

RIVER FOREST FIRE DEPARTMENT



MONTHLY REPORT

FEBRUARY 2025



MEMORANDUM

TO: Matt Walsh
Village Administrator

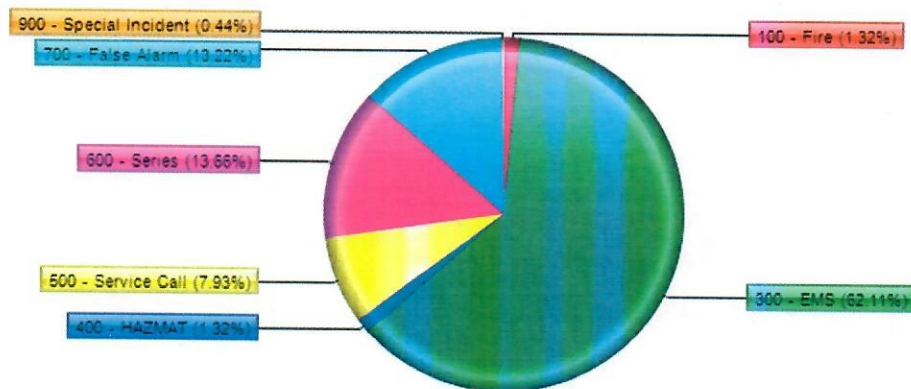
FROM: Thomas Gaertner
Fire Chief

DATE: March 10, 2025

SUBJECT: Monthly Report – February 2025

The Fire Department responded to 235 responses during the month of February. This is higher than our average number of calls in comparison to February 2024, when we had 222 responses. Emergency Medical Service responses represent 62% of our response activity for the month of February.

Incident Type Group	February 2025
100 - Fire	9
300 - EMS	141
400 - Hazardous Conditions	3
500 - Service Call	18
600 - Good Intent	31
700 - False Alarms	30
900 - Special Incident	3
Monthly Total	235





Custom ▾ Feb 1, 2025 - Feb 28, 2025 ▾

38%

FIRE
Percentage of Total
Incidents

62%

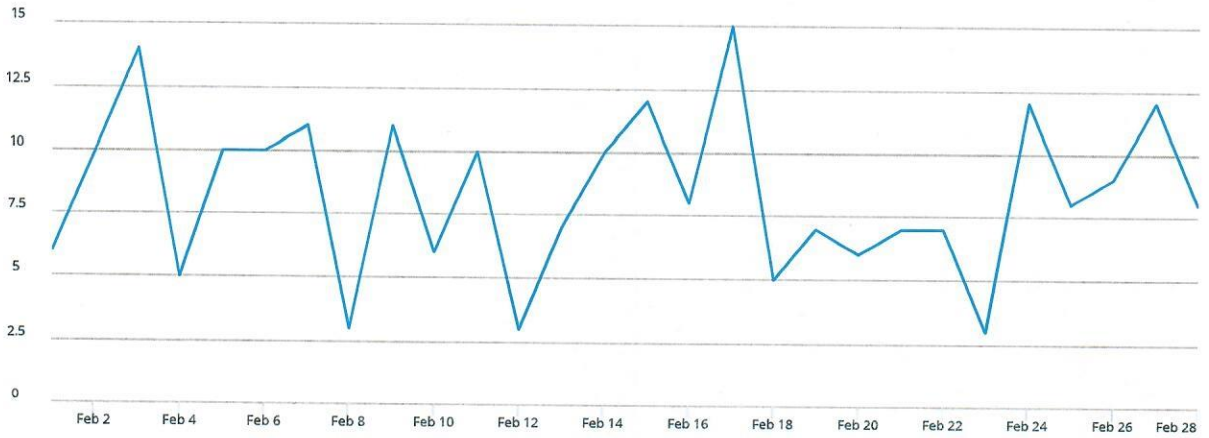
EMS
Percentage of Total
Incidents

235

INCIDENTS
In Selected Time Slice

28

DAYS
In Selected Time Slice



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Week Ending	2/2/25	2/9/25	2/16/25	2/23/25	3/2/25	3/9/25	3/16/25	3/23/25	3/30/25	4/6/25	4/13/25	4/20/25	4/27/25	Total
RIVER FOREST FIRE DEPARTMENT	16	64	56	50	49									235
Total	16	64	56	50	49									235



Custom ▾

Jan 1, 2025 - Feb 28, 2025 ▾

41%

FIRE

Percentage of Total Incidents

58%

EMS

Percentage of Total Incidents

506

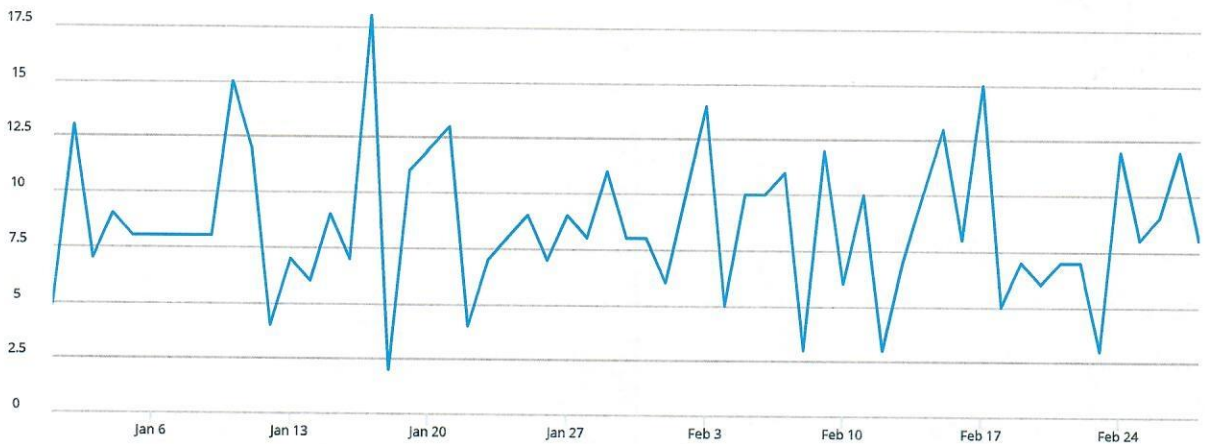
INCIDENTS

In Selected Time Slice

59

DAYS

In Selected Time Slice



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Week Ending	1/5/25	1/12/25	1/19/25	1/26/25	2/2/25	2/9/25	2/16/25	2/23/25	3/2/25	3/9/25	3/16/25	3/23/25	3/30/25	Total
(11) Structure Fire		3	1	1	1		1	2						9
(32) Emergency medical service (EMS) incident	27	36	35	26	36	44	35	29	28					296
(35) Extrication, rescue		1	1	2										4
(41) Combustible/f., spills & leaks	1	1			3		1							6
(42) Chemical release, reaction, or toxic condition				1										1
(44) Electrical wiring/equipm. problem	1			2	2		1		1					7
(52) Water problem	2	1			1			2	1					7
(53) Smoke, odor problem	1							2						3
(55) Public service assistance		2	5	3	5	2		3	4					24
(61) Dispatched and canceled en route	2	7	10	10	6	10	7	3	4					59
(62) Wrong location, no emergency found	1		2	2	2		1	2	1					11
(65) Steam, other gas mistaken for smoke		1				1	1	1	1					5
(67) HazMat release investigation w/no HazMat				1										1
(71) Malicious, mischievous false alarm	1	1				1								3

Week Ending	1/5/25	1/12/25	1/19/25	1/26/25	2/2/25	2/9/25	2/16/25	2/23/25	3/2/25	3/9/25	3/16/25	3/23/25	3/30/25	Total
(73) System or detector malfunction		1												1
(74) Unintentional system/detect... operation (no fire)	6	9	6	11	4	7	9	6	8					66
(90) Special type of incident, other									1					1
NULL				1			1							2
Total	42	63	60	60	60	65	57	50	49					506

Fire Chief Gaertner Report

- Attended the Weekly Village Administrators Staff Meetings.
- Attended our Monthly Officers' Meeting.
- Attended the Monthly Statewide Terrorism & Intelligence Center (STIC) webinar.
- Attended the Monthly Metro Chiefs Executive Board Meeting.
- Attended a Zoom Meeting with First Due (RMS System) for our onboarding process.
- Attended the Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association General Meeting.
- Attended the Monthly MABAS Division 11 Fire Chiefs Meeting.
- Attended meeting with the Park District Director on changes at Constitution Park.
- Attended the Annual MABAS Training Summit in Bloomington, Illinois.
- Conducted the Orientation Session for potential new firefighters.
- Attended the Fire Department Budget Review meeting with Matt Walsh and Rosey McAdams.

Deputy Fire Chief Bochenek Report

- Attended the Weekly Village Administrators Staff Meetings.
- Attended the Village Board Meeting.
- Attended multiple meetings on transitioning to a new RMS system, First Due.
- Completed several modules for the creation of the new RMS system.
- Ensured the new monthly policy compliance surveys were rolled out and completed through Lexipol.
- Presented the IMSH and Concordia COOP to the VBOT.
- Attended the Monthly Statewide Terrorism & Intelligence Center (STIC) webinar.
- Attended the monthly WSCDC operations meeting.
- Attended annual meetings with the Finance Department and VA Walsh and staff.
- Attended and completed the final class objectives for the PRO-Board Certification for the Chief Officer Designation.
- Attended Div 11 Chief Meeting.
- Responded to the Box Alarm in Cicero for the building explosion.
- Met with Betsy from the Township on creating more cooperative programs between Senior Services and the Fire Department.

Fire Marshal Kevin Wiley

**Fire Prevention Bureau
February 2025**

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 both Universities, I inspect all the dorm buildings twice a year. Dominican has 13 buildings that I inspected, and Fenwick owns the 3 buildings at the Priory Campus, I will continue to do them in February. The Shifts completed 10 Company Inspections.

Items in the Training Calendar for February include my three one-hour classes for the three shifts on Fire Prevention policies and procedures. With First Due coming online soon, this class will need to be altered next year to include doing all our inspections on a tablet instead of paper forms. I have also been participating in the department 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.

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, the time spent performing LAMA reviews, 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 be able to account for.



**RIVER FOREST FIRE DEPARTMENT
FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU
MONTHLY REPORT
February 2025**

Monthly Activities	Monthly Totals		YTD-Year to Date	
	Feb-24	Feb-25	2024	2025
**FPB Inspections	15	14	27	26
**Company Inspections	14	10	14	22
FPB Re-Inspections	7	4	10	5
Company Re-Inspections	1	4	1	16
Special Inquiry/B/L Site Inspections	2	0	2	0
Construction Inspections (Rough/Finals)	3	3	8	6
Inspections with Building Department	0	0	2	1
Inspections with/for State Fire Marshal	0	0	0	0
Permit Inspections (tent, hot work, UST)	0	0	0	0
TOTAL INSPECTIONS	42	35	64	76
School/Business Emergency Plan/Drills	0	0	0	0
Violation Notices Issued	19	16	28	28
Violations Noted	51	40	73	71
Violations Corrected	17	13	21	21
Permits Issued	0	0	0	0
**Complaints Received & Investigated	0	0	0	1
All Meetings/Consultations	2	7	5	12
Training Activities	6	5	9	9
Fire Suppress/Alarm System Test/Final	0	4	0	4
Fire Suppression Hydro's	0	0	0	1
**Plan Reviews and Revisions	8	9	11	16
**Average turn around (Business Days)	3.8 days	5.66 days	3.09 days	5.25 days
Public Education Programs	7	5	7	10
Public Education Program Contacts	176	76	176	166
Misc Fire Prev Activities (See Narrative)	7	13	14	19

** Performance Measures for the Chief

Fire Marshal Kevin Wiley

Training Division: Lt. Michael Smith

For February 2025, the Department participated in various training activities such as:

- Loyola CE was held on February 11, 12 and 13. The subject was Special Populations
- All shifts viewed the FireRescue1 Academy courses on Sexual Harassment Prevention and Anti-Harassment in the Workplace.
- All shifts viewed the FireRescue1 Academy course: HIPAA for First Responders
- All shifts viewed the FireRescue1 Academy courses on Salvage and Overhaul
- Fit Testing began for Fire and Police personnel
- Lt. Carter and Lt. Smith attended the Illinois Secretary of State's 3rd Party non-CDL Certification class in River Forest (02/20/25). The Berwyn, Cicero, and Forest Park Fire Departments had members that attended the class.
- Lt. Carter and Lt. Smith viewed a Firehouse webinar: Understanding ISO Creditable Firefighter Training (1 hr.)
- Firefighters Bencik and Krall attended Phase 1 of CoFO at the North Palos Fire Department
- Lt. Smith attended a 32 hour Training Program Manager class in Mt. Prospect
- Lt. Smith attended the Division 11 Training Officer meeting on Zoom. The group discussed the Division's large area search drill in March. The group reviewed the changes in OSFM certifications.

Individual Shift Reports

Black Shift Report- Lieutenant Q. Boyd

Calls For Service: Black Shift had a total of 93 calls. 37 were fire related, 56 were EMS calls.

Incidents/Events of note: None

Public Service & Community Outreach:

- i. FF Buchholz taught a CPR class for the nursing students at Concordia

Shift Training and Hours:

Fire: 83.5 hours

EMS: 43 hours

Specialty: FF Bencik completed the first week of COFO. Lt. Boyd attended the monthly ILTF1 training.

Departmental Goals & Benchmarks:

Inspections: 2/84

Hydrants: N/A

Hose Testing: N/A

Red Shift Report- Lieutenant E. Howe

Calls For Service: Red Shift had a total of 71 calls. 26 were fire related, 45 were EMS calls, 5 service calls.

Incidents/Events of note:

On February 13 Red shift responded to a report of a Gas leak at Town center. On arrival found snow plow had hit and ruptured the high pressure gas service to Town Center 2. Nicoir was notified. Crew was able to close valve and stop leak. Crews then ventilated and monitored each unit until it was determined safe for employees to enter. Nicor arrived on scene to repair and restore service.

Public Service & Community Outreach:

Red shift Completed one station tour in February

Shift Training and Hours:

Fire: 130

EMS: 60

Specialty: 2

Departmental Goals & Benchmarks:

Inspections: 4/77

Hydrants: 0

Hose Testing: 0

Live Training or Evolutions:

FF Howe Continued to familiarize himself with Truck 219 and Truck operations.

FF Doran installed two Car Seats.

FF Basa taught two CPR classes.

Gold Shift Report – Lieutenant P. Zipperich

Calls for Service: Shift responded to a total of 72 calls. 23 were fire related, 44 were EMS calls, 5 service calls.

Incidents/Events of note: Informed to check SCBA UEBSS fittings/manifolds. Microwave fire on Lathrop; Neighbor put fire out with common area extinguisher. Crew looked for extension and then ventilated the space, turned off affected breaker, and resident was advised against heating alcohol in the microwave. Zipperich promoted.

Public Service & Community Outreach:

Firehouse Tours 0 0 visitors

CPR Classes 0 0 students

Car Seat Install 2

Smoke Alarm Install 0

- i. St. Vincent pub ed. FF T. Kyles
- ii. Tour Concordia RN lab

Shift Training and Hours:

Fire: 120

EMS: 50

Specialty 40 (Krall COFO)

Departmental Goals & Benchmarks:

Inspections: 0/81

Hydrants: 0/

Hose Testing: 0

EMS/Paramedic Activity: FF/PM Luke Finfrock

RFFD responded for a TOTAL of 134 patients in February. Of those patients Ambulance 214 treated and transported 100; while 21 patients refused further treatment/transport from the fire department and 13 of the patients were for a lift assist. The 100 patients were transported to the following hospitals:

Loyola University Medical Center- 11

Rush Oak Park Hospital- 72

Gottlieb Memorial Hospital- 15

West Suburban Hospital- 0

Hines VA- 1

MacNeal- 1

800 N. Harlem- 12 patients

7617 North Ave- 12

Mutual Aid from A215- 14 times

Abdominal Pain- 5

Adult Respiratory Distress- 6

Allergic Reaction- 3

Altered Mental Status- 4

Animal Bite- 0

Assault/Battery- 1

Behavioral/Psych- 10

Burns- 0

Chest Pain- 8

Cardiac Arrest- 0

Choking- 0

CO Poisoning- 0

Diabetic Problems- 2

Electrocution- 0

ETOH- 0

Eye Problems- 0

Fall- 29

General Aches/pain- 4

Hemorrhage/Bleeding- 0

Medical Alarm- 2

No Complaint- 11

Opioid Overdose- 2

Peds Respiratory Distress- 3

Pregnancy- 0

Sick Person- 26

Traffic Accident- 7

Traumatic Arrest- 0

Traumatic Injury- 2

Unconscious/Unresponsive- 5

Unknown Problems- 2

Weakness- 2

Vehicle/Station Maintenance LT. E. Howe & FF/PM Chris Doran

Maintenance:

- 200- Needed to reschedule maintenance
- 202- New car info added to system
- 201 PM Completed
- 218- Nothing to report, zero issues.
- 213- FSI Turbo repair, PM & Pump Test Completed,
- 222- Nothing to report, zero issues
- 219- Check Engine light EGR Code, OOS at FSI
- 214 No Issues Safety Recall scheduled for March
- 215 No Issues