

RIVER FOREST FIRE DEPARTMENT



MONTHLY REPORT

JULY 2023



MEMORANDUM

TO: Matt Walsh
Village Administrator

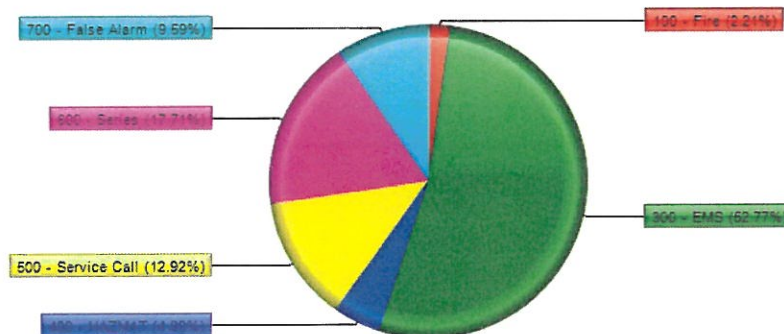
FROM: Thomas Gaertner
Thomas Gaertner
Fire Chief

DATE: August 9, 2023

SUBJECT: Monthly Report – July 2023

The Fire Department responded to 282 calls during the month of July. This is above our average number of calls in comparison to July 2022 where we had 235 calls. Emergency Medical Service calls represent 52.77% of our response activity for the month of July.

| Incident Type Group | July 2023 |
|----------------------------|------------|
| 100 - Fire | 6 |
| 300 - EMS | 143 |
| 400 - Hazardous Conditions | 13 |
| 500 - Service Call | 35 |
| 600 - Good Intent | 48 |
| 700 - False Alarms | 26 |
| 800 - Other | 11 |
| Monthly Total | 282 |





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43%

FIRE
Percentage of Total Incidents

57%

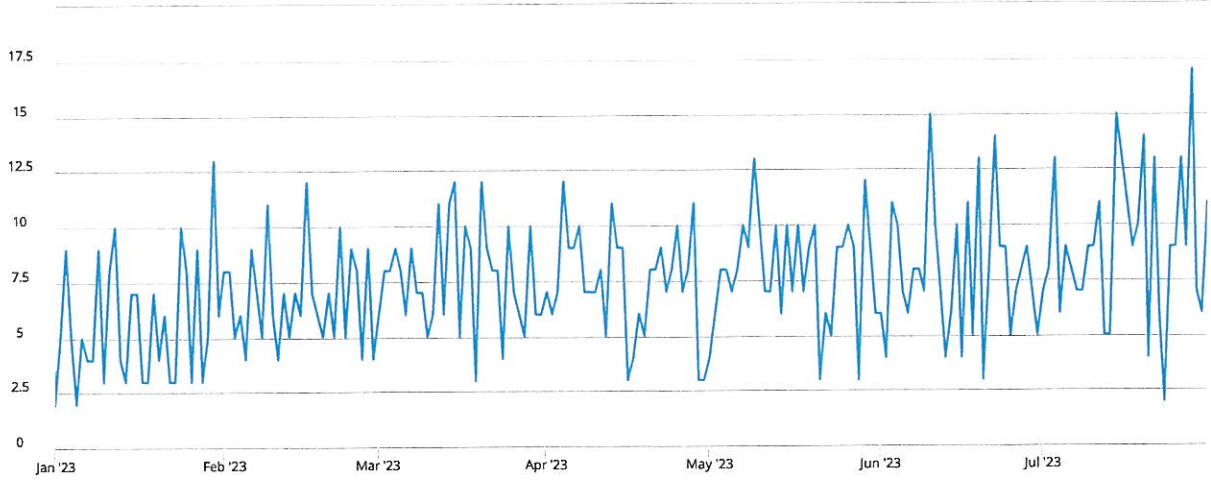
EMS
Percentage of Total Incidents

1,587

INCIDENTS
In Selected Time Slice

212

DAYS
In Selected Time Slice



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|------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-------|
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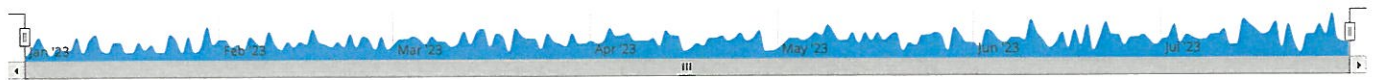
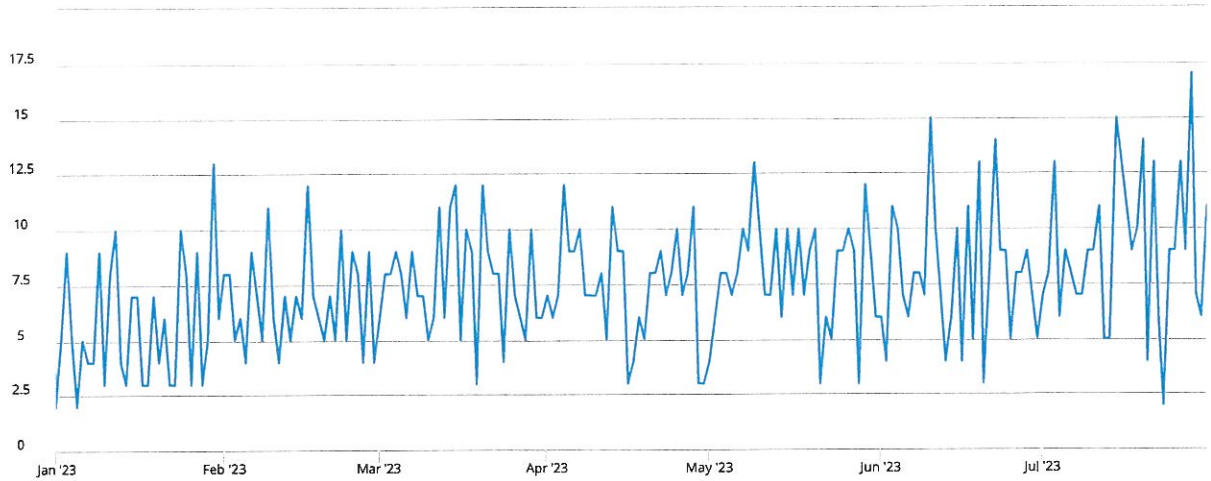
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|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-------|
| (11) Structure Fire | 4 | 6 | 3 | 7 | 8 | 8 | 3 | | | | | | | 39 |
| (13) Mobile property (vehicle) fire | | | | | 2 | | 1 | | | | | | | 3 |
| (14) Natural vegetation fire | | | | | 1 | 10 | 1 | | | | | | | 12 |
| (15) Outside rubbish fire | | | | | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | 2 |
| (31) Medical assist | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | 1 |
| (32) Emergency medical service (EMS) incident | 104 | 111 | 144 | 137 | 134 | 127 | 149 | | | | | | | 906 |
| (33) Lock-In | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| (35) Extrication, rescue | | | | 1 | 2 | | | | | | | | | 3 |
| (38) Rescue or EMS standby | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | 1 |
| (41) Combustible/f. spills & leaks | 3 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 5 | | | | | | | 24 |
| (42) Chemical release, reaction, or toxic condition | 1 | 1 | | | 1 | | 4 | | | | | | | 7 |
| (44) Electrical wiring/equipm. problem | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | | | | | | | 12 |
| (46) Accident, potential accident | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | 1 |
| (51) Person in distress | 3 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 2 | | | | | | | 26 |
| (52) Water problem | | 2 | 1 | | | | 4 | | | | | | | 7 |

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| (53) Smoke, odor problem | | 1 | | | | 1 | 3 | | | | | | | 5 |
| (55) Public service assistance | 4 | 9 | 12 | 13 | 17 | 8 | 24 | | | | | | | 87 |
| (57) Cover assignment, standby at fire station, move-up | | | | | | | 2 | | | | | | | 2 |
| (61) Dispatched and canceled en route | 28 | 20 | 34 | 31 | 24 | 36 | 40 | | | | | | | 213 |
| (62) Wrong location, no emergency found | 4 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 16 | 8 | 8 | | | | | | | 48 |
| (65) Steam, other gas mistaken for smoke | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | 2 | | | | | | | 5 |
| (71) Malicious, mischievous false alarm | | | | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | | 2 |
| (73) System or detector malfunction | 1 | 2 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 6 | | | | | | | 21 |
| (74) Unintentional system/detect... operation (no fire) | 19 | 20 | 25 | 20 | 30 | 24 | 21 | | | | | | | 159 |
| UNK | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
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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 monthly Metro Chiefs Executive Board Meeting.
- Attended the Annual Illinois Fire Chiefs Assoc. Golf Outing.
- Attended the Illinois Municipal League Dinner in Oak Park.
- Attended a meeting with Lexipol on Policy Development.
- Attended Webinar Training on our Tenzinga Employee Performance Evaluation System.
- Attended a webinar on the Highland Park Fourth of July Mass Casualty Incident.
- Attended the monthly Village Board Meeting.

FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

Fire Marshal Kevin Wiley

July is a nice time for me to take some time off and recharge my batteries. Seven days off did the trick!!

During the summer months when schools and universities are closed, we try to take advantage of that and schedule some tours of the university campuses with shift personnel. I assist with the tour preparations and the tours themselves whenever I can.

The summer months are also a good time for me to catch up on some Fire Prevention continuing education. I attended a webinar on updates to the school's inspection program hosted by the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM). As you may know, when I inspect a public school, I do so as a delegate for the OSFM. My inspection results are uploaded to the OSFM School Portal for their records. I attended a 7-hour long webinar on Assembly Occupancies sponsored by the International Code Council and the Illinois Inspectors Association. I also attended the Stop the Bleed Class with shift personnel.

There are six sites in town that have some kind of construction going on. I stop by to introduce myself, check on the build or demolition progress as well as inquire if the workers have any concerns or questions. I try to make at least one site visit during the month, sometimes two depending on how active the site is.

I handled a call from a resident that can be considered a complaint, of sorts. The resident lives in a condo building where the electric panels have been recalled a number of years ago in 1980. She was inquiring as to why the fire inspectors have not caught the fact that the panels were recalled as they posed a potential fire hazard. Some of the panels were located within people's condo units. I explained that the fire department only inspects the common areas of the building, and the firefighters are not electrical experts and we do not look at individual circuit breakers to determine the brand. I explained that we do not have a list of items that were recalled 43 years

ago. Later that same day, the Condo Treasurer called me and explained that the condo board is aware of the problem and is working with their insurance company to rectify the problem.

Plan reviews for the month were about average at 14. My monthly average turnaround time is at 3.14 business days and the year-to-date numbers are down to 3.12 business days.

I spent time working on some new SOPs for the new training prop as well as taking some pictures of the firefighters training on the prop.

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 | |
|---|----------------|-----------|--------------|------------|
| | Jul-22 | Jul-23 | 2022 | 2023 |
| **FPB Inspections | 9 | 9 | 90 | 98 |
| **Company Inspections | 12 | 8 | 102 | 87 |
| FPB Re-Inspections | 2 | 3 | 49 | 44 |
| Company Re-Inspections | 12 | 2 | 82 | 45 |
| Special Inquiry - B/L Site Inspections | 3 | 1 | 12 | 3 |
| Construction Inspections (Rough/Finals) | 2 | 6 | 17 | 29 |
| Inspections with Building Department | 0 | 0 | 5 | 1 |
| Inspections with/for State Fire Marshal | 0 | 0 | 9 | 4 |
| Permit Inspections (tent, hot work, UST) | 0 | 0 | 8 | 2 |
| TOTAL INSPECTIONS | 40 | 29 | 374 | 313 |
| School/Business Emergency Plans/Drills | 0 | 0 | 3 | 13 |
| Violation Notices Issued | 12 | 10 | 123 | 92 |
| Violations Noted | 20 | 21 | 238 | 244 |
| Violations Corrected | 17 | 7 | 185 | 127 |
| Permits Issued | 0 | 0 | 8 | 3 |
| **Complaints Received & Investigated | 0 | 1 | 3 | 2 |
| Meetings/Consultations | 10 | 6 | 75 | 42 |
| Training Activities | 6 | 4 | 24 | 25 |
| Fire Suppression/Alarm System Tests/Finals | 0 | 1 | 1 | 9 |
| Fire Suppression Hydro's | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| **Plan Reviews and Revisions | 33 | 14 | 105 | 55 |
| **Average turnaround (Business Days) | 4.69 days | 3.14 | 5.95 days | 3.12 days |
| Public Education Programs | 9 | 3 | 23 | 22 |
| Public Education Program Contacts | 150 | 31 | 688 | 363 |
| Misc Fire Prev Activities (See Narrative) | 6 | 8 | 40 | 52 |

** Performance Measures for the Chief

Kevin Wiley Fire Marshal

Individual Shift Reports

Gold Shift Report Lt. Howe

Activities: For the month of July the Gold Shift had a total of 100 calls. 38 of the calls were fire related, 55 involved emergency medical services and there were 7 service calls.

Incidents/Events of Note: On July 24th, Gold Shift responded to the intersection of Thatcher and North Ave for a motor vehicle crash. Oak Park Ambulance 612 responded and transported two patients in stable condition to Gottlieb Hospital.

Shift Training: Gold shift had 125 hours of training this month, for an average of 20.8 hours per firefighter. Our monthly training included water supply, standpipe/high rise operations, Concordia university campus preplan, care and maintenance of equipment, hose deployment, SCBA training, and driver operator training. Gold shift completed 1/3 of assigned hydrant testing in July. All members of Gold shift participated in "Stop the Bleed" instructor class. FF Rouse had additional Engineer/Driver training in preparation for an Engine assignment in August.

Inspections: Gold Shift had no inspections in June.

Black Shift Report: Lt. Carter

Activities: For the month of July, Black Shift had a total of 87 calls. 27 were fire related and 60 were EMS calls.

Incidents/Events of Note: Black shift responded to a structure fire in Forest Park on July 8/9 at 0044 hrs. Black shift with Lt. Smith responded to a structure fire in Elmwood Park on July 20th at 1551 hrs. Black shift responded to a structure fire/explosion on July 26th at 1737 hrs. in Oak Park. Also, on July 26th behind River Forest Chocolates a delivery truck hit an electrical line that pulled the mast and damaged the brick on the top corner of Elan salon. ComEd is aware of the problem.

Shift Training: Black shift conducted 145 hours of fire related training this month and 3 hours of EMS training for a total of 148 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 24.67 hours per Lieutenant and firefighter/paramedics.

Black shift has used the new training prop to cut rebar, forcible entry door and performed the Denver drill when FF/PM Howe was on a week of days. I have also worked with Lt. Boyd to acclimate him for when he is assigned to Black shift on August 4th.

Inspections: 1 in-company inspection and 1 re-inspection were completed.

Red Shift Report: Lt. Smith

Activities: For the month of July, Red Shift had 96 calls. 39 of the calls were fire related. There were 47 EMS calls and 10 service calls.

Incidents/Events of Note: On July 9th, Red Shift responded to 1423 Bonnie Brae Place for the car fire. The vehicle was on fire at the rear of the building. E222 deployed a hose line and extinguished the fire. On July 13th, Red Shift responded to 7318 Lake Street for the person in cardiac arrest. The Shift provided CPR and advanced medical care. The patient regained a pulse and a viable heart rhythm. The patient was transported ALS to Oak Park Hospital in stable condition. On July 15th, Red Shift responded to the structure fire at 435 William Street. There was smoke in the basement and subbasement-parking garage. Red Shift with assistance from Forest Park investigated the scene and ventilated the garages. The source of smoke could not be found. On July 18th, Red Shift responded to 510 Keystone for the CO alarm activation. When units arrived, the investigation found a sump pump battery off gassing. The battery was removed to the outside. Two PPV fans were used to ventilate the home. On July 27th, FF Seablom responded to the Division 11 Fire Investigator Box at 221 Maple Ave, Oak Park. FF Seablom assisted in the cause and origin investigation of a structure fire with the State Fire Marshal.

Shift Training: Red Shift conducted 154 hours of fire related training this month and 37.25 hours of EMS training for a total of 191.25 hours of training. That is an average of 31.9 hours per firefighter. Red Shift continued to drill on firefighter basics with Probationary Firefighter Kyles. Red Shift toured Trinity High School, River Forest Methodist Church, and Concordia University. Red Shift trained on standpipe operations at the Concordia parking garage. Firefighter Basa taught CPR at Trinity High School. Members of Red Shift attended a Stop the Bleed Instructor course.

Inspections: Completed 6 in-company fire inspections with 8 violations, and 3 re-inspections with 7 corrections.

Department Training Lt. Carter

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

- There was no Loyola CE in July.
- Shifts continued their assigned building inspections.
- FF/PM Basa conducted a CPR class at Trinity.
- Several members attended a Stop the Bleed Instructor class here at the firehouse.
- Lt Boyd completed a 3-week training of Lieutenant's duties and responsibilities on calls and in the firehouse. He also learned ESO and Tenzinga programs.
- All shifts participated in a standpipe operations drill at the Concordia parking garage.
- FF/PM Rouse is nearing completion of his new engine driver training.

EMS/Paramedic Activity FF/PM Fischer

During the month of July, RFFD responded for a total of 144 patients. Of the 144 patients, 114 were treated and transported by Ambulance 215, 12 were invalid assists and 18 patients refused care. These 144 patients had various complaints. Below are how the complaints break down:

No complaint – 0
 Abdominal Pain – 1
 Allergic Reaction – 4
 Altered Mental Status - 0
 Animal Bite -- 0
 Assault – 1
 Breathing Problems – 13
 Burns -- 0
 Psychiatric – 12
 Chest Pain – 10
 Cardiac/Traumatic/Respiratory Arrest – 2
 Choking -- 0
 Diabetic – 0
 Eye Problem -- 0
 Fall – 23
 General Injury - 4
 Headache/Concussion – 0
 Hemorrhage/Bleeding -- 1
 Medical Alarm – 0
 Opiate Overdose -- 3
 Pain (Back) – 1
 Pain (General) -- 1
 Patient Assist – 0
 Poisoning / Drug Ingestion – 0
 Seizure – 3
 Sick Person -- 28
 Stroke / CVA – 2
 Special Event Stand-by - 1
 Traffic Accident -- 5
 Traumatic Injury – 3
 Unconscious/Unresponsive – 9
 Unknown Problems – 7
 Weakness - 1

The 114 patients who were transported went to the following hospitals:

Gottlieb – 21
 Hines VA – 1
 Loyola – 20
 MacNeal -1
 Community First -- 0
 Rush / Oak Park – 69
 Resurrection - 0
 West Suburban – 3

We responded to 14 calls in 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. Waiting on OEM harness
- 214- At Forest Park and returned
- 215- Nothing reported
- 218- Nothing reported
- 219- Tank to pump valve may be leaking
- 222- Nothing reported

EQUIPMENT

- 222 Blowhard fan cord tightened.
- Sensit batteries replaced.
- CMC equipment delivered.
- Pack #9 has CM error code, Air One to service August 1

FIRE STATION

- SCBA air intake sign installed outside wall.
- 219 Plymovent repaired.
- Outlet near eyewash replaced for 219 blowhard fan.
- Low doorstep installed on hose tower door.

TRAINING ON THE NEW FIREFIGHTING PROP









Thomas Gaertner

From: Glen Czernik
Sent: Monday, July 24, 2023 2:50 AM
To: Thomas Gaertner
Cc: David Bochenek; James Oshea; James Greenwood; Michael Swierczynski; Agnes Murillo
Subject: Ambulance call 13Jul2023 at 7318 Lake

Good morning,

Chief, I stopped by your office back on the 13th but you were out, and I spoke briefly with Kevin Wiley who suggested I send you an email.

I just wanted to let you know about my observations during an ambulance call 13Jul2023 at 7318 Lake. My officers were dispatched to "assist FD" with a call of an unconscious subject in an apartment at that address. Upon their arrival, they found the subject who was not awake and not breathing. Before the officers could begin using an AED, your FF/PM's arrived and took over. They quickly determined the subject was in "full arrest" and began life-saving measures. At that point, there was not much assistance my officers could provide besides attempting to clear out room in the very cluttered apartment for the FF/PM's to work. Despite the challenging environment and dire condition of the patient, I was impressed to see all of the FD personnel working calmly, quickly and efficiently to attempt to save his life. They specifically demonstrated excellent teamwork and communication. Besides the issue of attempting to revive the patient, they also had a challenge of how to get him from the third floor apartment with no elevator and only the smallest staircase I've seen in a RF apartment building out to the ambulance. But they handled the challenges, both getting a pulse back after what seemed like forever, and working together to get the dead-weight patient down the stairs while carrying IV's, monitors etc. I don't know whether the patient ended up surviving, but I know your men were able to get him to the hospital with a pulse and a fighting chance. So I just wanted to let you know how impressed I and my officers were with their efforts.

I didn't write down names, but the personnel I believe I remember seeing there were:

Lt. Smith

Doran

Basa

Viera

Kyles (new guy, I think that's his name)

All of the above played roles in the call.

Sgt. Glen Czernik #148

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