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September 2026 Operations Report:

We responded to 112 calls in August.

We had 319 responses in August.

Primary Incident Type	Incidents
Abdominal pain / problems	3
Accidental alarm	5
Altered mental status	1
Breathing problems	8
Cancelled	6
Cardiac arrest	1
Chest pain (non-trauma)	6
Citizen assist / service call	2
Convulsions / seizures	4
Diabetic problems	1
Electrical power line down / arcing / malfunction	1
Fall	7
Fire / smoke alarm	2
Gas leak / gas odor	3
Headache	1
Heart problems	1
Intercept other unit	1
Lift assist	5
Motor vehicle collision	11
No appropriate choice (medical response)	12
Odor investigation	1
Other false call	1
Other traumatic injury	2
Overdose	1
Person in water (Swiftwater / river)	1
Sick case	10
Smoke from non-hostile source (Smoke scare)	1
Stroke / CVA	4
Structural involvement	3
Trash / rubbish fire	1
Unconscious victim	3



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Unknown problem (medical)	2
Vegetation / grass fire	1
Total	112

As we move into September and the beginning of the fall season, the Bristol Fire Department would like to remind our residents to use extra caution as we approach leaf season and fall cleanup. This time of year, often brings an increase in outdoor burning, so we want everyone to be familiar with Indiana's residential open-burning requirements.

The following rules must always be followed for residential open burning:

- Only **clean wood products** may be burned. Treated wood is not considered clean wood.
- Wood products coated with **stain, paint, preservatives, glue, or other coatings** are not allowed to be burned.
- Residential open burning of clean wood products must be conducted in a **noncombustible and ventilated container**.
- Recreational or ceremonial fires, such as fires for scouting activities or cooking, may burn only **clean wood products, paper, or charcoal**.
- Burning must be conducted during **safe weather conditions** and should not take place during high winds or pollution alert days.
- Fires must be **attended at all times until completely extinguished**, and adequate fire-suppression equipment must be readily available.
- Non-recreational burning must occur during **daylight hours**, and the fire must be completely extinguished before sunset.
- Open burning is **not permitted at mobile home parks, apartments, condominium complexes, or buildings containing more than four dwelling units**.
- A fire must be extinguished if it creates a **fire hazard, nuisance, pollution problem, or threat to public health**.
- All burning must comply with applicable **federal, state, and local laws, rules, and ordinances**. Local governments may have additional restrictions, including restrictions on burning leaves or other yard waste.

As residents begin cleaning up leaves, branches, and other materials around their properties, please remember that **household garbage, plastics, tires, construction debris, treated lumber, painted wood, and other prohibited materials should never be burned**.

Whenever possible, residents are encouraged to consider alternatives to open burning, such as mulching leaves, composting, chipping brush, or utilizing available yard-waste and leaf-collection programs.



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The Bristol Fire Department asks everyone to take a few extra minutes before starting an outdoor fire to consider the weather conditions, surrounding vegetation and structures, and the availability of a water source. Never leave an outdoor fire unattended and make certain that it is completely extinguished when you are finished.

We appreciate everyone's cooperation in helping keep Bristol and the surrounding community safe as we enter the fall season.

Thank you,
Nicholas J.A. Kantz
Fire Chief