74) Unintentional system/detect... operation (no fire)	1	8	8	5	8	6	6	10	3					55
Total	35	65	58	55	62	62	42	54	30					463

Fire Chief Gaertner Report

- Attended the Weekly Village Administrators Staff Meetings.
- Attended the monthly Statewide Terrorism & Intelligence Center (STIC) webinar.
- Attended the Monthly Village Board of Trustees Meetings.
- Attended the West Suburban Consolidated Dispatch Operations Meeting.
- Attended Fire Union Negotiations Meeting.
- Attended the Monthly Division 11 Fire Chiefs Meeting.
- Attended our Budget Review Meeting with Matt Walsh, Jessica Spencer, and Finance Leadership.
- Attended the Monthly Metro Chiefs Executive Board Meeting.
- Conducted Administrative Assistant Renee Morris's Annual Performance Evaluation.

Deputy Fire Chief Bochenek Report

- Attended monthly RFFD Officers' meeting.
- Attended a meeting for Union Negotiations.
- Attended the Monthly Division 11 Fire Chiefs Meeting.
- Attended the National Vision 20/20 CRR Conference.
- Attended multiple meetings for the development and integration of a web-based platform for the use of persons seeking CPR and Stop the Bleed instruction from the department.
- Attended the Chief Fire Officer class held by the University of Illinois Fire Service Institute.
- Attended a planning and development meeting with a fire apparatus vendor.
- Attended in person conference about the upcoming updates as we transition to NERIS.
- Attended bi-weekly IT meetings to explore technological enhancements for the department to better streamline services.
- Completed budget projections and some revenue sheets.
- Attended box alarm fire in Forest Park.
- Scheduled a senior event with the township and the Sheridan.
- Currently coordinating CPR initiatives with Concordia University.
- Conducted Lt. Howe's annual performance review.
- Attended our Budget Review Meeting with Matt Walsh, Jessica Spencer, and Finance Leadership.
- Attended the Monthly Village Board of Trustees Meetings.

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 14 Company Inspections.

Now that we have a Training Calendar, I have been partaking in the training that has long been associated with mandated OSHA training such as Lockout/Tagout, Anti-harassment, Sexual Harassment in the workplace, Building Construction and Hearing Protection. With this extra training classes, my training hours will increase along with others in the fire department. I was also able to attend a seminar on the New Illinois Fire Sprinkler Contractors Licensing Act. The seminar was sponsored by the Sprinkler Fitters Union, Local 281 in Alsip, Illinois. Among the speakers was Gary Grugan from the Office of the State Fire Marshal who explained the new law and some of the ramifications of those who violate the law.

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



**RIVER FOREST FIRE DEPARTMENT
FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU
MONTHLY REPORT
January 2024**

Monthly Activities	Monthly Totals		YTD-Year to Date	
	Feb-23	Feb-24	2023	2024
**FPB Inspections	16	15	28	27
**Company Inspections	36	14	43	14
FPB Re-Inspections	4	7	5	10
Company Re-Inspections	5	1	18	1
Special Inquiry/B/L Site Inspections	0	2	0	2
Construction Inspections (Rough/Finals)	4	3	4	8
Inspections with Building Department	0	0	0	2
Inspections with/for State Fire Marshal	0	0	0	0
Permit Inspections (tent, hot work, UST)	0	0	0	0
TOTAL INSPECTIONS	65	42	98	64
School/Business Emergency Plan/Drills	2	0	2	0
Violation Notices Issued	22	19	32	28
Violations Noted	72	51	95	73
Violations Corrected	13	17	28	21
Permits Issued	0	0	0	0
**Complaints Received & Investigated	0	0	0	0
All Meetings/Consultations	7	2	16	5
Training Activities	1	6	2	9
Fire Suppress/Alarm System Test/Final	3	0	5	0
Fire Suppression Hydro's	1	0	2	0
**Plan Reviews and Revisions	3	8	6	11
**Average turn around (Business Days)	2.3 days	3.8 days	3.5 days	3.09 days
Public Education Programs	4	7	8	7
Public Education Program Contacts	66	176	132	176
Misc Fire Prev Activities (See Narrative)	6	7	14	14

** Performance Measures for the Chief
Fire Marshal Kevin Wiley

Individual Shift Reports**Black Shift Report- Lieutenant Q. Boyd**

Activities: Black Shift responded to a total of 80 calls. 35 were fire related, 43 were EMS calls, 2 service calls.

Incidents/Events of note: No special incidents for the month of February.

Shift Training: Black Shift completed 87 hours of firefighting training and 35 hours of EMS training. FF Seablom had an additional 48 hours of fire training for COFO class and LT Boyd had an additional 32 hours of fire training also for COFO. FF Seablom completed phase 1 and 2 of COFO, FF Seablom and LT Boyd both completed phase 3 of the COFO task book at the Romeoville Fire Academy.

Public Service & Community Outreach: LT Boyd and FF Fischer met with Concordia nursing program to further develop a training partnership.

Departmental Goals:

Hydrants flow tested: 0/80
 Hydrants flushed: 0/102
 Hose testing: Not started.
 Inspections: 9/61 complete

Red Shift Report- Lieutenant M. Smith

Activities: For the month of February, Red Shift Red Shift responded to a total of 81 calls. 29 fire related, 45 were EMS calls, 7 service calls.

Incidents/Events of note: Engine 213 responded to a MABAS Box Alarm for the structure fire at 1606 Madison St., Maywood. The crew performed firefighting tasks assigned by Incident Command. FF Viera attended Phase 1 of the Company Fire Officer course.

Shift Training: Red shift conducted 92.5 hours of firefighting training, 56.5 hours of EMS training, and 1.5 hours of specialty training.
 FF Viera attended Phase 1 of the Company Fire Officer course.

Public Service & Community Outreach:

Firehouse Tours	2	52 visitors
CPR Classes	1	06 students
Car Seat Install	2	

Departmental Goals: In-Company Inspections: 11/78
 Hydrant Testing: 0
 Hose Tested: 0

Gold Shift Report - Lieutenant E. Howe

Activities: Gold shift responded to a total of 62 calls. 24 were fire related, 37 EMS calls and 1 service call.

Incidents/Events of Note: On February 29, Engine 213 responded mutual aid to Forest Park for a structure fire. Engine 213 crews performed overhaul and checked for fire extension in the building immediately to the north of the fire. On February 29, gold shift responded to multiple fires along the Union Pacific/Metra tracks. Crews extinguished fires in a timely manner to prevent fire spread to nearby vehicles and structures.

Shift Training: Gold shift conducted 120 hours of firefighting training, 198 hours of EMS training, and 144 hours of specialty training for a total of 462 hours.

FF Zipperich attended COFO Task book training in Romeoville.

FF Finfrock attended Child/Infant safety seat Tech class in Bolingbrook.

Lt. Howe & FF Zipperich attended the Div. 11 Confined Space TRT drill in Cicero.

Departmental Goals:

Inspections: 8

Hydrant testing: 0

Hose Testing: Numbered and inventoried 22 Lengths of 300 Series Hose.

Added all 700 and 300 series hoses to ESO Assets/Equipment.

Department Training Lt. Carter

For February 2024 the department participated in various training activities such as:

- Loyola CE was held on February 7, 8 and 9. Subject was Medical/Legal
- All shifts completed OSHA mandated Lockout Tagout
- All shifts attended a lecture by Attorney Jason Danielian on EMS legal issues
- FF/PM's Zipperich and Seablom completed Phase 2 of CoFO in Romeoville
- Lt. Boyd, FF/PM's Zipperich and Seablom completed Phase 3 of CoFO in Romeoville
- FF/PM Viera completed Phase 1 of CoFO through Romeoville in Minooka
- Lt. Carter, FF/PM's Zipperich and Bencik attended Division 11 Hazardous Materials drill in Stickney. Subject was radiological emergencies and detection
- Lt's Carter, Howe, Boyd and FF/PM Zipperich attended Division 11 TRT drill in Cicero. Subject was confined space rescue, communications and supplied air
- Lt. Smith attended Division 11 Fire Investigator drill in River Forest. Subject was scene safety and survey
- FF/PM Finfrock attended Certified Car Seat Technician in Bolingbrook
- All shifts viewed the FireRescue1 Academy Building Construction module
- All shifts viewed the FireRescue1 Academy Salvage & Overhaul module

EMS/Paramedic Activity FF/PM Finfrock

Due to the changeover from the old EMS reporting system, the breakdown of calls is not currently available. We are working with the new software company to get a more granular and consumer-friendly tracking system.

Vehicle/Station Maintenance LT. E. Howe & FF/PM Zipperich

Lt Howe and FF Zipperich continued fine-tuning vehicle our maintenance program. Below are listed the highlights of maintenance and repairs performed during the year, including any incomplete or pending repairs carried over into 2024 listed in red.

- 200- Nothing to report, zero issues.
- 201- Nothing to report, zero issues.
- 218- Nothing to report, zero issues.
- 213- Due for PM in March Ongoing SRS light on and an intermittent check engine light coming on. Also, we have had to add coolant a couple times well have the check that also.
- 222- Commercial tire repaired flat tire, right rear. New Valve stems installed in rear both sides. Air intermittently leaking behind pump panel.
- 219- FSI replaced a blown 2” coolant line. Rear Tires in need of replacement, estimate submitted.
- 215- PM completed at Pete’s- Front tires replaced **Back up camera still needs repair.** Safety lane due in March.
- 214- Nothing to report, zero issues.

EQUIPMENT

No report.

FIRE STATION

No report.

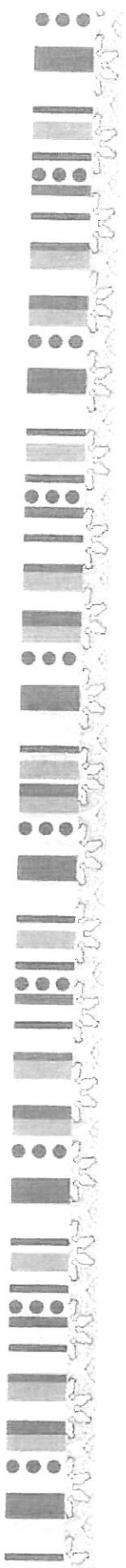
LETTER OF RECOGNITION

Thank you so much for
all your help in the
middle of the night when
our fire alarms were
going off and we couldn't
leave them stop. You truly
saved the day for this
scared mom and her kids.
I found out later that my
cell phone service was out due
to the AT & T nationwide
outage so I couldn't call
anyone for help. I REALLY
appreciated that there was
someone awake and ready
to help at the fire/police
station. Finally, thank you

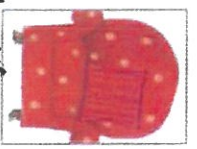
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Dear River Forest Firefighters
and Officer Coleman,

Thank you
for your kindness

With gratitude,
Catherine Roberts and
Kevin Hermanson and
kids
(1431 Forest Ave.)

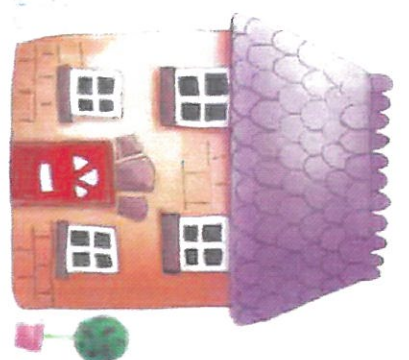


so mean for not making me
feel foolish or crazy for
turning to you for help. I
appreciated it greatly AND it
taught my
valuable
lesson -- that if you're in
trouble and don't know what
to do, ask someone for help
and they will help you. :)
We hope you ^{enjoy}
these treats as a small
expression of our gratitude.

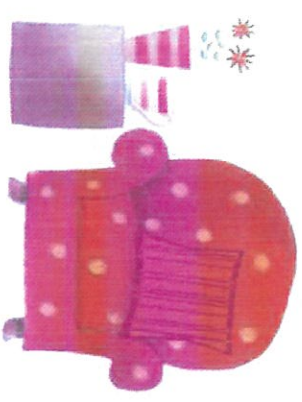


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life

HOPE
GREETING
COLLECTION
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Thanks
So Much



A simple
act of kindness
has a beauty all its own

