



ROGERS FIRE DEPARTMENT

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ANNUAL REPORT 2023

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Mission

The Rogers Fire Department will proactively prevent property loss, injury, and death from fires, through progressive community risk reduction and accurate fire investigations. We will minimize the loss of life and property through progressive and well-trained emergency response.

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Vision

The Rogers Fire Department is committed to serving by responding quickly, treating everyone with respect, and improving outcomes through excellence in training and professional response.

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Core Values

The Rogers Fire Department is committed to the following core values:

P – Professionalism, in application, appearance, attitude and standards.

R – Respect, for each other, our department, community, and the citizens and visitors of the communities we serve. Be open-minded and responsive to the uniqueness of our community without regard to age, gender, religion or ethnic origin.

I – Integrity, doing the right thing at all times, striving to set an example for all community members.

D – Dedication, to the profession, the community, and continual improvement.

E – Education, to the public to make a safer community, and to our members to ensure constant growth.

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Chief's Message



On behalf of the members of the Rogers Fire Department, I am honored to present the Rogers Fire Department's 2023 annual report. 2023 marked a year of tremendous growth and change in the RFD through the addition of new full-time staff, replacement and procurement of new equipment, and our busiest call volume ever. The department also honored the retirement of past Fire Chief Bradley Feist.

With nearly 20 years in the fire service, I come to the City of Rogers ready to serve our community, and firefighters for years to come. I have served at nearly every rank within numerous fire organizations ranging from city to federal and tribal level governments. I am an Army veteran, with a deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Additionally, I hold a Master's in Public Administration, a Bachelors in Fire Science, have completed the Executive and Managing Fire Officer Programs through the National Fire Academy, and hold numerous other advanced certifications in hazmat, inspections, investigation, instruction, emergency management and more. I bring this education, and experience to help continue the growth, and development of a safe and progressive fire department.

Last year, our paid-on-call firefighters responded to over 800 calls for service. Recognizing the sacrifices our members make to serve our community, and the time spent away from their families and full-time work must remain at the forefront of our minds. I stand committed to ensuring the department has quality needed equipment, and the training and resources needed to ensure we are ready to respond to all hazards within the community and that everyone goes home.

As the communities we serve continue to grow, we must continue to find ways to innovatively serve the community, provide the best service possible, and diligently plan for the future. I have been humbled and impressed at our members willingness to adapt and accept change, challenge themselves, and seek out additional education and training opportunities. The success and professionalism of this department resides with their continued commitment and effort.

We hope you enjoy the 2023, Rogers Fire Department annual report as it highlights our accomplishments of the past year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Fire Chief Patrick Farrens Jr., EFO

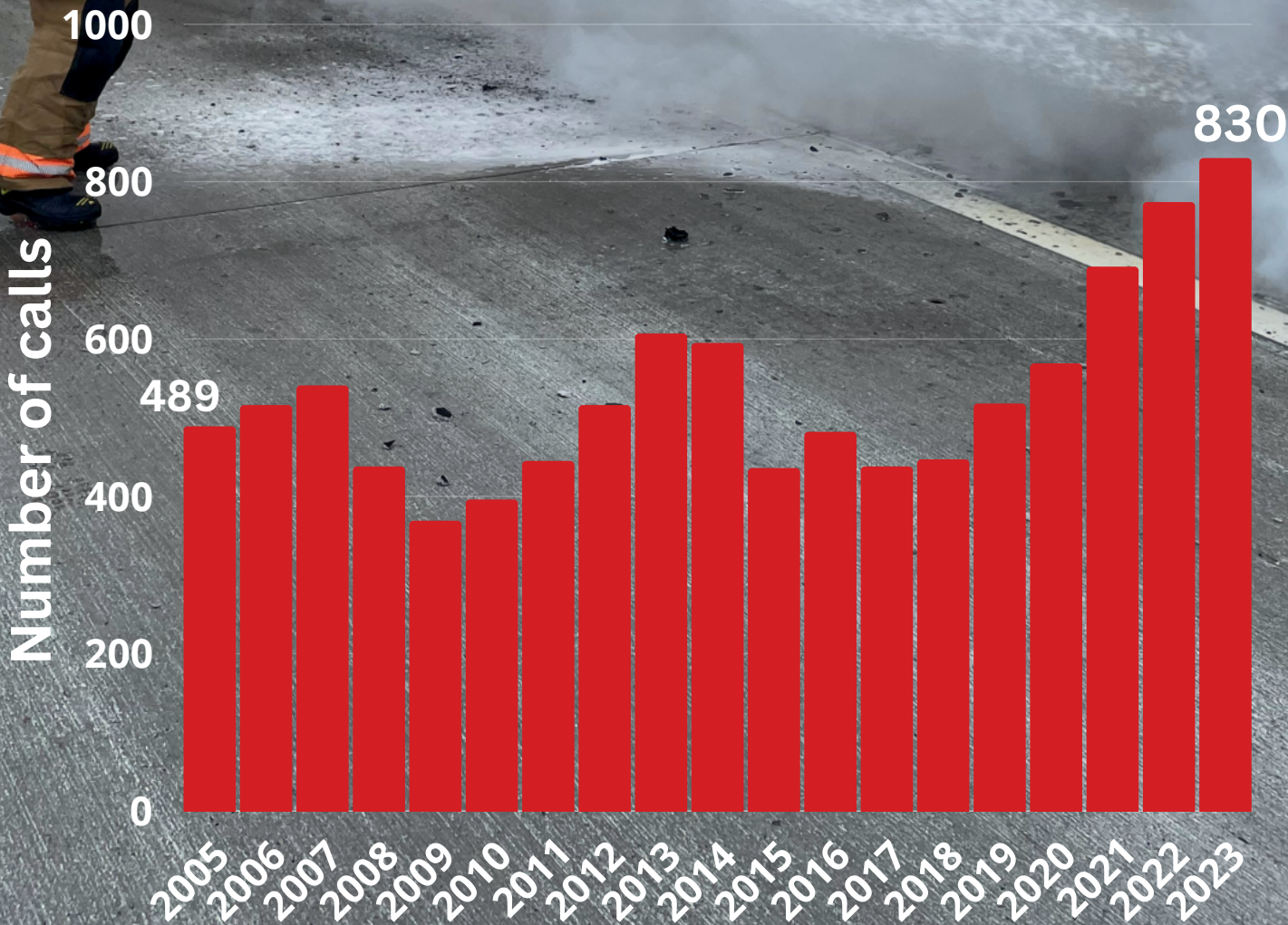
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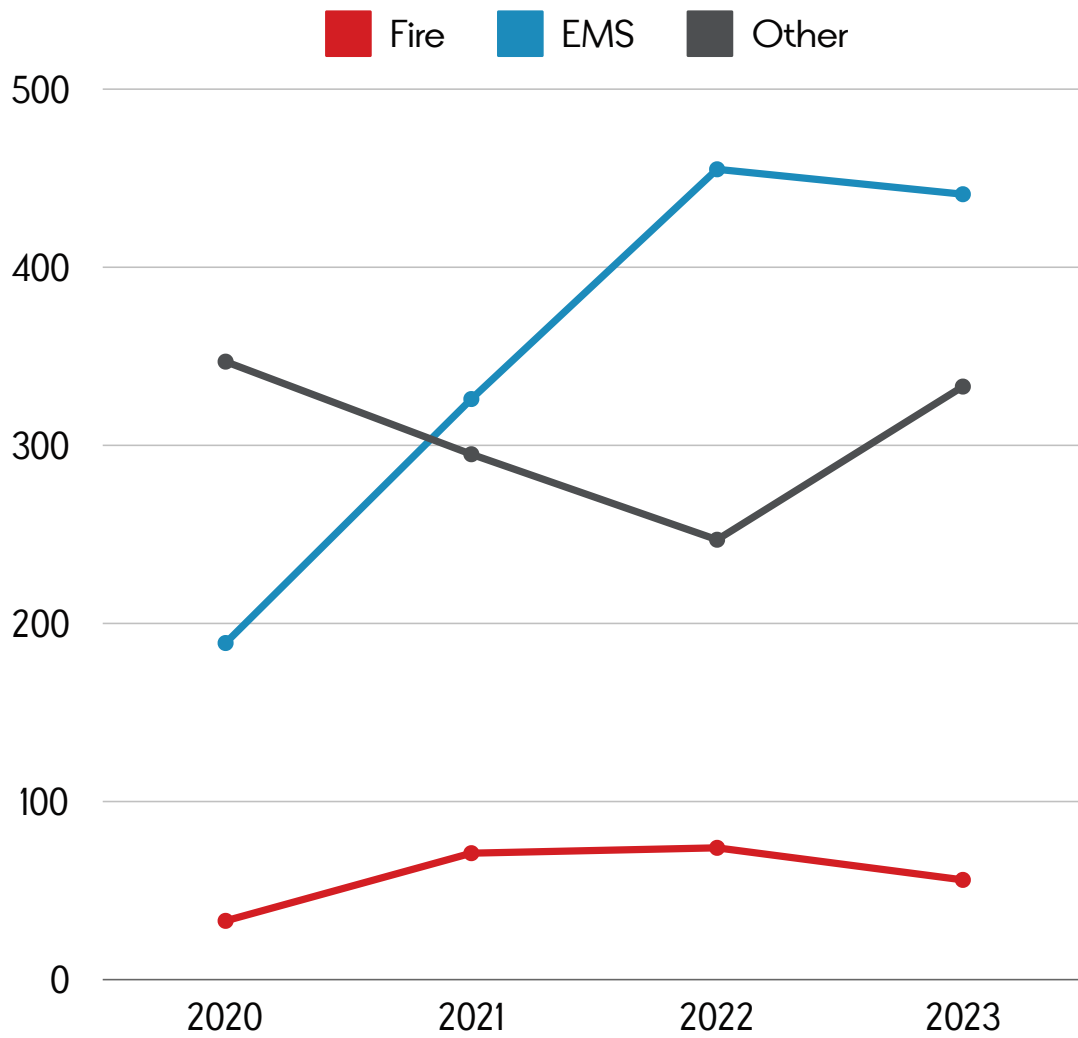
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HISTORICAL CALL VOLUME



HISTORICAL CALL BREAKOUT



Year	Fire	EMS	Other	Total
2023	56	441	333	830
2022	74	455	247	776
2021	71	326	295	692
2020	33	189	347	569

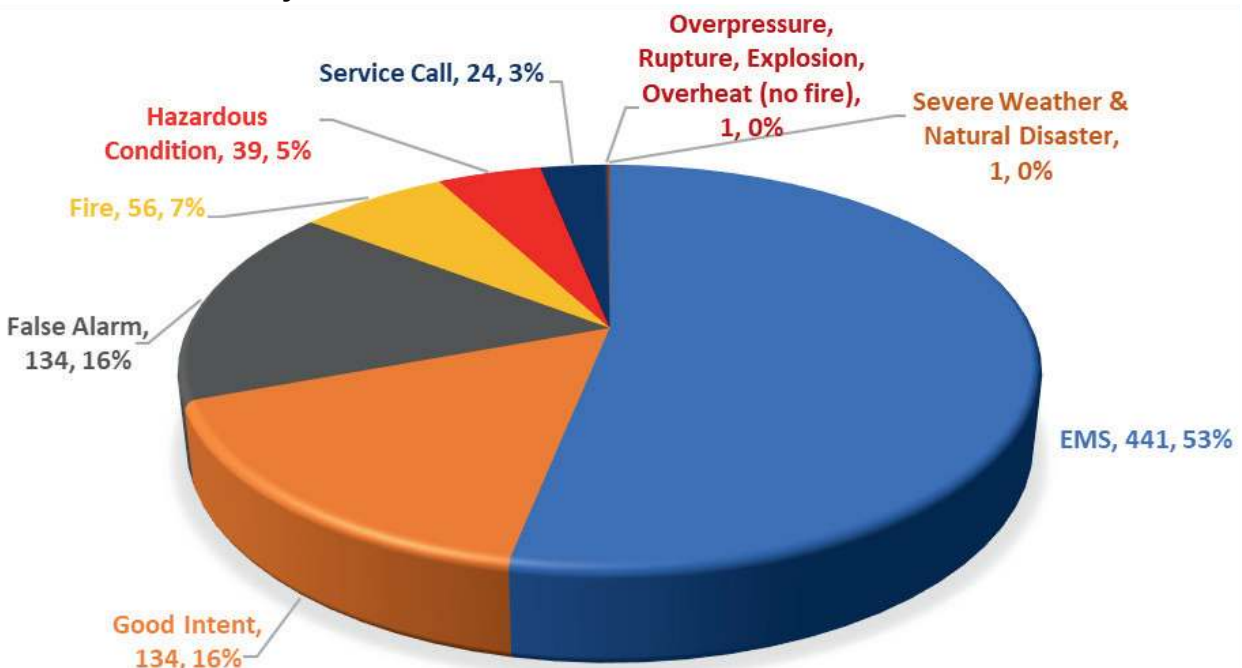
**Other-Firefighters remove a fallen tree from the railroad tracks.*

TOTAL RESPONSE STATISTICS

TOTAL INCIDENTS 830

The National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) classifies calls into eight different call categories:

- **Fire** which includes structures, mobile property, vegetation, rubbish, crops, and other.
- **Rupture/Explosion** which includes overpressure from steam/air/gas, explosions with no fire, excessive heat, and other.
- **(EMS) Rescue & Emergency Medical Services** which includes medical assists, lock-ins, lost persons, extrication, rescue, water & ice rescue, electrical rescue, EMS standby, and other.
- **Hazardous Condition (No Fire)** which includes combustible/flammable spills & leaks, chemical releases, radioactive conditions, electrical wiring, biological hazards, accidents, explosives, and other.
- **Service Call** which includes persons in distress, water problems, smoke & odor problems, animal rescue, public assists, unauthorized burning, fire standby, and other.
- **Good Intent** which includes canceled calls, unable to locate, controlled burning, steam or gas mistaken for smoke, odors & alarms with no spill or leak found, and other.
- **False Alarm & False Call** which includes malicious or mischievous false alarms, bomb scares (no bomb), system malfunctions, unintentional system operations (such as burnt food), and other.
- **Severe Weather & Natural Disaster** which includes earthquakes, flood, wind, lightning (no fire), severe weather standby and other.



CALLS BY INCIDENT TYPE

TOTAL RESPONSE STATISTICS

TOTAL INCIDENTS 830

NFPA 1720

NFPA 1720 specifies requirements for the effective and efficient organization and deployment of fire suppression operations, emergency medical operations, and special operations to the public by volunteer and combination fire departments.

NFPA 1720 recommends that 10 firefighters arrive on scene within 10 minutes, at least 80% of the time.



7:23

Average Enroute Time
First suppression/EMS crew
enroute
(time in minutes)

11:26

Average Response Time
First suppression/EMS crew on
scene
(time in minutes)

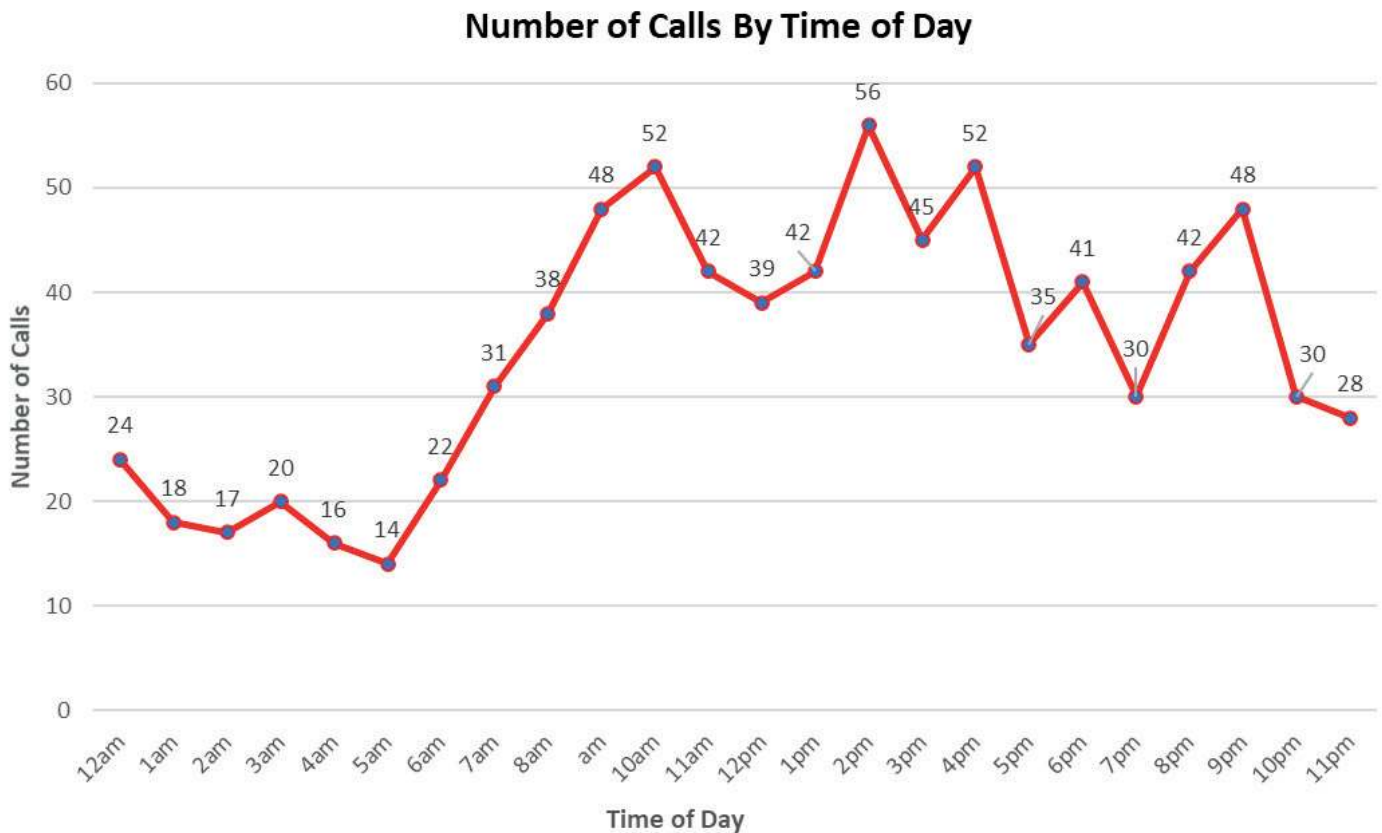
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Average Number of Personnel
Responding

Firefighters extinguish a vehicle fire on the highway.

TOTAL RESPONSE STATISTICS

TOTAL INCIDENTS 830



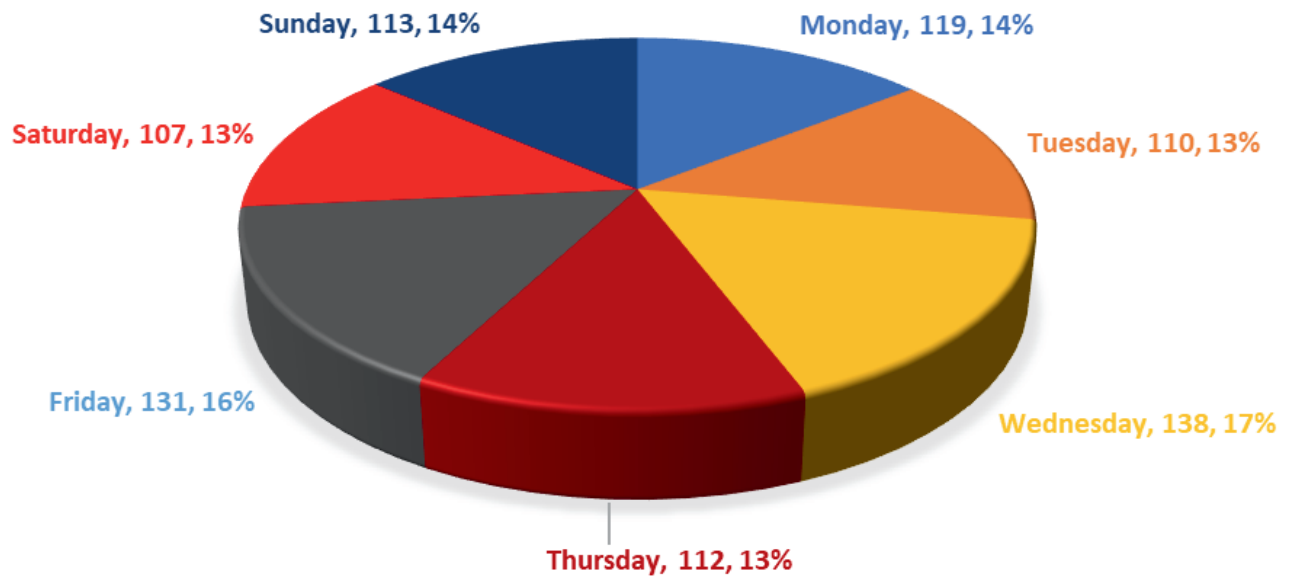
Firefighters respond to a vehicle crash.

RFD staffs four full-time employees at Station 1; Monday-Thursday from 7:30am-4:30pm and Friday from 7:30am-1:30pm. In addition to their primary assigned responsibilities these staff members assist in providing response during critical daytime hours when many paid-on-call firefighters are at their full-time jobs.

TOTAL RESPONSE STATISTICS

TOTAL INCIDENTS 830

NUMBER OF CALLS BY DAY OF THE WEEK



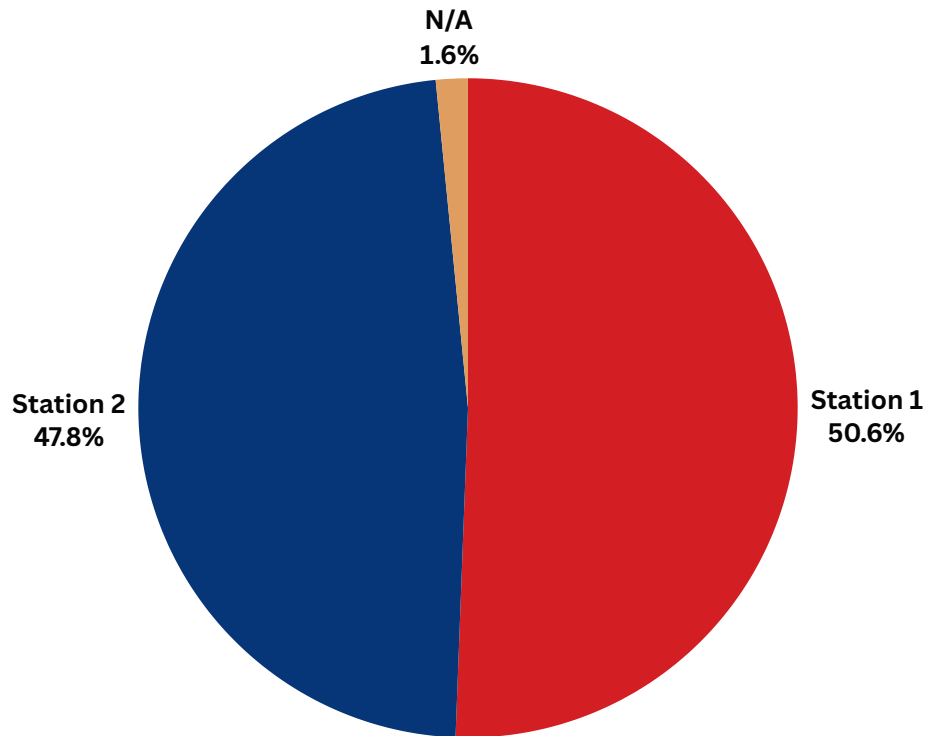
Firefighters respond to a vehicle crash into a gas pump.



Firefighters respond to a vehicle rollover.

TOTAL RESPONSE STATISTICS

TOTAL INCIDENTS 830



Incidents By Location

Station 1- Incidents toned for paid-on-call responders to come to the station where the incident address is south of Interstate 94 including Corcoran.

Station 2- Incidents toned for paid-on-call responders to come to the station where the incident address is north of Interstate 94 including Otsego.

N/A-Incidents that were not toned for paid-on-call responders. These incidents include things such as a resident arriving at the fire station seeking help with staff already present, fire calls requesting investigators only, or personnel providing aid on a preplanned EMS standby.

FIRE STATISTICS

TOTAL INCIDENTS 56



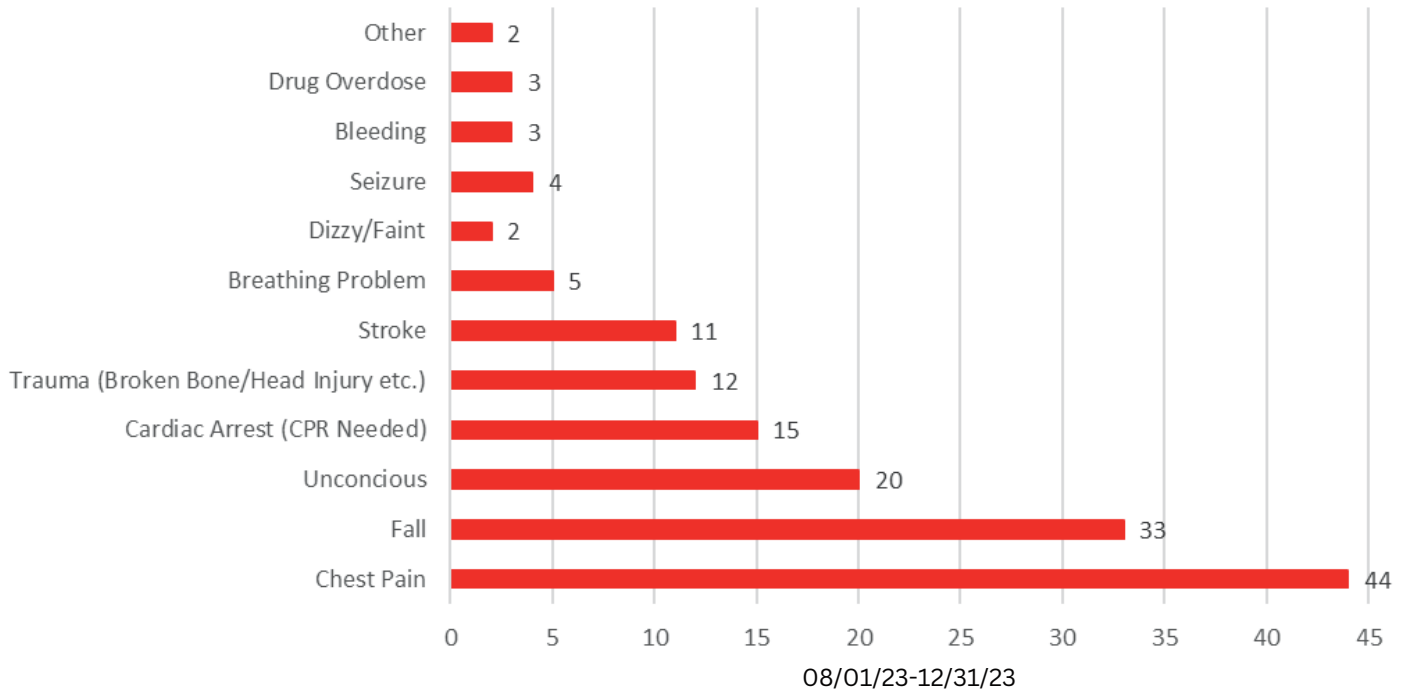
Working fires can be among the most dangerous and potentially costly emergency events encountered by the RFD. However, working fires are only a small portion of the total calls over the course of a year. About half of our total fire events occurred as building fires in 2023.



Firefighters extinguish a side-by-side fire.

EMS STATISTICS

EMS Calls By Incident Type



The Rogers Fire Department responds to medical calls that are considered life threatening/time sensitive. When the need arises, RFD will send firefighters as riders in the ambulance to assist in care during transport.

Due to the advanced features of our new records management system, RFD will now have additional capabilities to analyze our call data allowing us to have a clearer picture of the needs arising within our community. The EMS data presented above reflects the time period since we initiated our new system.



North Memorial lands their Air Care helicopter at Station 1.

LIFE SAVES

The Rogers Fire Department and Rogers Police Department were paged to a report of an individual unconscious at their place of work. Chief Farrens arrived first on the scene followed by the RPD. Chief Farrens grabbed his AED and the patient was given a shock very quickly after. The patient subsequently regained a pulse and made a full recovery from the incident.

You know you're amazing, right?

Words will never be enough to express the incredible gratitude we feel for everyone's actions in saving [REDACTED]. We understand that your job is filled with immeasurable stress; and that not all of the outcomes are positive ones, but we hope that you will remember how invaluable you were to not only [REDACTED] but to his entire family as well!

Forever grateful, [REDACTED]

A thank you letter to RFD was hand delivered by a survivor from a cardiac arrest event. To meet a recovered survivor is a rare situation and was an experience RFD was thankful to share in.

The Rogers Fire Department and Rogers Police Department were paged to one with chest pain. Enroute units recieved an update that the patient was unconscious. RFD units arrived and assisted RPD with CPR and patient care until North Memorial Ambulance arrived. EMS arrived and the patient had regained a pulse. Two RFD firefighters rode with North to the hospital. The patient was released from the hospital with a full recovery a short time later.

RESPONSE STATISTICS-ROGERS

TOTAL INCIDENTS 605



Average Enroute Time
First suppression/EMS crew
enroute
(Time in minutes)

7:20

Average Response Time
First suppression/EMS crew on
scene
(Time in minutes)

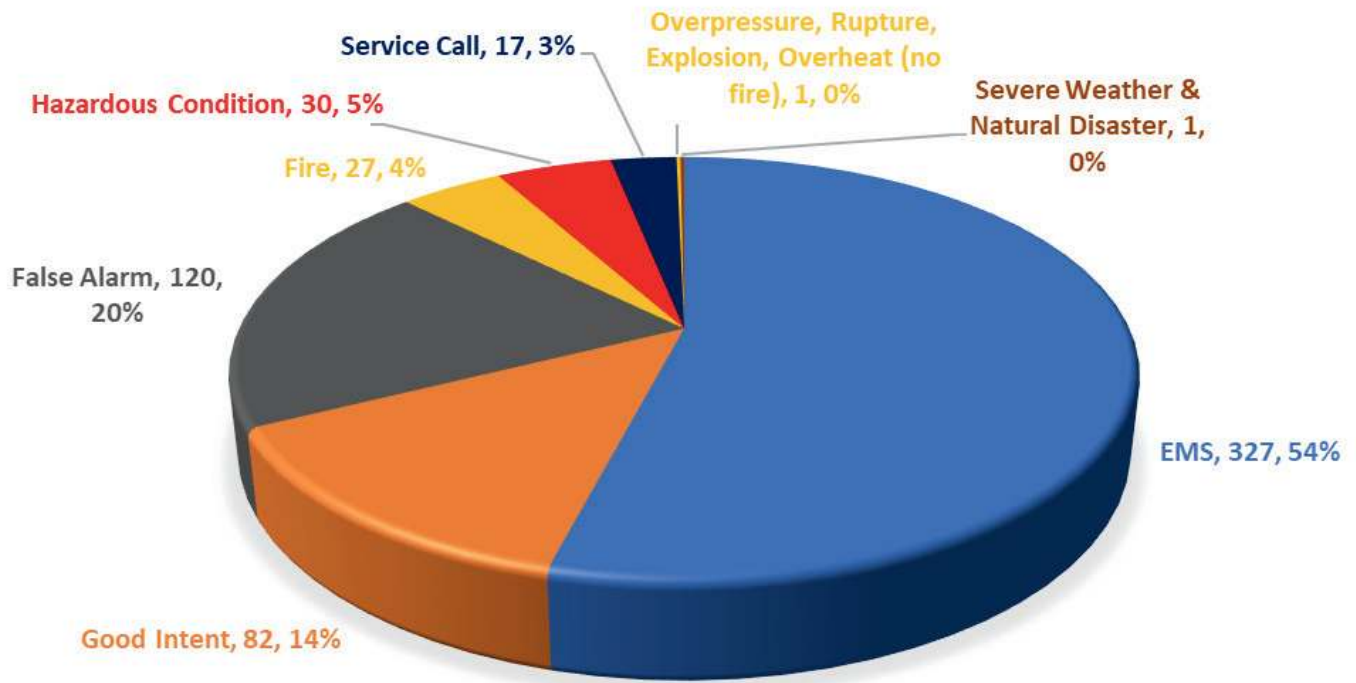
10:48

**Average Number of
Personnel
Responding**

13.85

RESPONSE STATISTICS-ROGERS

TOTAL INCIDENTS 605



CALLS BY INCIDENT TYPE

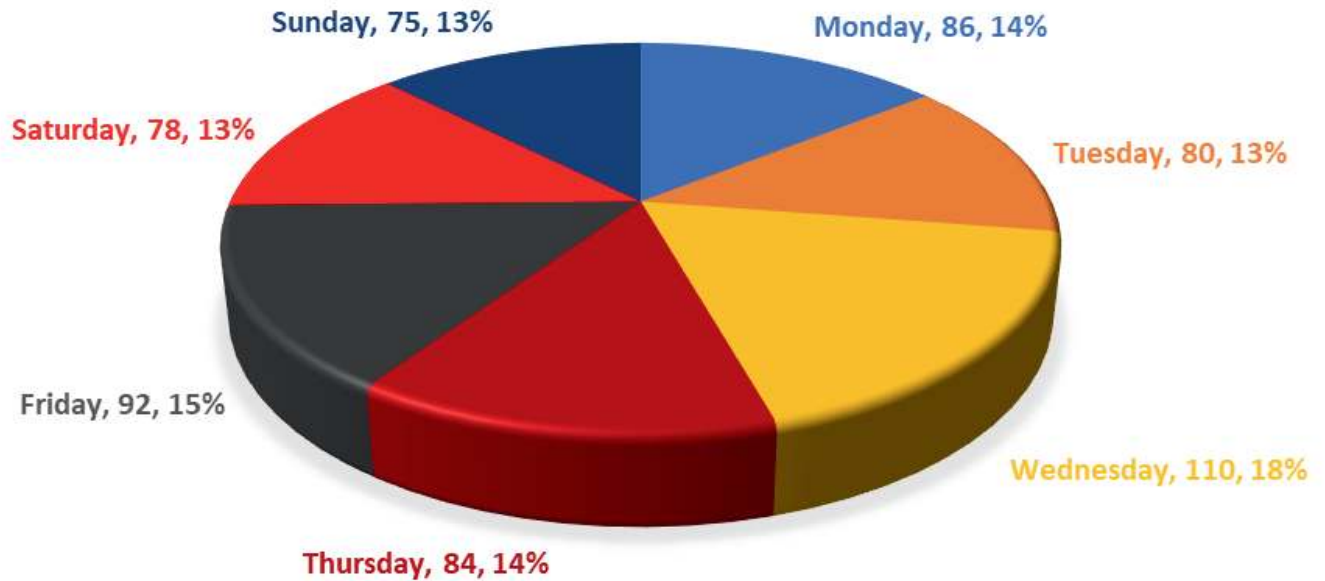


Firefighters extinguish a vehicle fire at a residence.

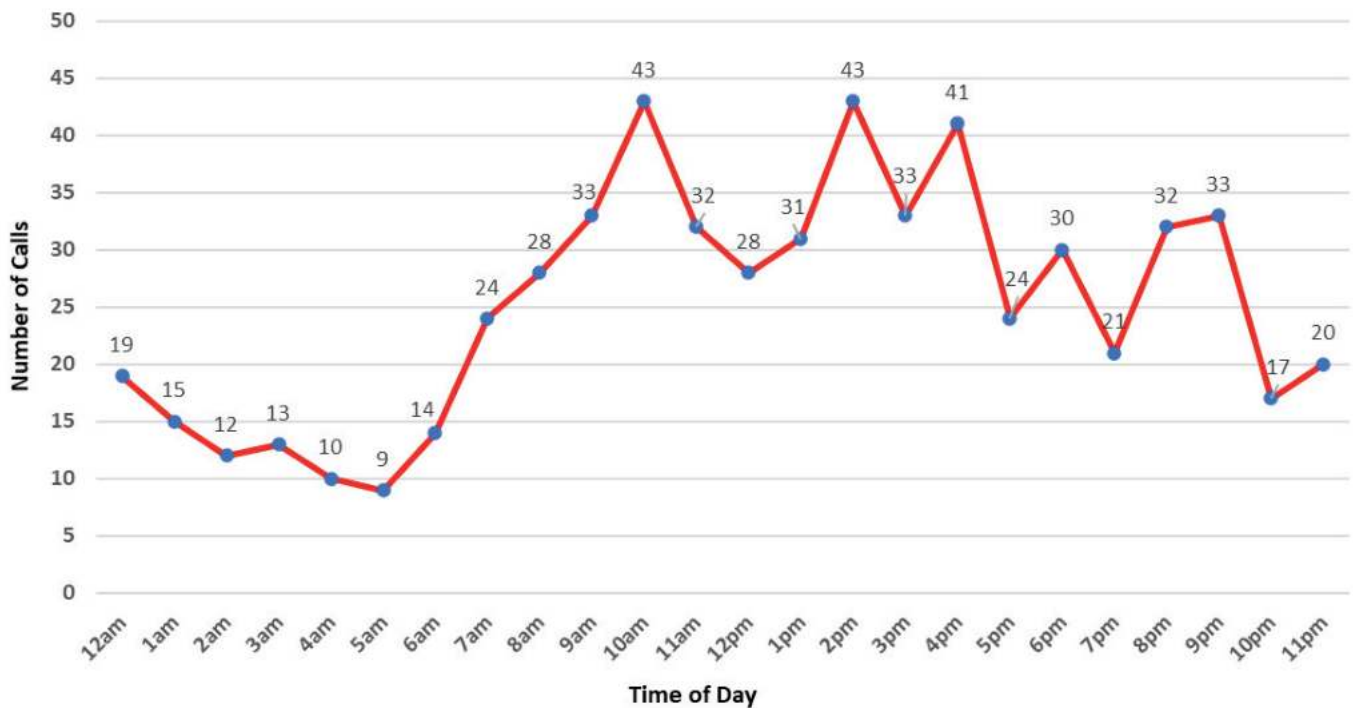
RESPONSE STATISTICS-ROGERS

TOTAL INCIDENTS 605

NUMBER OF CALLS BY DAY OF THE WEEK



Number of Calls By Time Of Day



RESPONSE STATISTICS-CORCORAN ONLY

TOTAL INCIDENTS 122



7:29

Average Enroute Time:
First suppression/EMS
crew enroute
(Time in minutes)

13:51

Average Response Time
First suppression/EMS
crew on scene
(Time in minutes)

12.52

Average number of
personnel responding

RESPONSE STATISTICS-CORCORAN ONLY

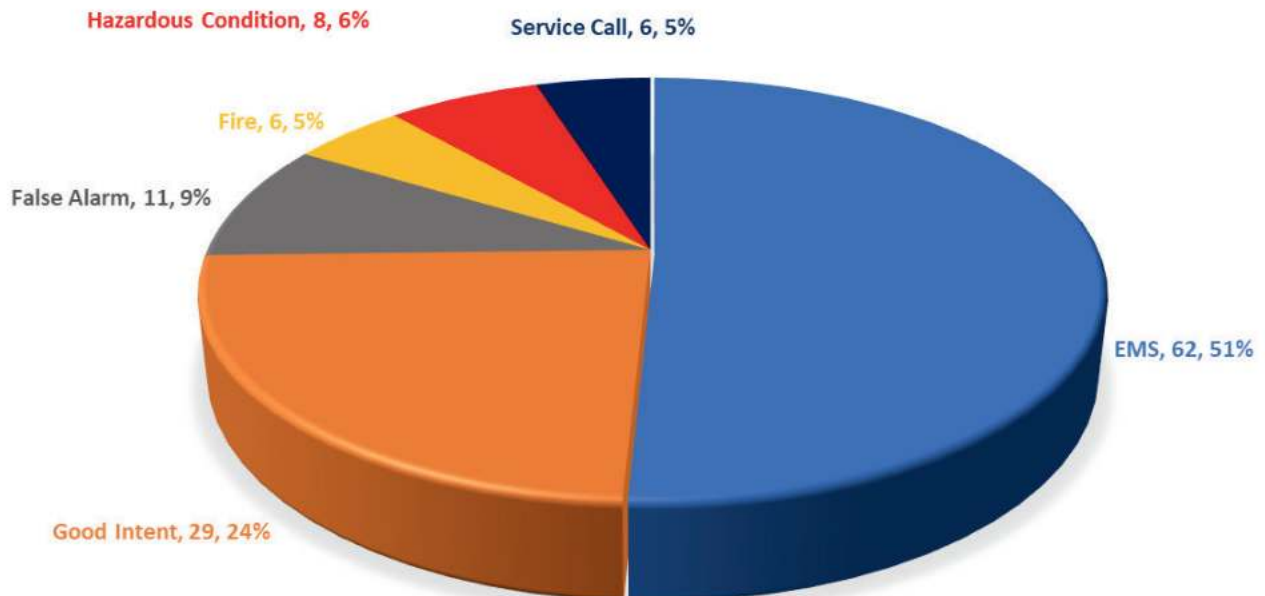
TOTAL INCIDENTS 122

Corcoran Rogers	119
Corcoran-Hanover	2
Corcoran-West Suburban	1



Firefighters respond to a vehicle rollover in a marsh area.

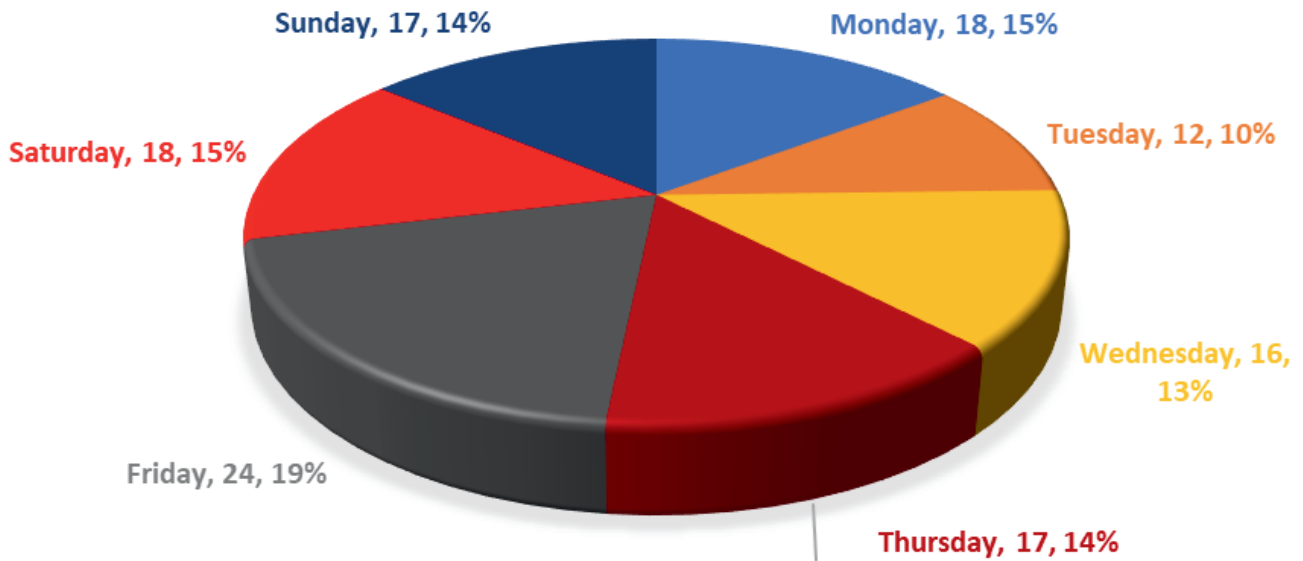
CALLS BY INCIDENT TYPE



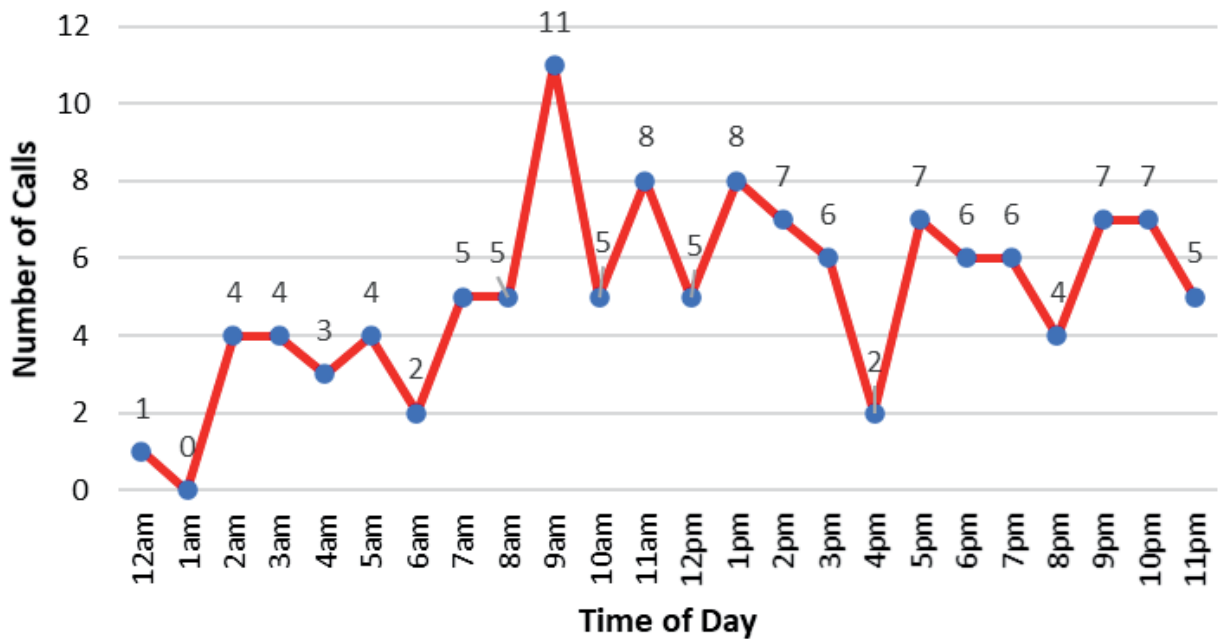
RESPONSE STATISTICS-CORCORAN ONLY

TOTAL INCIDENTS 122

NUMBER OF CALLS BY DAY OF THE WEEK



Number of Calls By Time of Day



RESPONSE STATISTICS-OTSEGO

TOTAL INCIDENTS 80

Average Enroute Time

First suppression/EMS crew
enroute
(Time in minutes)

7:15

Average Response Time

First suppression/EMS crew on
scene
(Time in minutes)

12:04

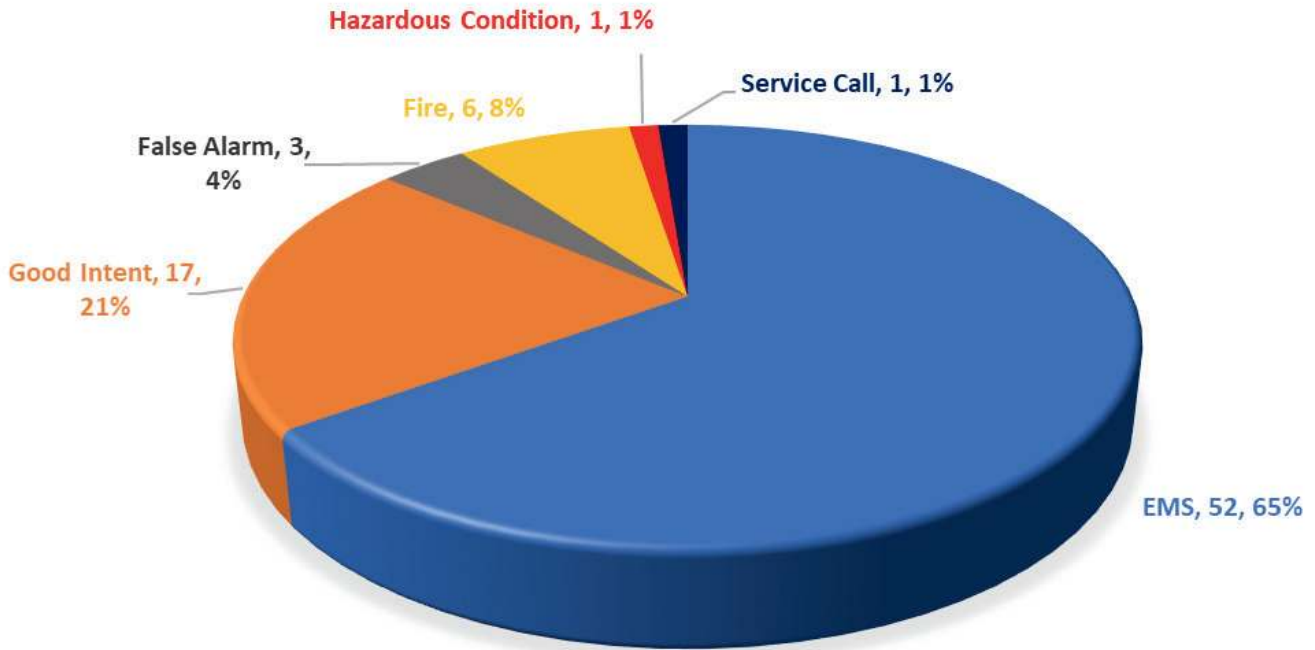
Average Number of
Personnel Responding:

14.36

RESPONSE STATISTICS-OTSEGO

TOTAL INCIDENTS 80

Otsego-Rogers	72
Otsego-Elk River	5
Otsego-Albertville	3



CALLS BY INCIDENT TYPE

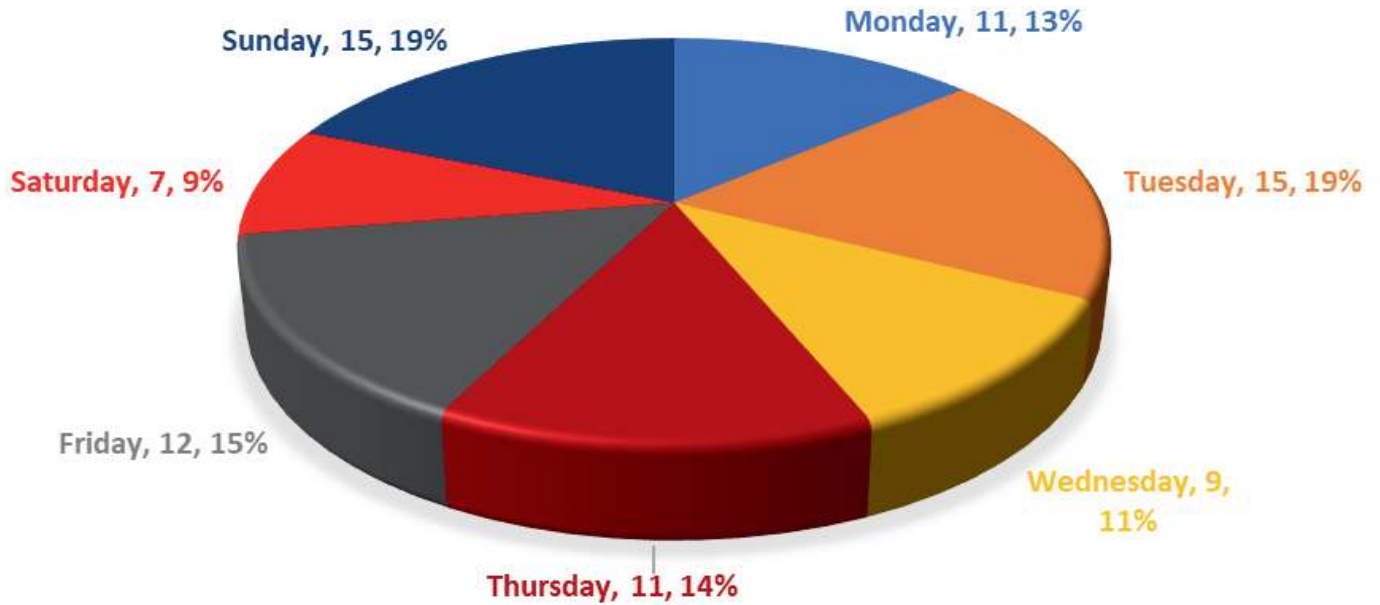


Firefighters extinguish a fire after a home explosion.

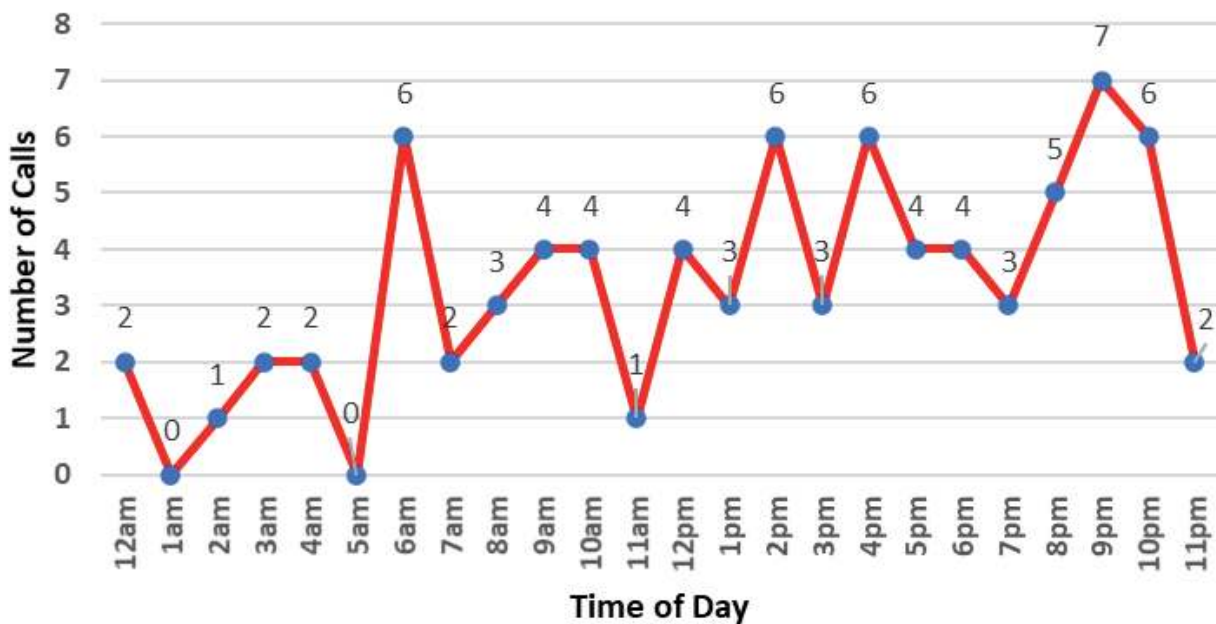
RESPONSE STATISTICS-OTSEGO

TOTAL INCIDENTS 80

NUMBER OF CALLS BY DAY OF THE WEEK



Number of Calls By Time of Day



RESPONSE STATISTICS-MUTUAL AID

TOTAL INCIDENTS 34



8:56

Average Enroute Time
First suppression/EMS crew
enroute in minutes

14.07

Average number of personnel
responding

34

Number of calls to aid
surrounding area partners

RESPONSE STATISTICS-MUTUAL AID

9

Numbers of calls for the LSU

20

Number of calls for apparatus

1

Number of calls for both the LSU
& apparatus

4

Number of calls for investigation



Firefighters assist a mutual aid partner in extinguishing a commercial fire.

RFD was called to aid the surrounding area in 2023.

These cities include:

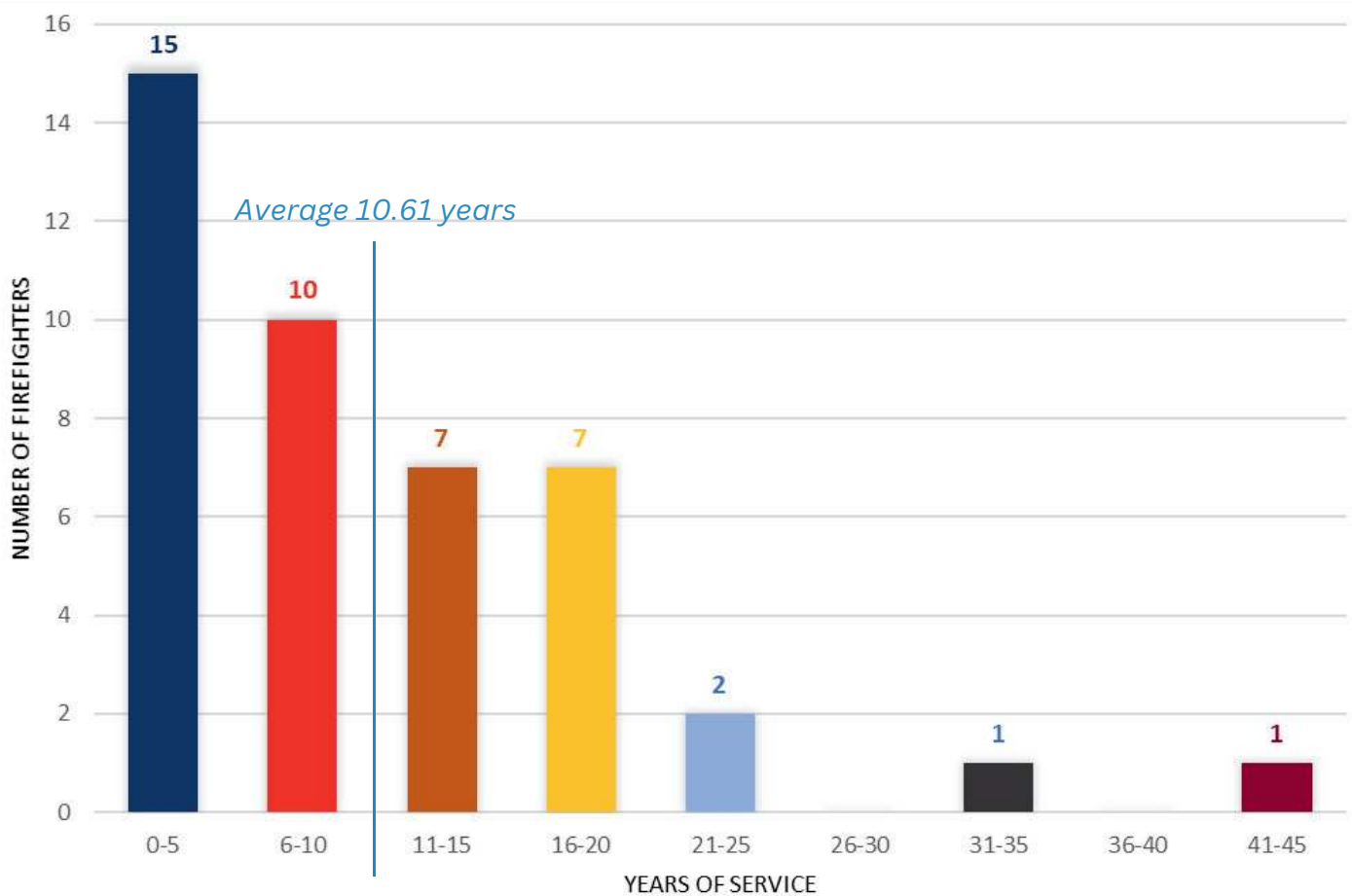
Corcoran (Hanover)
Corcoran (West Suburban)
Otsego (Elk River)
Otsego (Albertville)
Medina
Loretto
Minnetonka

New Hope
Dayton
Greenfield
Crystal
Brooklyn Center
Plymouth
Richfield

Firefighter Years of Service

Rogers firefighters are eligible for retirement benefits from the Rogers Fire Relief Association based on the following vesting guidelines:

50% vested at 10 years of service
100% vested at 20 years of service

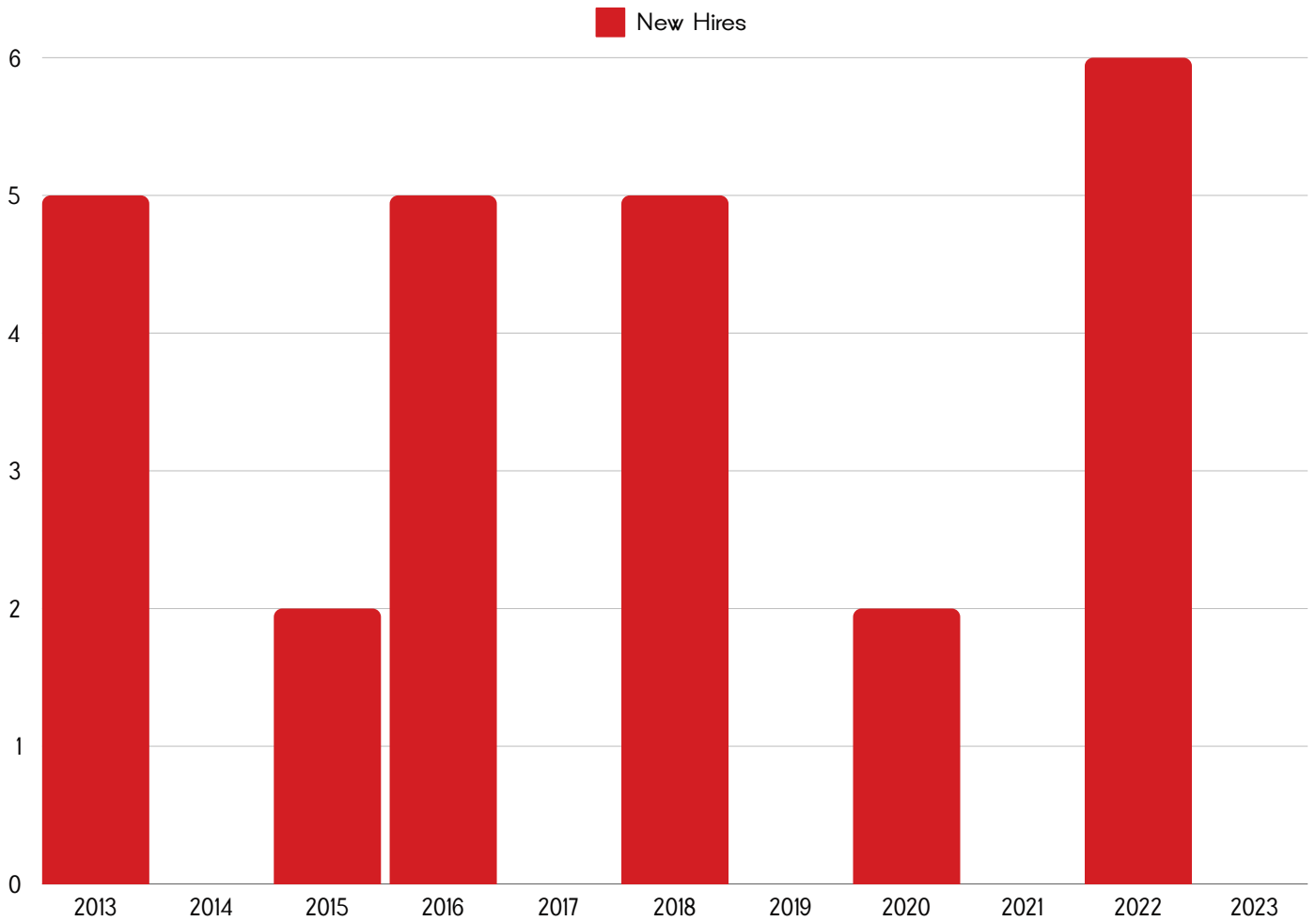


21% of RFD firefighters are eligible to retire today fully vested.

28% of RFD firefighters are eligible to retire today partially vested.

Years of serviced based on 12-31-23

NEW HIRES 2013-2023



New firefighters pose for photos with Chief Farrens after taking their oath and receiving their badges at a Rogers City Council meeting.

OATHS OF OFFICE



The Rogers Fire Department swore in new Fire Chief Patrick Farrens Jr. after the retirement of Chief Bradley Feist



The Rogers Fire Department swore in two new Fire Lieutenants Aaron Ende (middle) and Joel Ende (right) while Lieutenant Josh Bebeau (left) was promoted and sworn in as a Fire Captain



Six Rogers Fire probationary firefighters advanced from probation and were sworn in as Firefighters. Left to Right: Terrance-Reeves Chong, Samuel Sherod, Eric Smith, Kaari Grandlund, Tim Olson, Luke Meier

As described by the Minnesota Fire Service Ceremonies & Protocols Guidebook, “the oath is a promise to faithfully discharge the duties of the office to the best of the person’s abilities and to support the constitutions of the United States and Minnesota. The role of firefighter comes with a high level of responsibility to the public and inures to the firefighter a high level of public trust.” Part of taking “your oath” with the Rogers Fire Department means being presented to our city officials and the community at a Rogers city council meeting, and having your badge pinned on you by your family.

RETIREMENTS



Chief Bradley Feist
39 years of service



Captain John Feist
20 years of service



Lieutenant Gregory Nykiel
11 years of service



Firefighter Kyle Maas
10 years of service

ROGERS FIRE DEPARTMENT FULL-TIME STAFF



Patrick Farrens Jr.
Fire Chief



Kris Skow
Deputy Fire Marshal



Jeff Ende
Fire Logistics Technician



Ashley Hagen
Admin/Firefighter

The Rogers Fire Department is supported by three full-time staff members who operate under the full-time Fire Chief. They are often the first point of contact for the public and assist all fire department staff in maintaining an effective communication flow. All full-time staff serve as responders for EMS and fire emergencies.

Kris Skow manages the fire construction permit application and tracking software, assists the public and contractors in completing forms and applications, completes fire inspections and plan reviews, as well as investigations, prevention, and public education.

Jeff Ende performs and schedules maintenance of facilities and equipment, calibrates equipment, and facilitates the day to day operational needs of the RFD.

Ashley Hagen oversees firefighter payroll, percentages, completes data entry into fire records management systems, maintains confidential personnel files, and assists in recruitment and onboarding processes.

ROGERS FIRE DEPARTMENT STATIONS



Fire Station 1
21201 Memorial Drive
Rogers, MN 55374



Fire Station 2
(Current)
22350 S Diamond Lake Rd.
Rogers, MN 55374



Fire Station 2
(Future)
14125 Northdale Blvd.
Rogers, MN 55374

ROGERS FIRE DEPARTMENT STATION 1- (20) PAID-ON-CALL



Top Row-left to right

Assistant Chief Chad Krumwiede, Captain Toby Heinz, Captain Josh Bebeau, Lieutenant Aaron Ende, Lieutenant Joel Ende, Firefighter James Brennan

2nd Row- left to right

Firefighter Mike Lerol, Firefighter Mike Parker, Firefighter Keith Diers, Firefighter Sandy Kennedy, Firefighter Shawn Silbaugh, Firefighter Scot Rohwer

3rd Row- left to right

Firefighter Greg Mork, Firefighter Mike Iwanok, Firefighter Roger Sabot, Firefighter Luke Meier, Firefighter Kaari Grandlund, Firefighter Eric Smith

Bottom Row- left to right

Firefighter Sam Sherod, Firefighter Terrance Reeves-Chong

ROGERS FIRE DEPARTMENT STATION 2- (17) PAID-ON-CALL



Top Row-left to right

Assistant Chief Chris Dunleavy, Captain Dan Scharber, Captain Wally Knapp, Lieutenant Ryon Morgando, Lieutenant Chad Mueller, Firefighter Mike Scharber

Middle Row- left to right

Firefighter Brandon Shaw, Firefighter Martin Clements, Firefighter Larry Hudson, Firefighter Brian Willegalle, Firefighter Matthew Kro, Firefighter Mike Hoffman

Bottom Row- left to right

Firefighter Wes Gedatus, Firefighter Gerald Castanon, Firefighter Kurt VonRueden, Firefighter Kyler Grandlund, Firefighter Tim Olson

ROGERS FIRE DEPARTMENT PART-TIME RESPONDERS



Stacy Scharber
EMR



Mike Sable
Firefighter

EMR Stacy Scharber serves full-time as the City of Rogers Assistant City Administrator/HR Director. In times of need during the day Stacy assists the Rogers Fire Department in call response to EMS emergencies.

Firefighter/EMR Mike Sable serves full-time as the City of Rogers Street/Storm Supervisor. In times of need during the day Mike assists the Rogers Fire Department in call response to fire and EMS emergencies.

ROGERS FIRE DEPARTMENT TRAINING

New Firefighter Training & Development

No new recruits were hired in 2023.

Mentorship Team

In 2023, a mentorship team was established. This team is built with the purpose of mentoring, and overall coaching of new and current staff. The mission of the team is to track, observe, and coach new firefighters to ensure better consistency across the department. The 2023 team consists of:

- Chief Patrick Farrens Jr.
- Station #1: Lieutenant Aaron Ende, Lieutenant Joel Ende
- Station #2: Firefighter Larry Hudson

The team completed over 200 hours of orientation and instruction in 2023 to both apprentice and probationary firefighters, ensuring successful training, and for the betterment of the department.



Six Rogers probationary firefighters commemorate the completion of their last mentorship program training with a group photo.

ROGERS FIRE DEPARTMENT TRAINING

Department Training

RFD continuously seeks innovative ways to provide ongoing training that meets national and state standards for firefighting and emergency medical response. Training for firefighters in the State of Minnesota is required by both federal Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA) rules and state law, based on standards set at the national level by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).

The Minnesota Board of Firefighter Training and Education (MBFTE) and the Minnesota Fire Service Certification Board (MFSCB) govern training, licensing, and certification in the State of Minnesota by state statute. Firefighter state licensing and certification includes a three-year cycle of required continuing education and training. The Minnesota Board of Firefighter Training and Education, and Minnesota OSHA standards outline 11 core elements for firefighter training.

The 11 core elements are as follows:

- Safety and protective equipment
- Chemistry of fire and fire behavior
- Self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA)
- Fire streams
- Hose
- Pumping fire apparatus
- Ladders
- Rescue
- Forcible entry
- Ventilation
- Administrative/command

The development of the training plan is the responsibility of the Fire Chief, with support from the Fire Officers.

In 2023, firefighters at all ranks logged a combined 3,456 hours of training and education.

ROGERS FIRE DEPARTMENT TRAINING

Fire officer development

Routine development is provided to current officers through monthly officer meetings. These meetings review policy, tasks assigned to the officers, administrative procedures, incident command, and department updates. In 2023, RFD officers completed officer training on:

- Incident Command & Blue Card Command
- Training & Incident Safety
- Emergency Management
- First Five Minutes

Firefighter development

RFD ensures that all personnel, have the ability to attend advanced training to assist career progression and succession planning.

Courses attended in 2023, as part of firefighter development include:

- Fire Officer I
- Fire Officer II
- Fire Instructor I
- Fire Instructor II
- Fire Investigator
- Fire Apparatus Operator-Aerial
- Blue Card Command
- EMT



Courses attended as part of firefighter development require a significant amount of time both in the classroom, and time outside of the classroom spent with course texts, quizzes, and skill development.

These are some of the many textbooks firefighters have read as they pursue certifications.

ROGERS FIRE DEPARTMENT TRAINING



Firefighters train for a “BLEVE”-boiling liquid expanding vapor explosion.



Firefighters train with North Memorial on a scene set up for mass casualty response.



Firefighters train with the departments thermal imaging cameras (TIC).



Firefighters train for ground ladder raises and hoisting tools.

ROGERS FIRE DEPARTMENT TRAINING



Firefighters train on pump operations.



Firefighters train for vehicle fires.



Firefighters attend a Waterous University Educational Seminar as part of their education toward a certification as a Fire Apparatus Operator.



Firefighters train for auto extrication as part of their education/skills toward a certification as Firefighter II.

ROGERS FIRE DEPARTMENT NEW STATION 2

The City of Rogers has experienced rapid growth creating the need for another fire station. Fire Station 1, was built in 1997 and the smaller Fire Station 2, was added as a part of the city hall & public works campus in 2005. The current Fire Station 2 is a single bay which holds one rescue pickup truck and one fire engine. A new larger Fire Station 2, has been approved and is in the process of being built with an expected completion in the fall of 2024.

The new Fire Station 2 will be a two-story, 16,000-square-foot facility. The station has direct access to County Road 144, and will significantly improve response times on the north side of Interstate 94, and into the Otsego service area.

The new Fire Station 2, will include a decontamination space for firefighters coming back from hazardous calls. This space supports current best practices, aimed at reducing cancer in the fire service. The facility will also feature sleeping rooms for future planning of a duty crew, workspaces for the current and future staff, a 50-person training room, and a fitness room setup for firefighter wellness.



New Station 2 Rendering



New Station 2 Ground Breaking



New Station 2 Rendering

FIRE STATIONS, APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT

Staffing

At the end of 2023, a much needed, new full-time position was filled adding a Fire Logistics Technician (FLT) to the RFD full-time staff.

Working with Chief Farrens, FLT Ende has begun the process of reviewing the current mission and developing a strategy to address the ongoing needs of inventory, reorganization, and standardization of facilities, apparatus, and equipment.

Additionally, FLT Ende will coordinate the maintenance of fire apparatus, equipment, and facilities. He will play a key role in making sure things stay in service, and are fixed quickly.



RFD completed annual hose test per the NFPA Standard.



RFD completed annual SCBA flow testing per the NFPA Standard.

Fire apparatus and equipment

2023 equipment updates included; thermal imaging cameras, personal protective equipment, a rescue pickup, two Lucas devices and rapid-intervention-team packs.

Full-time staff coordinated the annual testing of equipment including: ladders, SCBA's, pump and hose testing, as well as vehicle preventive maintenance.

Fire apparatus maintenance is coordinated by the FLT, in conjunction with the Rogers city mechanics. Most fire apparatus repair work needs to be completed by outside vendors due to the intricacies specific to fire apparatus. This process still takes a great deal of management by the staff to stay ahead of issues, transport apparatus to vendors, and help to ensure timely repair.

FIRE INSPECTION/PLAN REVIEW

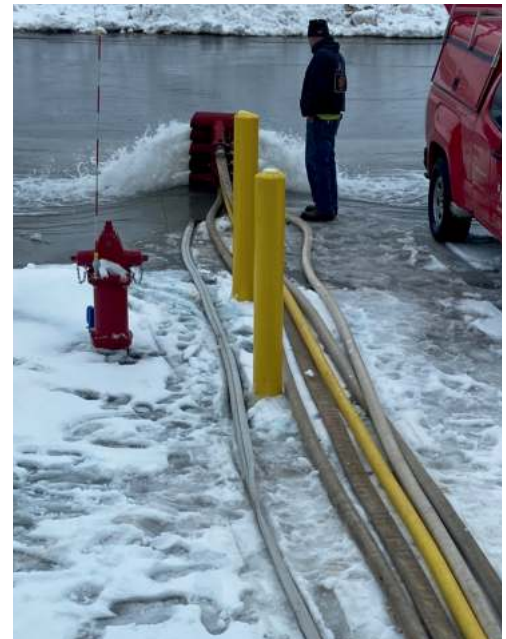
Plan Review

150 fire permits were issued, and an additional 45 building permits were reviewed for compliance with fire department operations and state fire code, in 2023. Plan reviews consist of; site plans, fire protection systems, building plans, solar systems, demolition, tanks, and more.

Building Plan Review	2021	2022	2023
Existing Building	39	30	31
Commercial New Construction	3	3	3
Fence	N/A	N/A	1
Solar	N/A	N/A	9



New construction

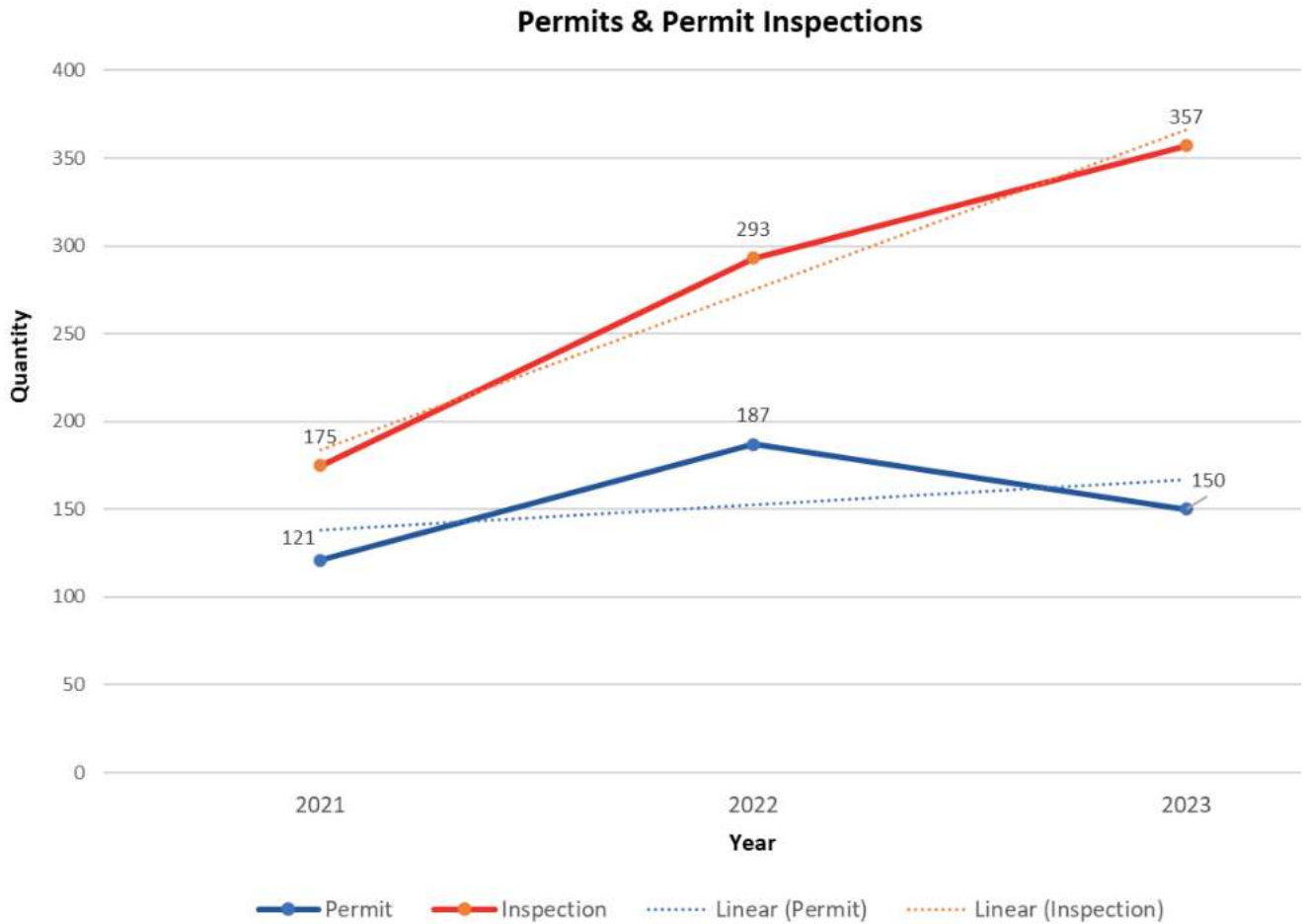


Fire pump acceptance testing

New construction/permit inspections

357 inspections were completed relating to permits issued in 2023. These inspections ensure that systems are installed properly, and function as they are designed. This function is imperative to the safety of our community, and they continue to increase each year. Proper initial inspection proactively reduces false alarms and system failures in the future.

FIRE INSPECTION/PLAN REVIEW



Permit Type	2021		2022		2023	
	Permits	Inspections	Permits	Inspections	Permits	Inspections
Fire Sprinkler	65	106	124	218	102	277
Open Burning	21	21	24	24	16	16
Fire Alarm	21	32	24	32	17	47
Tents	6	6	5	5	7	6
Special Suppression	2	2	2	2	3	2
Fireworks	2	2	4	4	3	3
Tanks	4	6	4	8	2	6
Total	121	175	187	293	150	357

FIRE INSPECTION/PLAN REVIEW

Inspections

Our fire inspections program is in the infancy stages with building our property data base within our new software program. The program will consist of fire inspections that will be completed on an annual and bi-annual bases. This will allow for the fire department to gain access to every commercial property addressing code violations, building preplans for emergency response, and updating/maintaining contact information for the city.

Fire inspections that were completed in 2023 consisted of complaint or referral-based inspections. These types of inspections are generated with concerns of fire safety usually by a citizen or recent calls to that property from police or fire.



Complaint based inspection

Inspections	Complaint Based & Annual
2021	8
2022	18
2023	6

False alarm follow-ups

Follow-up inspections are conducted after a false alarm occurs at a commercial property. The goal is to identify the reason why the system tripped and to prevent future false alarms in our community. A total of 45 commercial false alarms/sprinkler activations were reviewed out of the 134 total false alarms throughout the community.

Training

Maintaining fire inspection certifications requires on-going continuing education.

In 2023 Deputy Fire Marshal Skow completed training:

- Quarterly Fire Marshal Association Meetings
- State Fire Marshal Educational
- FDIC International
 - Admin & leadership courses
 - Diversity
 - Difficult Conversations
 - Marketing our Mission
 - Fire Investigations

PREVENTION & PUBLIC EDUCATION

School & Daycare Programs

Last year was a big year for fire prevention. We attended nine schools/daycares reaching a total of 692 kids with ages ranging from two to ten years old.

The safety message for the younger groups was regarding firefighter response to homes with children, “Firefighters are our friends and they are here to help”.

The safety message for the older groups was regarding cooking safety, “Stay and look while you cook”.

Fire extinguisher training

Our fire prevention also spans into our local businesses where we have the opportunity to provide fire extinguisher training. There were several businesses that requested this training for their employees, and we reached roughly 80 people with this training.

Youth Fire Prevention Intervention (YFPI)

YFPI is a known program committed to providing education and additional resources for youth who show interest in fire play, or those who have started a fire.

There were three YFPI cases in 2022, two were closed out in 2022 and one rolled over into 2023. These cases involve several meetings for information gathering, assessments, and fire safety education along with three, six, and twelve-month follow-ups to reevaluate and see if additional resources are needed.



Deputy Fire Marshal Skow reads an age-appropriate fire safety book to a group of Rogers residents.



Deputy Fire Marshal Skow gives a station tour to a group of Rogers residents.

PUBLIC RELATIONS



Night to Unite



Procession for Pope County Deputy Owen

Annually, we receive many requests from the community desiring the Rogers Fire Department to attend their events. Community outreach and engagement are ways that we build strong relationships as well as give back to the communities we serve.



Corcoran Church Festival



EMS standby for a Rogers football home game

PUBLIC RELATIONS



Hassen Elementary Carnival



Trunk or Treat

- *Rogers Hockey Kick-Off Truck Demo*
- *St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Festival*
- *National Noon-Out/Night to Unite*
- *Park & Rec Family Fun Day*
- *State Tournament Escorts*
- *Corcoran's Holiday Toy & Food Drive*
- *Shop with a Cop Event*
- *Deputy Owen Procession*
- *Rogers Football Medical Standby*

- *Trunk or Treat-Word of Peace*
- *Trunk or Treat- Freedom Church*
- *Trunk or Treat-Northridge Fellowship*
- *Hassen Elementary School Carnival*
- *Corcoran Church Festival*
- *Rockin' Rogers Parade*
- *Leukemia Benefit for Jacen*
- *Rogers Elementary – Last Day of School Ice Cream Social*



National Noon Out



Bell Ringing

FIRE INVESTIGATIONS

Fire Investigations

Per MN state statute, every fire causing more than \$100 in damage needs to be investigated to discover the origin and cause. This requirement is delegated to the local Fire Chief. In Rogers all fires receive an investigation either by the fire officers on scene, the DFM, the Hennepin County Fire Investigation Team (HCFIT), the State Fire Marshal, or other outside agencies. The RFD currently has three certified fire investigators.

Two Rogers Fire Department members are on the HCFIT. The mission of the HCFIT is to assist agencies across the county in determining origin and cause of fires. The team is comprised of nearly 25 members from numerous Hennepin County fire departments. The Rogers Fire Department supports this mission as they get to refine their skills and make connections with other investigators.

Training Attended:

- MN IAAI Quarterly Training
- MN IAAI Annual Training

Training Taught:

- Fire Investigations for First Responders

Key Investigations in 2023



Assisting the Wright County Fire Investigation Team for a house explosion in Otsego.



Investigation by the HCFIT of a house fire in the City of Rogers.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT



Chief Farrens is responsible for the city's Emergency Management Program. In 2023, Chief Farrens reworked the city's Hazard Mitigation Plan in conjunction with the Hennepin County Emergency Management Department (HCEM).



The City of Rogers has 10 tornado sirens. The sirens are tested remotely daily and serviced annually.



Chief Farrens participated as an instructor for the Regional Response Plan, for hostile event response.



The Fire and Police Departments completed joint command training focused on the interoperability of expanding incidents.



The Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was activated for the Rockin' Rogers concerts & parade. Groups included RPD, RFD, HCEM, Hennepin County Sheriff, and North Memorial EMS.



Director Waage from HCEM conducted elected officials training for the Rogers City Council, Mayor, and Department Directors.



The City of Rogers is a member of the North Suburban Emergency Planning Group. This group represents 14 cities within Hennepin County. Chief Farrens serves as the Chair. In 2023, the group completed a substantial review and overhaul of the overarching Emergency Operations Plan.



In 2023, the full-time staff enrolled in the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) Basic Emergency Management Certificate Program. This program is intended for those who are currently working in emergency management or have a role in emergency preparedness in Minnesota. DFM Skow completed this program.



These cookies were handmade by an RFD firefighter spouse in celebration of six probationary firefighters receiving their badges in December 2023.