

RIVER FOREST FIRE DEPARTMENT



MONTHLY REPORT

January 2023



MEMORANDUM

TO: Matt Walsh
Interim Village Administrator

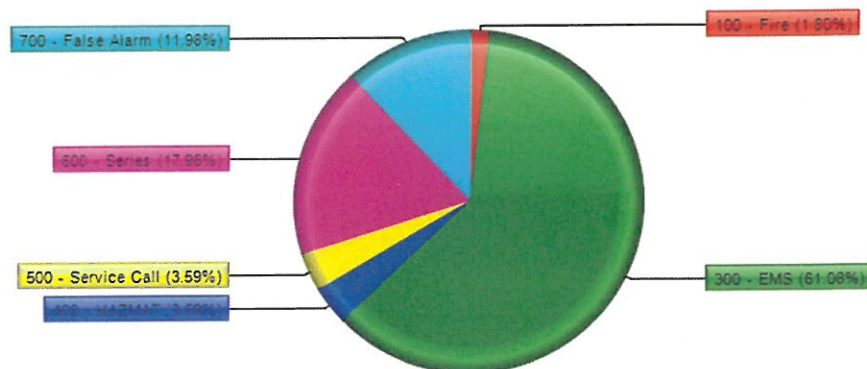
FROM: Thomas Gaertner
Thomas Gaertner
Fire Chief

DATE: February 7, 2023

SUBJECT: Monthly Report – January 2023

The Fire Department responded to 167 calls during the month of January. This is below our average number of calls in comparison to January 2022 where we had 199 calls. Emergency Medical Service calls represent 61.08% of our response activity for the month of January.

Incident Type Group	January 2023
100 - Fire	3
300 - EMS	102
400 - Hazardous Conditions	6
500 - Service Call	6
600 - Good Intent	30
700 - False Alarms	20
Monthly Total	167



Chief Gaertner Report

- Attended monthly RFFD Officers meeting.
- Attended a meeting with WSCDC on StarComm migration.
- Attended the monthly Statewide Terrorism & Intelligence Center (STIC) webinar.
- Attended the monthly MABAS Division 11 Fire Chiefs Meeting
- Attended a meeting with Fire Service Inc. to discuss new fire engine specifications.

FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

Fire Marshal Kevin Wiley

Welcome to January and the new year, 2023. January is always busy getting out new Inspection lists, wrapping up any outstanding inspections and re-inspections from the previous year and starting new inspections. I have started my Target Hazard inspections.

Each year we continue the “Keep the Wreath RED” Fire Safety campaign, and the campaign usually runs into the month of January. I am proud to say that River Forest had another Fire Safe holiday season and did NOT experience any fires due to holiday decorations.

In late 2022 the Village Board officially adopted the 2018 edition of the ICC Codes. The 2018 editions have a number of changes that affect the department when it comes to writing Fire Inspection Reports. With that in mind, several years ago a booklet was designed that explained all the areas on the form and gave the code language for each item on the list. The 2018 code numbers are very different from the 2003 edition, and I have been updating the booklet to coincide with the 2018 edition. I have also spent time becoming better acquainted with the 2018 editions of all the code books as well as new code books that were just adopted. Since the code numbers have changed, I have spent some time updating the fire inspection class that I present to the shifts annually. A class on current fire inspection procedures is required by ISO annually.

Chief Gaertner will be compiling a 2022 Fire Department Annual Report and I spent time gathering information and photos for that 2022 report. I also spent time gathering survey information on other area fire departments who have any permit and/or activity fees outside the fees associated with a new building.

I presented a safety talk to two STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) classes from Willard and Lincoln Elementary schools in January. Both classes were a resounding success, and we had some very lively discussions with 3rd and 4th graders. The kids really got into my presentation and competed to see who could answer a question faster. They also presented me with a question from each student that I had to answer on the spot. As part of the technology that has entered the fire service, I displayed a TIC camera for them to see.

I am proud to say that my chili recipe was voted 2nd Place in the first Chili Cookoff for the Village Hall staff.

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.



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MONTHLY ACTIVITIES	MONTHLY TOTALS		YTD-YEAR TO DATE	
	Jan-22	Jan-23	2022	2023
**FPB Inspections	12	12	12	12
**Company Inspections	16	7	16	7
FPB Re-Inspections	0	1	0	1
Company Re-Inspections	26	13	26	13
Special Inquiry - B/L Site Inspections	1	0	1	0
Construction Inspections (Rough/Finals)	3	0	3	0
Inspections with Building Department	0	0	0	0
Inspections with/for State Fire Marshal	1	0	1	0
Permit Inspections (tent, hot work, UST)	0	0	0	0
TOTAL INSPECTIONS	59	33	59	33
School/Business Emergency Plans/Drills	0	0	0	0
Violation Notices Issued	17	10	17	10
Violations Noted	41	23	41	23
Violations Corrected	20	15	20	15
Permits Issued	0	0	0	0
**Complaints Received & Investigated	0	0	0	0
Meetings/Consultations	9	9	9	9
Training Activities	0	1	0	1
Fire Suppression/Alarm System Tests/Finals	0	2	0	2
Fire Suppression Hydro's	0	1	0	1
**Plan Reviews and Revisions	8	3	8	3
**Average turn around (Business Days)	15.25 days	4.6 days	15.25 days	4.6 days
Public Education Programs	2	4	2	4
Public Education Program Contacts	18	66	18	66
Misc Fire Prev Activities (See Narrative)	6	8	6	8

** Performance Measures for the Chief

Kevin Wiley Fire Marshal

Individual Shift Reports

Gold Shift Report Lt. Howe

Activities: For the month of January Gold Shift responded to a total of 52 calls. 20 of the calls were fire related, 31 involved emergency medical services and there was 1 service call.

Incidents/Events of Note: On January 6 Gold shift responded to a possible cardiac arrest. On arrival crew found a seizure patient in a second-floor bedroom. Crew provided care that included a very difficult extrication from the second floor due to patient size and narrow stairway. Patient was transported in stable condition to Oak Park hospital.

Training: Gold shift conducted 184 hours of training this month, for an average of 30.6 hours per firefighter. Our monthly fire training included firefighter cancer awareness, electric vehicle operations, Loyola Continuing Education, SCBA and Responding to Natural Gas Emergencies.

Inspections: 4 In-Company fire inspections were completed in January.

Black Shift Report: Lt. Bochenek

Activities: Black Shift had a total of 76 calls for the month of January. 29 of these responses were fire related, 46 were EMS calls and 1 service call.

Incidents/Events of Note: Ambulance 215 responded to multiple fires in Oak Park over the past month.

Shift Training: Black shift had 99.5 hours of fire related training this month and 42 hours of EMS training for a total of 141.5 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 28.3 hours per Lieutenant and firefighter/paramedics.

Inspections: 6 In-company inspections were completed.

Red Shift Report: Lt. Smith

Activities: For the month of January, Red Shift had a total of 43 calls. 16 of the calls were fire related. There were 27 EMS calls and 3 service calls.

Incidents/Events of Note: On January 28th, Ambulance 215 and Engine 213 responded to River Oaks and Thatcher for the vehicle accident. On arrival, units found a vehicle had struck a Village light pole. The vehicle had damage and the light pole had been knocked down. Ambulance 215 treated and transported the driver of the vehicle to Oak Park Hospital. Engine 213 secured the area and removed debris from the roadway. Engine 213 notified Public Works of the damaged light pole.

On January 19th, Red Shift hosted a group of 40 adults and children. The group consisted of Girl Scouts and parents for a firehouse tour. The group was shown the firehouse, fire apparatus, and equipment.

Shift Training: Red Shift had 142.75 hours of fire related training this month and 23.25 hours of EMS training for a total of 166 hours of training. That is an average of 33.2 hours per firefighter.

Red Shift training for the month included Loyola CE –Legal Issues and Ethical Dilemmas. Red Shift attended a four-hour class on Electric Vehicle Emergency Operations. The class covered how to fight EV fires and how to safely extricate patients in accident damaged electric vehicles. The Shift participated in the IAFF Firefighter Cancer Awareness program. The Shift viewed multiple presentations on ways to reduce exposure to carcinogens during firefighting. Red Shift viewed a presentation on the LODD of a Hartford, CT firefighter who was fatally injured in a residential structure fire in 2017. The Shift trained on multiple EMS skills during the month of January. FF Viera attended the Division 11 Hazmat Drill in North Riverside. Lt. Smith attended four Zoom classes totaling 7.25 hours. The classes dealt with management skills and firefighting tactics.

Inspections: 1 In-company fire inspection with 0 violations, and 1 Re-inspection with 3 corrections.

Training Lt. Carter

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

- Loyola Continuing Education was held on January 16th, 17th, and 18th. Subject was Legal Issues and Ethical Dilemmas
- Shifts continued their assigned building inspections.
- River Forest hosted a 4-hour Electric Vehicle Emergency Operations on January 10th, 11th, and 12th. Participating departments were River Forest, Forest Park, Berwyn, and North Riverside
- Division 11 Haz Mat team drill was held on January 23rd and 24th at North Riverside. Subject was gas monitor maintenance & operations, vehicle and trailer inventory. Lt. Carter, Lt. Howe, FF/PM Zipperich, FF/PM Viera and FF/PM Bencik attended.
- Division 11 Fire Investigator team drill was held on January 30th and 31st at Berwyn. Subject was Fire Investigation methodology and the scientific method. The investigator van was also inventoried. Lt. Carter attended this training.
- Assistant EMS Coordinator Finrock has started assigning weekly EMS online training through FireRescue1 academy. First subject was capnography.

EMS/Paramedic Activity FF/PM Fischer

In the month of January, RFFD responded for a total of 108 patients. Of the 108 patients, 82 were treated and transported by Ambulance 215 and 26 patients refused care. These 108 patients had various complaints. Below are how the complaints break down:

No complaint – 0
 Abdominal Pain – 3
 Allergic Reaction – 0
 Animal Bite -- 1
 Assault – 0
 Breathing Problems – 10
 Burns -- 0
 Psychiatric – 7
 Chest Pain – 2
 Cardiac/Traumatic/Respiratory Arrest – 1
 Choking -- 0
 Diabetic – 1
 Eye Problem -- 0
 Fall - 15
 Headache/Concussion – 0
 Hemorrhage/Bleeding -- 1
 Medical Alarm – 0
 Opiate Overdose -- 2
 Pain (Back) – 0
 Pain (General) -- 2
 Patient Assist – 0
 Poisoning / Drug Ingestion – 0
 Seizure – 2
 Sick Person -- 19
 Stroke / CVA – 1
 Traffic Accident -- 7
 Traumatic Injury – 3
 Unconscious/Unresponsive – 8
 Unknown Problems -- 3

The 82 patients were transported to the following hospitals:

Gottlieb – 10
 Hines VA – 0
 Loyola – 10
 MacNeal -0
 Community First -- 0
 Rush / Oak Park – 62
 Resurrection - 0
 West Suburban – 0

We had 18 calls to other towns for a mutual aid ambulance and received aid 6 times.

Vehicle/Station Maintenance FF/PM Zipperich

VEHICLES:

200- Nothing reported

201- Nothing reported

202- Nothing reported

213- Nothing reported

214- Nothing reported

215- 2 batteries changed, taken to Pete's because the engine stalling. Pete advised to drive rig around so engine can relearn timing. No stalling issues since

218- Nothing reported

219- Nothing reported

222- Oil change and brake work at Wigits in Maywood

EQUIPMENT:

(215) 2 battery cores returned to CJC

(215) CO monitor OOS

Sensit ordered and received

STATION:

Warehouse direct order placed and received

Responder wipes delivered

Plymovent OOS, changed battery on 222 hose. Technician reports that the motor on the roof is bad

LETTERS OF RECOGNITION

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FIRE CHIEF - CRAIG BRONAUGH, JR.

December 29, 2022

Village of River Forest Fire Department
Attn: Office of the Fire Chief
400 Park Avenue
River Forest, Illinois 60305

RE: Maywood Box 300 3rd Alarm Structure Fire Incident on December 26, 2022 at 1642 S. 15th Avenue Maywood, Illinois

Please allow this letter to serve as gratitude for mutual aid assistance.

On Monday December 26, 2022 at approximately 3:17pm, On Duty Maywood Fire Personnel were dispatched to the location of 1642 South 15th Avenue for the report of a Church Fire. Upon arrival, First Responders found an approximate 30 X 75 two-story church building with heavy fire inside the rear of the structure. Several challenges faced by personnel involved in this incident included freezing temperatures, icy conditions, struggles to secure and maintain water supply, the threat of fire spread throughout the structure and to adjacent buildings, extended operations in the cold and the risk of personal injury or worse and damage to or loss of equipment. Because of assistance from your personnel, losses from this incident were limited to the building on fire and just a couple of tools.

On behalf of the Maywood, Illinois Fire Department, please pass on to your personnel involved in this incident my sincerest appreciation.

Respectfully,

Craig A. Bronaugh Jr.
Fire Chief

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