

RIVER FOREST FIRE DEPARTMENT



MONTHLY REPORT

MAY 2024



MEMORANDUM

TO: Matt Walsh
Village Administrator

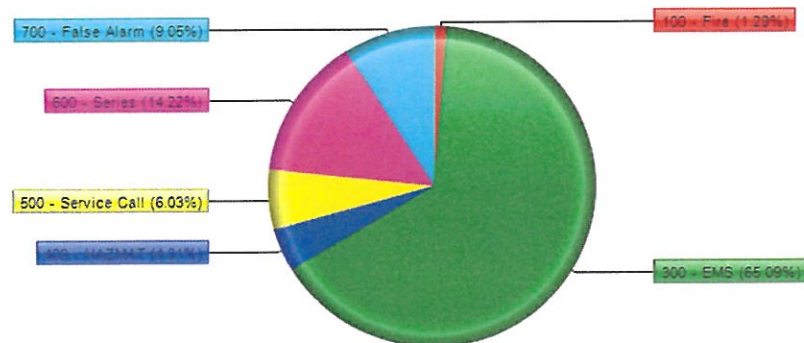
FROM: Thomas Gaertner
Thomas Gaertner
Fire Chief

DATE: June 17, 2024

SUBJECT: Monthly Report – May 2024

The Fire Department responded to 243 calls during the month of May. This is below our average number of calls in comparison to May 2023 where we had 247 calls. Emergency Medical Service calls represent 65% of our response activity for the month of May.

Incident Type Group	May 2024
100 - Fire	3
300 - EMS	158
400 - Hazardous Conditions	10
500 - Service Call	14
600 - Good Intent	33
700 - False Alarms	21
800 - Other	4
Monthly Total	243



Custom ▾ May 1, 2024 - May 31, 2024 ▾

35%

FIRE

Percentage of total incidents

65%

EMS

Percentage of total incidents

243

INCIDENTS

Total incidents

31

DAYS

Number of days



Counts	% Rows	% Columns	% All											
Week Ending	5/5/24	5/12/24	5/19/24	5/26/24	6/2/24	6/9/24	6/16/24	6/23/24	6/30/24	7/7/24	7/14/24	7/21/24	7/28/24	Total
RIVER FOREST FIRE DEPARTMENT	35	57	52	54	45									243
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Custom ▾

Jan 1, 2024 - May 31, 2024 ▾

41%

FIRE

41% of total record volume
(1,193 incidents)

59%

EMS

59% of total record volume
(1,734 incidents)

1,193

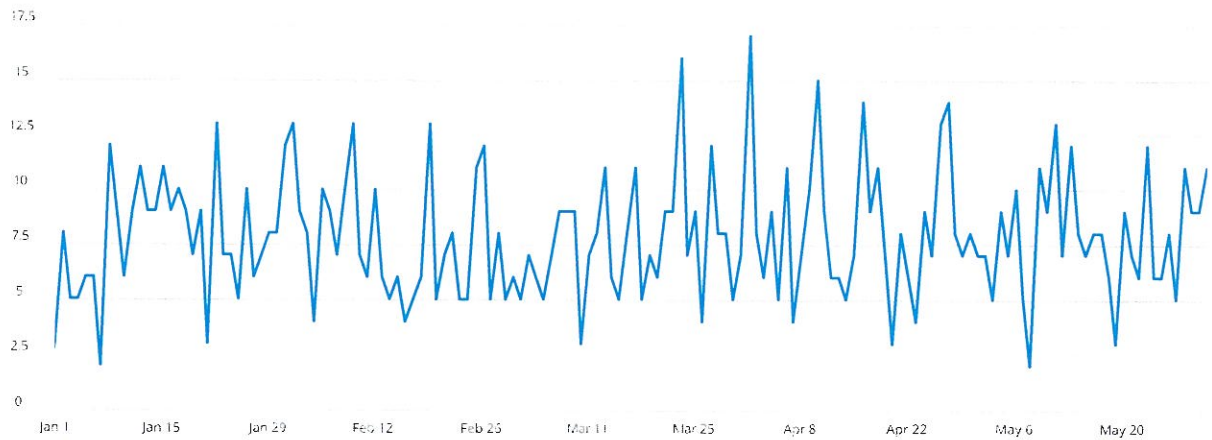
INCIDENTS

1,193 incidents (1,193 calls)

152

DAYS

152 days (152 calls)



Counts

% Rows

% Columns

% All

	Jan '24	Feb '24	Mar '24	Apr '24	May '24	Jun '24	Jul '24	Aug '24	Sep '24	Oct '24	Nov '24	Dec '24	Jan '25	Total
(11) Structure Fire	1	3	5	4	3									16
(13) Mobile property (vehicle) fire		1												1
(14) Natural vegetation fire		2	1											3
(15) Outside rubbish fire			1											1
(21) Overpressure rupture from steam (no ensuing fire)		1												1
(25) Excessive heat, scorch burns with no ignition				1										1
(32) Emergency medical service (EMS) incident	130	124	143	142	158									697
(33) Lock-In	2													2
(35) Extrication, rescue		3	1		1									5
(38) Rescue or EMS standby		1			1									2
(41) Combustible/f.. spills & leaks	3	2	2	1	2									10
(42) Chemical release, reaction, or toxic condition	1	1	1		3									6
(44) Electrical wiring/equipm. problem	4		4		5									13
(51) Person in distress	7	3	6	2	1									19
(52) Water problem	6	2	1		1									10

	Jan '24	Feb '24	Mar '24	Apr '24	May '24	Jun '24	Jul '24	Aug '24	Sep '24	Oct '24	Nov '24	Dec '24	Jan '25	Total
(53) Smoke, odor problem		1			3									4
(54) Animal problem or rescue					1									1
(55) Public service assistance	10	8	10	6	8									42
(57) Cover assignment, standby at fire station, move-up				1										1
(61) Dispatched and canceled en route	38	34	35	54	29									190
(62) Wrong location, no emergency found	9	5	4	9	5									32
(65) Steam, other gas mistaken for smoke	1	1		1	1									4
(73) System or detector malfunction	3	1		5	5									14
(74) Unintentional system/detect... operation (no fire)	26	29	20	27	16									118
Total	241	222	234	253	243									1,193

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 Village Board of Trustees Meeting.
- Attended the Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association's General Meeting.
- Attended the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association Symposium in East Peoria, IL.
- Celebrate International Firefighters Day on Saturday, May 4th.
- Participated in celebrating EMS Week, May 19th-25th.
- Attended the Monthly Division 11 Fire Chiefs Meeting on May 8th.
- Attended the Cook County Hazard Mitigation Plan Workshop on May 3rd.
- Attended the Monthly Metro Chiefs Executive Board Meeting on May 15th.
- Traveled to Iowa to Inspect and Pick Up the New Ambulance.
- Attended a meeting with IBEW Local 134 & Village Staff on Electric Vehicle Charging Stations/Safety, Solar Panels, and Lithium-Ion Battery Storage on May 24th.
- Attended the Annual School District 90 Safety Meeting on May 28th.
- Attended the Annual Memorial Day Parade on May 27th.

Deputy Fire Chief Bochenek Report

- Attended multiple meetings to develop and integrate a web-based platform for the use of persons seeking CPR and Stop the Bleed instruction from the department.
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- Rolled out the CPR-Stop the Bleed instruction.
- Attended the Chief Fire Officer class held by the University of Illinois Fire Service Institute on Human Resources.
- Attended an operational meeting with the Police to coordinate the IAP with the Memorial Day Parade.
- Attended a planning and development meeting with a fire apparatus vendor.
- Attended a meeting with D90 to coordinate response resources with Forest Park and Oak Park school districts in the event of an active threat incident.
- Oversaw the coordination of a senior event with the township and the Sheridan.
- Currently coordinating Simulation training for paramedics at Concordia University.
- Conducted Lt. Carter's annual performance review.
- Attended the Monthly Village Board of Trustees Meetings.
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FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

Fire Marshal Kevin Wiley

The overall inspection numbers for the year are pretty much on track for both the Bureau as well as the shifts. In fact, we are slightly ahead of last year's total through May. The shifts have done 90 inspections to this point in the year compared to 75 for 2023. The fire department has approximately 380 annual company inspections that are divided by the three inspection zones and inspections that I perform on behalf of the Fire Prevention Bureau. This translates to approximately 80 inspections per shift for the year, with each shift having approximately six to seven inspections due every month. What the shifts have been doing for the last couple of years is to hit the inspection schedule hard in the colder months thus allowing the warmer months to be used for other responsibilities such as training, hydrant flow checks, hose/ladder testing, etc. With the new Training Calendar, we may see a larger shift to having more inspections done in the colder months. The shifts have 12 months to do the assigned number of fire inspections in their respective Inspection Zone.

May has been designated as Older Americans Month and the Fire Department once again, partnered with The Sheridan of River Forest, the River Forest Township and a local River Forest business, Elevate Physical Therapy and Fitness, located at 7607 North Av. to deliver a Stroke Awareness and Fall Prevention Seminar. The Sheridan was gracious again to host the event for the third year in a row and provide breakfast for all participants. Physical Therapists Dan Wrzosek and Rachel Richard offered very valuable information on how to reduce the risks of falls. They also offered a free fall risk screening to a few of the seminar participants. The River Forest Paramedics discussed the symptoms of a stroke and how to recognize the stroke symptoms. Discussions also took place on the "ICE" (In Case of Emergency) Packet and the Residential Knoxbox programs. As you may remember, DC Bochenek designed the ICE Packet several years ago with a grant supplied by the River Forest Township. The ICE Packet is a heavy duty, clear plastic envelope with red edges that is designed to be placed in your freezer. The packet contains current medical information that Paramedics can retrieve in the event of a medical emergency where the patient cannot verbalize their medical problem or condition. The packet has been used on numerous ambulance calls in River Forest and we learned recently that the Oak Park Fire Department has adopted the program as well and is now using the same "ICE" packet in Oak Park. There were several seniors who had very high praise for the River Forest Fire Department for the times they have called and needed assistance.

Chief Gaertner, Deputy Chief Bochenek and I also attended the annual District-90 Safety Meeting. Superintendent, Dr. Edward Condon along with all the school Principals, Assistant Principals and other key District-90 staff, Fire and Police Departments come together every year to discuss school safety and review the schools Emergency Procedures for several events that could possibly occur at the schools. District 90 schools recently went through a Safety Assessment Review with the West 40 Regional Superintendents Office and our annual meetings were brought up as an excellent idea.

The biggest news to come out of that meeting is the fact that two of the three District 90 Principals are retiring at the end of the '23-'24 school year. Add that to the Principal at Grace

Lutheran also retiring, means that I will need to step up my game to get the three new Principals on board for Safety Assemblies and other safety related things.

The month ended with the Fire Department participating in the annual Memorial Day Parade. We were lucky on a couple of fronts this year. 1. We made it through the entire parade without any emergency calls. You may remember a couple of years ago, the first of three emergency calls came 30 seconds after the parade started. 2. Although it was a cloudy and cooler day, throngs of residents came out and lined the parade route to cheer everyone on.



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

Monthly Activities	Monthly Totals		YTD-Year to Date	
	May-23	May-24	2023	2024
**FPB Inspections	15	14	79	76
**Company Inspections	5	10	75	90
FPB Re-Inspections	18	7	41	50
Company Re-Inspections	19	5	42	20
Special Inquiry/B/L Site Inspections	1	1	2	9
Construction Inspections (Rough/Finals)	5	7	18	16
Inspections with Building Department	1	0	1	2
Inspections with/for State Fire Marshal	0	0	4	4
Permit Inspections (tent, hot work, UST)	0	5	0	7
TOTAL INSPECTIONS	64	49	262	274
School/Business Emergency Plan/Drills	3	2	6	2
Violation Notices Issued	8	12	78	82
Violations Noted	16	17	208	176
Violations Corrected	46	18	118	99
Permits Issued	1	5	1	5
**Complaints Received & Investigated	0	0	0	0
All Meetings/Consultations	6	7	30	17
Training Activities	4	2	20	23
Fire Suppress/Alarm System Test/Final	0	0	8	1
Fire Suppression Hydro's	0	0	3	0
**Plan Reviews and Revisions	9	29	26	54
**Average turn around (Business Days)	5.8 days	5.2 days	4.1 days	4.0 days
Public Education Programs	1	12	12	26
Public Education Program Contacts	18	407	166	850
Misc Fire Prev Activities (See Narrative)	7	8	37	35

** 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 74 calls. 29 were fire related, 45 were EMS calls.

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

Shift Training and Hours:

Fire: 103.5 hours

EMS: 25 hours

Specialty: Crews were able to attend a vehicle extrication drill at public works. FF Bencik attended the monthly division Hazmat drill.

Public Service & Community Outreach:

Firehouse Tours: 0

CPR Classes: 0

Car Seat Install 0

Other: 3-Memorial Day Parade, Stroke Prevention Event, Fresh Thyme Event

Departmental Goals:

Inspections: 53/61

Hydrants flushed: 22/102

Hose Testing: 0

Red Shift Report- Lieutenant E. Howe

Activities: Red shift responded to a total of 86 calls. 26 calls were fire related, 57 were for EMS and 3 were service calls.

Incidents/Events of note: On May 22nd the Red shift responded to a call for an individual that fell from a moving vehicle and was struck by another car while in the roadway. Ambulance 215 provided Advanced Life Support and transported the victim to Loyola Medical Center in stable condition.

Shift Training and Hours:

Fire: 125.0

EMS: 60.00

Specialty:

FF Viera attended Div. 11 Hazmat training in North Riverside.

Members of the red shift participated in annual extrication training.

Public Service & Community Outreach:

Firehouse Tours 1 3 visitors

CPR Classes 0 0 students

Car Seat Install 0

Departmental Goals: In-Company Inspections: 32/78

Hydrant Testing: Completed

Hose Tested: 0

Gold Shift Report – Lieutenant M. Smith

Activities: Gold Shift responded to a total of 83 calls. 23 fire related, 56 were EMS calls, 4 service calls.

Incidents/Events of Note: Gold Shift responded to a stalled elevator with occupants trapped inside at 435 William Street. The elevator was found on the fifth floor. The power was shut off to the elevator by Engine 213. The crew used elevator keys to open the outer elevator door. The crew activated the release device on the interior door to release the occupants from the elevator. Gold Shift hosted students from Lincoln School for a firehouse tour. FF Krall attended Module 1 of the Fire Investigation course at NIPSTA. FF Zipperich attended the Division 11 Hazmat Drill in North Riverside. Lt. Smith attended a two-day fire investigation conference in Naperville.

Shift Training and Hours:

Fire: 125.75

EMS: 43.5

Specialty: 56

Public Service & Community Outreach:

Firehouse Tours: 2 62 Visitors

CPR Classes: 0

Car Seat Install: 1

School Rides: 2

Departmental Goals:

Inspections: 31/78

Hydrant testing: 0/136

Hose Testing: 0

EMS/Paramedic Activity FF/PM Finrock

During the month of May, RFFD responded for a TOTAL of 151 patients. Of those patients Ambulance 215 treated and transported 117, while 27 patients refused further treatment/transport from the fire department. In addition, crews responded to 7 patients for a lift assist. The 117 patients were transported to the following hospitals:

Loyola University Medical Center- 17
Rush Oak Park Hospital- 89
Gottlieb Memorial Hospital- 11
West Suburban Hospital- 0
Hines VA- 0
MacNeal- 0

800 N. Harlem- 27 patients
7617 North Ave- 11
Mutual Aid from A215- 19 times
Abdominal Pain- 2
Adult Respiratory Distress- 9
Allergic Reaction-
Altered Mental Status- 2
Animal Bite- 0
Assault/Battery- 1
Behavioral/Psych- 11
Burns- 0
Chest Pain- 5
Cardiac Arrest- 0
Choking- 0
CO Poisoning- 0
Diabetic Problems- 1
Electrocution- 0
ETOH- 1
Eye Problems- 0
Fall- 33
General Aches/pain- 2
Hemorrhage/Bleeding- 1
Medical Alarm- 1
No Complaint- 7
Opioid Overdose- 3
Peds Respiratory Distress- 0

Pregnancy- 0
 Sick Person- 36
 Traffic Accident- 15
 Traumatic Arrest- 0
 Traumatic Injury- 3
 Unconscious/Unresponsive- 8
 Unknown Problems- 4
 Weakness- 2

Vehicle/Station Maintenance LT. E. Howe &

Lt Howe continues to fine-tune the vehicle and equipment maintenance program. Below are listed the highlights of maintenance and repairs performed this month.

- 200- Nothing to report, zero issues.
- 202- Nothing to report, zero issues.
- 201- Preventative maintenance and safety inspection completed.
- 218- Nothing to report, zero issues.
- 213- Replace Kussmaul charger. Parts only under warranty.
- 222- Nothing to report, zero issues.
- 219-
 - Ladder test completed.
 - Preventative maintenance completed.
 - Pump test completed.
 - Repair aerial tip lights completed.
 - Repair A/C
- 215- **Overdue for maintenance**, waiting for new ambulance to be in service.
- 214- Nothing to report, zero issues.

EQUIPMENT

No report.

FIRE STATION

No report.

RIDE TO SCHOOL WINNERS (LINCOLN SCHOOL)



FIREHOUSE TOUR (LINCOLN SCHOOL)





AUTO EXTRICATION TRAINING



