



# Columbus Fire Department

## May 2025 Columbus City Council Report

### Membership Status

Total Active Members:	33
Probationary Members:	3
Non-Probationary Members:	30
Total Positions Allowed:	40

### Incident Report: May 2025

Incident Number	Date & Time	Last Unit Cleared	Address	City / Rural	Location	Incident Type	Total # FF
25-086	5/2/2025 8:53	08:56	252 West Harrison Street	City	Columbus	Medical assist, assist EMS crew	3
25-087	5/4/2025 22:52	00:00	151 Highway and MM 119 NB	Rural	Columbus	Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.	10
25-088	5/8/2025 2:40	03:35	N2117 Columbus Fall River Road	Rural	Columbus	Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	4
25-089	5/8/2025 14:54	15:00	110 Stuart Street	City	City of Columbus	Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	1
25-090	5/9/2025 6:00	06:20	151 State Highway	City	Town of York	Dispatched and cancelled en route	6

25-091	5/11/2025 6:37	09:00	N3751 O'Connor Road and Hwy 16 & 60	Rural	Town of Elba	Search for person on land	9
25-092	5/13/2025 12:31	12:31	W9314 G Highway	Mutual Aid-Rural	Beaver Dam	Building fire	2
25-093	5/15/2025 17:10	18:30	City of Columbus and Coverage Area	City	Columbus	Severe weather or natural disaster, other	13
25-094	5/15/2025 18:56	20:25	Beaver Dam Road and Mill Street	Mutual Aid-Rural	Village of Lowell	Assist police or other governmental agency	5
25-095	5/16/2025 16:10	16:24	1331 Sun Prairie Road	Rural	Town of York	Assist police or other governmental agency	7
25-096	5/16/2025 17:50	20:55	16/60 Highway and County BB	Rural	Columbus	Motor vehicle accident with injuries	12
25-097	5/19/2025 9:51	09:57	119 Meister Drive	City	Columbus	Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	4
25-098	5/20/2025 16:10	16:30	464 Canal Road	City	Marshall	Dispatched and cancelled en route	7
25-099	5/21/2025 7:10	07:32	W11227 Bethel Road	Rural	Columbus	Medical assist, assist EMS crew	3
25-100	5/22/2025 9:45	16:30	614 West Fox Road	Rural	Columbus	Building fire	17
25-101	5/22/2025 18:08	19:45	16-60 Highway and County Hwy BB	Rural	Town of Elba	Motor vehicle accident with injuries	15
25-102	5/23/2025 5:36	06:00	N5043 151 Highway	Rural	Columbus	Road freight or transport vehicle fire	6
25-103	5/24/2025 9:27	09:35	729 Park Avenue	City	Columbus	Accident, potential accident, other	7
25-104	5/31/2025 13:31	14:00	488 River Road	City	Columbus	Medical assist, assist EMS crew	6

## Incident Running Totals Through May 2025

	Incident Count
<b>May 2025 Total:</b>	19
<b>All 2025 through May</b>	104

All 2024 through May	104
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## Training Report: May 2025

Date	Training Activity	Location	Attendance
5/6/2025	Drill - Vehicle Extrication	Old Countryside	14
5/9/2025	Demo - Air bag Demo	Duffy Grain	6
5/10/2025	Certification - Firefighter I	MATC	3
5/12/2025	Monthly Officer Meeting	Columbus Fire Department	9
5/13/2025	Monthly Department Meeting	Columbus Fire Department	26
5/14/2025	Dane County Chiefs Meeting	Verona	3
5/17/2025	Drill - Vehicle Extrication	Columbus Fire Department/Old Country Side	10
5/20/2025	Drill - Mayday / RIT Training	Columbus Fire Department	15
5/27/2025	Drill - Hazmat Refresher	Columbus Fire Department	3
5/27/2025	Dodge County Chief's Meeting	Juneau	3
5/28/2025	Inspectors Meeting	Columbus Fire Department	9

## Chief Hazeltine's Comments

- Notice above that we are keeping on pace with our record year in 2024 of 260 calls.
- I have applied to numerous grants this year

- AFG Grant - For Rural Group for a Water Tender
- AFG Regional Grant - with 6-7 other Columbia County Fire Departments for portable radios.
- Dodge County - We gave them a list of what is needed here for new radios, portable and Mobile as they requested all departments needs for radios that cover territory in Dodge County
- DNR Grant - Rural Group - Chainsaw Chaps, Fire Resistant Hoods, Firefighter Cleaning Wipes, Gear Bags, Pagers.
- WE Energies Grant - Sensit 4 gas meter with Calibration Kit
- Adams Columbia Grant - A 2nd Sensit 4 Gas Meter
- State Farm Grant - New High Pressure Lifting Bag set
- Denis Leary Firefighters Foundation Grant - Ballistic Vests & Helmets to outfit engine, squad & Command Truck, 13 of each.
- The items above are not planned in the 2025 budget, but in need of replacing aging equipment and safety for our firefighters. The AFG Grant is a 95/5 grant (95% is covered by the grant, 5% is what the community pays), The DNR Grant is a 50/50 grant (half reimbursed by DNR, community pays initial 100% cost, then fills out a reimbursement form, gets audited by DNR, then DNR reimburses 50% of total cost back to the community), the other grants if awarded are 100% paid by the foundation.
- Proud of our members that find time to protect the community, many in the community think we are full time, when in fact we are volunteer. These people give up their personal time to train and respond for emergencies to protect the citizens that live and travel through our protection area. These people see and experience horrific incidents and deserve all the accolades and support that can be given. Most think we just respond to the station, jump in the fire trucks and race to the scene, then when done we park the trucks and go back home. Unfortunately that is the easy part, they need to train and train more, have paperwork to get done, do fire inspections, maintain the trucks/equipment/station, and much more. Thank you to all that support and understand their work.

Sincerely,

Scott Hazeltine  
Columbus Fire Chief