



Columbus Fire Department

July 2026 Columbus City Council Report

Membership Status

Total Active Members:	34
Probationary Members:	4
Non-Probationary Members:	30
Total Positions Allowed:	40

Incident Report: June 2026

Incident Number	Date & Time	Last Unit Cleared	Address	City / Rural	Location	Incident Type	Total # FF
26-105	6/1/2026 9:24 11:30		W 3971 Eggert Road	Rural	Town of Hampden	Vehicle Accident	10
26-106	6/2/2026 15:26 15:50		Schaefer Road between County K & Bristol Road	Rural	Town of Columbus	Vehicle Accident	12
26-107	6/3/2026 20:07 21:20		County Road V & Deansville Road	Rural	Town of York	Vehicle Accident	11
26-108	6/4/2026 22:14 23:30		1301 B Waterloo Street	City	City of Columbus	EMS Assistance	8

26-109	6/5/2026 15:22 15:45	31 Parkview Circle	City	City of Columbus	EMS Assistance	4
26-110	6/5/2026 21:55 22:53	123 West Harrison Street	City	City of Columbus	Weather Response	6
26-111	6/5/2026 22:53 00:00	457 Hamilton Street	City	City of Columbus	Weather Response	5
26-112	6/6/2026 12:54 14:05	N 3927 T County Highway Southbound	Rural	Town of Elba	Vehicle Accident	11
26-113	6/6/2026 13:57 15:00	Stark Rd and HWY T Town of Portland, WI 53594	Rural	Town of Portland	Fire	12
26-114	6/10/2026 14:12 16:30	Parpart Road & County K	Rural	Town of Hampden	Weather Response	5
26-115	6/10/2026 14:20 15:45	Columbus Protection Territory W & S of City Columbus	City	City of Columbus	Weather Response	5
26-116	6/11/2026 15:53 17:10	1626 Trail Esker Trail	Mutual Aid - Rural	Sun Prairie Fire Department	Fire	4
26-117	6/12/2026 23:17 00:15	1380 Muller Road Town of York	Rural	Town of York	EMS Assistance	5
26-118	6/14/2026 19:35 22:45	N 4333 Thoma Road	City	City of Columbus	Service Call	16
26-119	6/15/2026 4:27 05:45	N 4333 Thoma Road	City	City of Columbus	Service Call	8
26-120	6/17/2026 0:27 01:30	308 School Street West	City	City of Columbus	EMS Assistance	4
26-121	6/17/2026 14:38 15:10	449 West James Street	City	City of Columbus	False Alarm	8
26-122	6/18/2026 12:09 12:25	1500 West James Street	City	City of Columbus	EMS Assistance	5
26-123	6/19/2026 7:56 08:09	N 596 N County Highway	Rural	Town of Hampden	Fire	6
26-124	6/20/2026 8:00 10:30	6833 Topaz Court, De Forest	Mutual Aid - Rural	De Forest Fire Department	Fire	6
26-125	6/20/2026 11:15 12:30	Highway 60 & Schaefer Road Westbound	Rural	Town of Columbus	Vehicle Accident	10

26-126	6/21/2026 17:43 20:30	519 North Street Monroe Street, Waterloo	Mutual Aid - City	Waterloo Fire Department	Fire	6
26-127	6/28/2026 16:10 17:00	Highway 16/60 & Roche Road Eastbound	Rural	Town of Elba	Fire	12
26-128	6/29/2026 11:26 12:10	460 Muller Road	Rural	Town of York	EMS Assistance	5

Incident Running Totals

	Incident Count
Total for June 2026	24
January 2026 through June 2026	128
January 2025 through June 2025	131

Chief Hazeltine's Comments

- We are busy this year again as noted on incident totals, and as I am submitting this report we are matched up equally with last year's calls that was another record breaking year at 136 as of the date this was submitted.
- We have 3 new applicants in the process of interviews and were approved by the chiefs and the PFC, now they are scheduling their physicals and should be onboard the 1st or 2nd week of July and each have a mentor assigned to them.
- I did storytime at the Library with Chief Weiner which is always enjoyable working with the kids.
- A few of us took a couple trucks out to St. Columkille as I was connected with the widow of a retired/deceased Fire Chief of Beverly Hills Fire Department in California. I got ahold of a bagpiper and honor guard to do the cemetery service, and us members participated in our Class A uniforms with the Honor Guard, it was the least we could do to have someone of that stature to be laid to rest in our area.
- I have written for a DNR Grant which is a 50/50 grant for adding new pagers to our stock and a variety of wildland equipment.

- On June 20th we were out at Bristol Road for the Moo Day Breakfast to setup a landing zone for Med-Flight and stood by to help watch the helicopter and show off our equipment.
- Assistant Chief Miller attended the Wisconsin State Fire Chiefs convention in Milwaukee.
- On June 30th we were out at the Pavilion for Family night doing a ropes drill and having setups for the kids to participate lifting teddy bears with weights on them.
- Our new Engine 92 should be coming in the next couple weeks, this is replacing the blue Rural Engine 92 and once we have the new engine in service we will be taking old engine 92 to Wisconsin Surplus to sell it on their site.
- Inspections are our crutch, members either do not have the time, their work hours have changed or something else. I'm trying to find time to do them, but my time is limited and hard to get caught up, why it is time we bring a full time position in so my time would allow me to do most of the inspections with a little help from members. This would also allow us to start building preplans for businesses in our territory, which we do not have. It is essential that we have preplans and practice on these so all members know the trouble areas of businesses and how we would setup for emergencies. I know most of these businesses well but I'm here a limited amount of time as I have a full time job that requires 40 hours per week from me, without preplans the other members do not have the info needed in case there was an emergency, why a full-time chief doing inspections and working on preplans is my recommendation. This is for our future with increasing call volume, paperwork, meetings, inspections, committees and no preplans, it is well overdue. The infrastructure we protect far outweighs most departments our size with Columbus Chemical, Enerpac, American Packaging, Roberts getting bigger, Amtrak, CP Rail, Fromm Family Foods, Rhodes Bake & Serve, Prairie Ridge Hospital, 15 miles of Highway 151 (22,000-25,000 vehicles /day), Highways 16/60/73/89 all intersecting in our city that we cover miles of, Duffy Grain, numerous farms with big grain bins, 4 pipelines, 4 elementary schools, one middle school, two high schools, to name a few.
- Below is a little more detailed list of our June calls.
- **June 1 9:24 a.m.**
 - The Columbus Fire Department responded to Eggert Road for a tractor that tipped over while mowing a creek ditch.
- **June 2 3:26 p.m.**
 - The Columbus Fire Department responded to Schaefer Road for a phone crash detection and found no incident.
- **June 3 8:07 p.m.**
 - The Columbus Fire Department responded to County Road V and Deansville Road for a two-vehicle accident with no injuries.

- **June 4 10:14 p.m.**
 - The Columbus Fire Department responded to Waterloo Street to assist EMS.
- **June 5 3:22 p.m.**
 - The Columbus Fire Department responded to Parkview Circle to assist EMS.
- **June 5 9:55 p.m.**
 - The Columbus Fire Department responded to multiple areas in our territory to weather spot.
- **June 5 10:53 p.m.**
 - The Columbus Fire Department responded to Hamilton Street for a tree and power lines down across the road.
- **June 6 12:54 p.m.**
 - The Columbus Fire Department responded to County Road T for a single vehicle rollover accident with injuries. Med Flight was called to the scene and transported the person.
- **June 6 1:57 p.m.**
 - The Columbus Fire Department responded to County Road T for a control burn on the side of the road that was not being watched.
- **June 10 2:12 p.m.**
 - The Columbus Fire Department responded to County Road K for a tree and power lines down across the road.
- **June 10 2:20 p.m.**
 - The Columbus Fire Department responded to multiple areas in our territory for trees down across the road.
- **June 11 3:53 p.m.**
 - The Columbus Fire Department responded to assist the Sun Prairie Fire Department with the Ladder Truck for a house that was struck by lightning.
- **June 12 11:17 p.m.**
 - The Columbus Fire Department responded to Muller Road to assist EMS.
- **June 14 7:35 p.m.**
 - The Columbus Fire Department responded to Thoma Road to assist the Dodge County Sheriff.

- **June 15 4:27 a.m.**
 - The Columbus Fire Department responded to Thoma Road to assist the Dodge County Sheriff.
- **June 17 12:27 a.m.**
 - The Columbus Fire Department responded to West School Street to assist EMS.
- **June 17 2:38 p.m.**
 - The Columbus Fire Department responded to West James Street for a fire alarm activation.
- **June 18 12:09 p.m.**
 - The Columbus Fire Department responded to West James Street to assist EMS.
- **June 19 7:56 a.m.**
 - The Columbus Fire Department responded to County Road N for a control burn with black smoke and tires burning in the pile.
- **June 20th 8:00 a.m.**
 - The Columbus Fire Department responded to assist the DeForest/Windsor Fire Department with an engine for a house fire.
- **June 20th 11:15 a.m.**
 - The Columbus Fire Department responded to Hwy 60 and Schaffer Road for a two-vehicle accident with no injuries.
- **June 21st 5:43 p.m.**
 - The Columbus Fire Department responded to assist the Waterloo Fire Department with an engine for a house fire.
- **June 28th 4:10 p.m.**
 - The Columbus Fire Department responded to Highway 16/60 and Roche Road for a vehicle on fire.
- **June 29 11:26 a.m.**
 - The Columbus Fire Department responded to Muller Road to assist EMS.

I hope you all have a great 4th of July!

Sincerely,

Scott Hazeltine

Columbus Fire Chief