

# GRAND RAPIDS FIRE DEPARTMENT

2023 DEPT. HEAD REPORT-BY FIRE CHIEF COLE

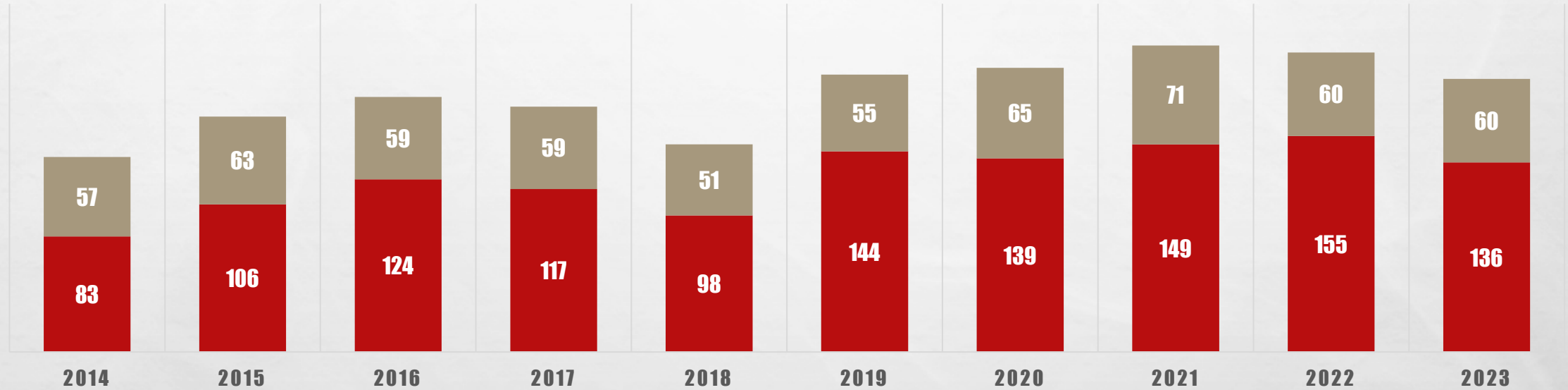




**10 YEAR CALL VOLUME FROM**

## CITY/MUTUAL AID COMPARED TO TOWNSHIP CALLS

■ City/Mutual Aid ■ Township



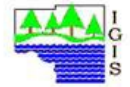
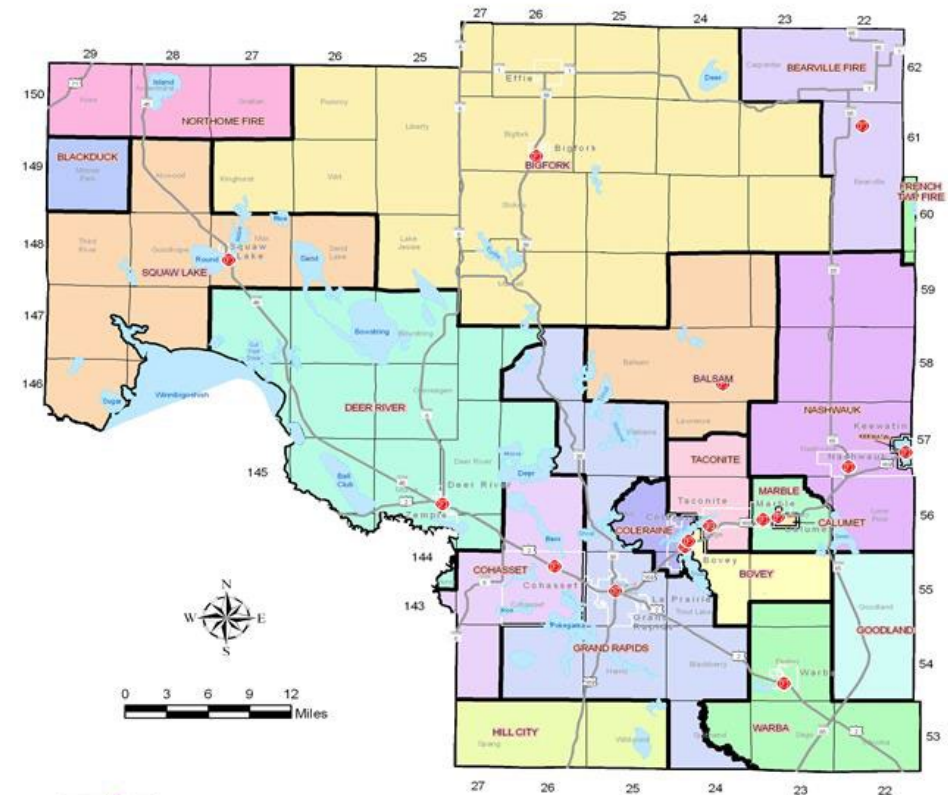
***COMPARISON OF CITY TO TOWNSHIP CALLS FOR THE LAST 10 YEARS***



# CITIES AND TOWNSHIPS SERVED

- CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS-136 CALLS
- CITY OF LAPRAIRIE-3 CALLS
- BLACKBERRY TOWNSHIP-8 CALLS
- HARRIS TOWNSHIP- 25 CALLS
- WABANA TOWNSHIP- 3 CALLS
- TROUT LAKE TOWNSHIP- 1 CALL
- SPLITHAND TOWNSHIP- 4 CALLS
- ARBO TOWNSHIP- 4 CALLS
- UNORG. 54-26- 9 CALLS
- UNORG. 57-26- 2 CALLS
- UNORG. 58-26- 1 CALL

Itasca County Fire Department Coverage Areas



This information is a compilation of data from different sources with varying degrees of accuracy and requires a qualified field survey to verify.

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**Legend**

- Major Highway
- Major Lake
- Municipal Boundary
- Political Township
- Fire Station

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# RENTAL INSPECTIONS

- **CURRENTLY 356 REGISTERED STRUCTURES WITH APPROX. 2059 RENTAL UNITS.**
- **COMPLETED 132 RENTAL INSPECTIONS IN 2023**
- **PERFORMED 1135 REINSPECTION'S IN 2023**
- **PERFORMED 6 HOTEL INSPECTIONS 2023**
- **267 TOTAL INSPECTIONS IN 2023.**
- **IMPLEMENTED A NEW RENTAL PERMIT PROGRAM USING CITYWORKS TO IMPROVE REGISTRATION**





# TYPES OF CALLS

- **STRUCTURE FIRES**
- **CAR FIRES**
- **ALARM CALLS**
- **MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS**
- **CO CALLS**
- **GAS LEAKS**







# DRILLS...

**HOUSE BURNS**

**ROPE RESCUE**

**CONFINED SPACE**

**EXTRICATION DRILLS**

**PUMP TRAINING**

**PHYSICAL AGILITY COURSES**

**OVER 110 HOURS PER YEAR OF DRILLS AND MEETINGS PER FF. 3 HOURS EVERY 2ND, 3RD, AND 4TH TUESDAY OF THE MONTH.**





# HAZMAT TEAM

**HAZMAT TRAININGS THROUGHOUT YEAR**

**5 ATTENDED BALTIMORE HAZMAT CONFERENCE**

**6 ATTENDED COLD ZONE CONFERENCE MN**

**COVERAGE IN 5 COUNTIES**

**RESPONDED TO 2 OUT-OF-JURISDICTION CALLS**



**HIRED 2 NEW  
FIREFIGHTERS**

**Jack Hoover  
Zach Morse**





# **SQUAD 118 AND BOBCAT**

**REPLACE OLD 118 WITH NEW TRUCK**

**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE FIRE PROGRAM FOR BOBCAT**



# FF OF THE YEAR AND CHIEF MERITORIOUS AWARDS

- **NATE MORLAN VOTED BY FIRE MEMBERSHIP AS THE 2022 FIRE FIGHTER OF THE YEAR.**
- **WILL RICHTER VOTED BY CHIEF OFFICERS AS THE 2022 CHIEF MERITORIOUS AWARD WINNER.**







# COMMUNITY EVENTS

OPEN HOUSE

SANTA ON THE FIRE TRUCK



# COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- **HELP ASSIST IN DUMPING WATER AT CRYSTAL SPRINGS HOCKEY RINK**
- **CHILDRENS FIRST**
- **NATIONAL NIGHT OUT**
- **HIGH SCHOOL STATE TOURNAMENT ESCORTS**
- **RIVER FEST 2023**



# FIRE VS LAW HOCKEY GAME

- **COMMUNITY HOCKEY GAME BETWEEN ITASCA FIRE DEPARTMENTS VS ITASCA LAW ENFORCEMENT.**
- **FREE WILL DONATION WITH MONIES RAISED GOING TO SUPPORT SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS GOING INTO FIRE OR LAW TRADES.**
- **GAME WILL BE MARCH 23RD AT YANMAR ARENA AT 7:00 P.M.**





# STAND-BY COVERAGES

- FISHING OPENER
- MEMORIAL DAY
- JULY 4<sup>TH</sup>
- LABOR DAY
- DEER OPENER



# UPCOMING 2023..

- **IMPLEMENTING NEW BOX ALARM PROTOCOL**
- **PARTICIPATE IN MORE COMMUNITY EVENTS**
- **PREPARING FOR A BUSY GRASS FIRE SEASON**
- **HAZMAT TECH CLASSES**





# OFFICERS-C1 THROUGH C6

- **C1-TRAVIS COLE (CHIEF)**
- **C2-JOHN LINDER (1<sup>ST</sup> ASST)**
- **C3-SHAWN GRAEBER (2<sup>ND</sup> ASST)**
- **C4-BRUCE BAIRD (CAPTAIN)**
- **C5-JEFF INGLE (CAPTAIN)**
- **C6-ANDY HORTON (SAFETY)**



# THANK YOU TO MY STAFF...

"COURAGE IS NOT THE  
ABSENCE OF FEAR,  
BUT RATHER THE  
JUDGEMENT THAT  
SOMETHING ELSE  
IS MORE IMPORTANT  
THAN FEAR."

-AMBROSE REDMOON



Kortekaas, Adam	Firefighter	7/10/2001	22 years 8 months 1 days
Graeber, Shawn	2nd Asst Chief	1/15/2002	22 years 1 months 25 days
Linder, John	1nd Asst Chief	1/13/2004	20 years 1 months 12 days
Gibeau, James	Firefighter	7/12/2005	EOW-15 years 8 months 12 days
Horton, Andrew	Safety Officer	10/25/2005	18 years 4 months 15 days
Keech, Chad	Firefighter	5/1/2007	16 years 10 months 10 days
Cole, Travis	Chief	8/12/2008	15 years 6 months 28 days
Baird, Bruce	Captain	8/12/2008	15 years 6 months 28 days
*Ingle, Jeff	Captain	8/15/2009	14 years 6 months 25 days
Foss, Thomas	HazMat Asst.	11/15/2010	13 years 3 months 27 days
Gaalaas, Karl	Firefighter	5/15/2012	11 years 9 months 27 days
Troumbly, Chad	Firefighter	1/29/2013	11 years 1 months 13 days
Barsness, Jake	Firefighter, Maintenance	7/28/2014	9 years 7 months 14 days
Clifton, Tony	Firefighter	2/15/2015	9 years 0 months 27 days
Kuschel, Lance	Firefighter	3/3/2015	9 years 0 months 11 days
Thayer, Bill	Firefighter	11/10/2015	8 years 4 months 4 days
Richter, Will	Firefighter	6/9/2016	7 years 9 months 5 days
Smith, Heath	Firefighter	8/1/2016	7 years 7 months 13 days
Morlan, Nate	Firefighter	8/24/2016	7 years 6 months 18 days
Cook, Jeff	Firefighter	4/11/2017	6 years 11 months 3 days
Martinson, Sean	Firefighter	6/13/2017	6 years 9 months 1 days
Moran, Ashley	Firefighter	6/13/2017	6 years 9 months 1 days
Grigsby, Connor	Firefighter	8/29/2017	6 years 6 months 13 days
Gambill, Jeremy	Firefighter	4/9/2018	5 years 11 months 5 days
Martinetto, Paul	Firefighter	4/9/2018	5 years 11 months 5 days
Haucke, Cody	Firefighter	10/9/2018	5 years 5 months 5 days
Karkela, Sam	Firefighter	5/27/2019	4 years 9 months 15 days
Flaherty, Patrick	Firefighter	7/14/2020	3 years 8 months 0 days
Kubeczko, Kevin	Firefighter	7/14/2020	3 years 8 months 0 days
Arford, Matt	Firefighter	2/15/2022	2 years 0 months 27 days
Turnbull, Jaime	Firefighter	2/15/2022	2 years 0 months 27 days