



Columbus Fire Department

Columbus City Council Report

10/22/2024

Incident Report: September 2024

Incident Number	Date & Time	Last Unit Cleared	Address	City / Rural	Location	Incident Type	Total # FF
24-180	9/1/2024 21:57	22:20	550 River Road	City	Columbus	Search for lost person, other	7
24-181	9/3/2024 1:26	01:38	550 River Road	City	Columbus	Medical assist, assist EMS crew	7
24-182	9/4/2024 21:12	21:25	W11765 D Highway	Rural	Town of Calamus	Medical assist, assist EMS crew	7
24-183	9/6/2024 8:57	09:03	110 Stuart Street	City	Columbus	Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	7
24-184	9/7/2024 17:36	19:00	Highway 151 Mile Marker 119	Rural	Town of Columbus	Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.	11
24-185	9/7/2024 21:35	23:00	W11765 D Highway	Rural	Town of Calamus	Medical assist, assist EMS crew	7
24-186	9/10/2024 19:40	22:15	HWY 73 NORTH OF D Highway and Paul Road and Hwy D	Rural	Town of Calamus	Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire	18
24-187	9/12/2024 2:45	04:13	100 APC Way	City	Columbus	Extinguishing system activation	12
24-188	9/12/2024 20:22	21:35	W11765 D Highway	Rural	Town of Calamus	Medical assist, assist EMS crew	7
24-189	9/13/2024 5:32	14:30	235 West Harrison Street	City	Columbus	Building fire	18
24-190	9/13/2024 22:34	00:00	W1634 Hall Road	Rural	Town of Columbus	CO detector activation due to malfunction	12
24-191	9/15/2024 0:24	02:26	113 Lake Crest Drive	Mutual Aid - City	Beaver Dam Fire Department	Building fire	12

24-192	9/19/2024 19:22	20:30	231 Sturges Street	City	Columbus	Electrical wiring/equipment problem, other	10
24-193	9/20/2024 21:45	23:30	N8424 CP Highway	Mutual Aid - Rural	Beaver Dam Fire Department	Building fire	14
24-194	9/22/2024 13:27	14:00	112 Dawn Court	City	Columbus	Medical assist, assist EMS crew	7
24-195	9/24/2024 6:42	07:16	142 East James Street	City	Columbus	Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	9
24-196	9/24/2024 15:24	17:00	73 Highway and 1/8 mile south of Bristol Road	Rural	Town of Columbus	Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.	10
24-197	9/25/2024 0:00	01:20	West James Street and Hwy 151, 118 SB Onramp	City	Columbus	Motor vehicle accident with injuries	18
24-198	9/27/2024 5:11	05:25	1515 Park Avenue	City	Columbus	Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	7
24-199	9/28/2024 8:32	08:46	716 North Spring Street	City	Columbus	Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	7
24-200	9/28/2024 13:28	22:50	N4714 A Highway	Mutual Aid - Rural	Fall River Fire Department	Building fire	11
24-201	9/28/2024 18:20	18:45	446 Waterloo Street	City	Columbus	Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	12
24-202	9/29/2024 8:28	09:45	779 Maple Avenue	City	Columbus	Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	13
24-203	9/29/2024 13:20	14:30	N3688 BB Highway	Rural	Town of Elba	Grass fire	16
24-204	9/29/2024 23:40	00:10	W11765 D Highway	Rural	Town of Calamus	Medical assist, assist EMS crew	7

September & Running Incident Totals

	Incident Count
September 2024 Total:	25
All 2024 through September	204
All 2023 through September	172

Training Report: September 2024

Date	Training Activity	Location	Attendance
9/3/2024	Drill - Farm Extrication & Air Monitoring	Huebner Farm	25
9/4/2024	Certification Class - Fire Officer I	Madison Station 14	3
9/5/2024	Certification Class - Entry Level	Randolph	2
9/5/2024	Certification Class - Firefighter II	Poynette	4
9/5/2024	Certification Class - Fire Instructor I	Mt. Horeb	1
9/5/2024	Monthly Officers Meeting	Station	7
9/7/2024	Certification Class - Entry Level	Randolph	2
9/10/2024	Monthly Department Meeting	Station	23
9/10/2024	Drill - Vitals & Gear Checks	Station	32
9/11/2024	Certification Class - Fire Officer I	Madison Station 14	3
9/11/2024	Dane County Chief's Meeting	Sauk City	2
9/12/2024	Quarterly Training Meeting	Station	3
9/12/2024	Certification Class- Entry Level	Randolph	4
9/12/2024	Certification Class - Firefighter I	Poynette	3
9/18/2024	Accelerant and Explosives Training	Fitchburg Station 1	2
9/18/2024	Certification Class - Fire Officer I	Madison Station 14	3
9/18/2024	Certification Class - Fire Inspector	Madison College	1
9/19/2024	Drill - Makeup Search Drill	Station	3
9/19/2024	Certification Class - Entry Level	Randolph	4
9/19/2024	Certification Class - Firefighter I	Poynette	4
9/19/2024	Rescue Training for Downed Aircraft	Southern WI Regional Airport - Janesville	1
9/20/2024	Drivers Training	Station	2
9/22/2024	Drivers Training	Station	2

9/24/2024	Dodge County Chief's Meeting	Waupun	3
9/24/2024	Drill - Ladders, Ventilation & Denver Drill	Old Countryside Ford Bldg	23
9/25/2024	Certification Class - Fire Officer I	Madison Station 14	3
9/26/2024	Certification Class - Firefighter II	Poynette	4
9/28/2024	Advanced RIT Training	Verona	3
9/29/2024	Certification Class - Entry Level	Randolph	2

Chief Hazeltine's Comments

- We are currently, as of 10/21/2024 at 220 calls compared to 2023 at this date of 189 calls, putting us 31 calls ahead.
- We have members going to Entry Level FF Class (4) in Randolph, Firefighter 2 in Poynette (4), Inspector at MATC (1), and Fire Officer 1 at Madison Station #14 (3).
- Our Open House attendance was better than last year, but we agreed that we need to advertise sooner.
- Safe Trick or Treat on Sunday, October 27th, from 4-7 at the fire station. Sounds like many vendors coming and will be a busy place. We will be shutting down part of West Harrison to park Fire Trucks and keep a safe area for the people coming to the station.
- Inspections are on track, and sending some members to Wisconsin State Fire Inspectors Conference at Chula Vista at the Wisconsin Dells.
- In need of a Public Safety Clerk to assist with the paperwork, or have the discussion of making the Chief full time to pick up the slack, that way we would have the chief around all week to take care of customers, meetings, inspections, paperwork, etc. With call volumes going up every year, we cannot continue to operate "because this is the way we've always done it." Please keep in mind, all these members, including the Chief, have full time jobs and families, in 4 years. We have went from 140 calls in 2020 to possibly 180 calls in 2024. We cannot continue to operate efficiently, as we all are putting alot of time in and sacrificing our family time. Family time comes first. Next bullet point is just one of the points we need to think about the future.
- OSHA has come out with a paper that is going to drastically change the fire service, this will triple the paperwork, and budgets will have to be significantly increased. Areas that will see significant changes below.
 - Organization of the Workplace Emergency Response Team, Workplace Emergency Response Employer, or Emergency Service Organization (More for Fire Brigades)
 - Establishing the organization's emergency response plan

- Establishing the organization's emergency service(s) capability(ies)
 - Team member and responder participation
 - Creation of a risk management plan
 - Responder medical and physical requirements
 - Minimum training requirement
 - Facility preparedness activities
 - Equipment and personal protective equipment (PPE) requirements
 - Vehicle preparedness and operational requirements
 - Pre-incident planning requirements
 - Incident Management System (IMS) creation
 - Creation of emergency incident protocols
 - Post-incident analysis; and
 - Program analysis
- We are doing well in Columbus Fire, but without planning for the future, this could be a shock to the community. Even though Wisconsin is not an OSHA state, DSPS can still adopt many of these standard changes, and if they were set nationally but Wisconsin DSPS did not adopt, there is still liability in a court case that a lawyer could use the national standard if these become adopted. If curious to read more, look up New OSHA requirements for fire departments.