

2022 ANNUAL REPORT

# Watertown Fire Department

*Duty | Pride | Service*



# Mission Statement

The Duty of the Watertown Fire Department is to serve the public through the preservation of life, property, and the environment with the highest level of dedication, professionalism, compassion, and pride.

# Vision Statement

The Watertown Fire Department will provide the highest level of service and excellence, and have the capabilities and confidence of equipment and personnel to deal with all emergency responses.

# Core Values

Dedication  
Respect  
Courage  
Innovation  
Professionalism  
Accountability





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# ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT



## Station 41

106 Jones St.  
Watertown, WI 53094



## For Each Shift:

Battalion Chief  
Lieutenant  
4-7 Firefighter/Paramedics

## Watertown Fire Department Training Center

The Watertown Fire Department was organized in 1857 to provide fire protection to the citizens of Watertown. In 1975, the Department provided EMS service and was the first paramedic service in Dodge and Jefferson County in 1993.

Watertown is an urbanized city with 68.9% residential, 21.6% commercial, 6.5% manufacturing, and 3% of other properties. The Watertown Fire Department covers an additional 88.7 squares miles surrounding the City of Watertown through a fire and EMS contact with the Townships of Watertown, Milford, Emmet, Shields, and Lebanon.

In 2022, we ran a record 2,841 incidents with 79% of responses were for medical services, 17% being fire related, and 4% being motor vehicle related.

### City Population:

22,926

### Calls for service:

2,841

### Call Growth:

3%

### Average per day:

7.7 Calls

### Response Area:

Fire: 101.1 sq. mi

EMS: 155.1 sq. mi

### City:

12.4 Square Miles

### ISO:

Class 2

### Dispatch Centers:

Watertown City

Jefferson County

Dodge County



# Message From the Chief

Dear Citizens of Watertown, Police and Fire Commissioners, The Honorable Mayor Emily McFarland, and Common Council Members:

It is my honor and privilege to present the Watertown Fire Department 2022 Annual Report. This document serves as a highlight of the accomplishments achieved by the dedicated professional men and women that protect this community. Each of these individuals serves with a passion and desire to help others. Their devotion makes Watertown a wonderful city in which to live, work, and visit. As fire chief, I am truly grateful for their devotion and commitment to each other, our department, and this community.

2022 was a record year for the department. We responded to 2,841 calls for service. Twenty percent (1 in 5) of our calls were simultaneous, meaning multiple units were responding at the same time to separate calls.

Highlights for 2022 included:

- **New tender design**
- **Fire station land purchase**
- **Power-load system for MED 53**
- **Acquired structure live burn training**

Our mission is: *to serve the public through the preservation of life, property, and the environment with the highest dedication, professionalism, compassion, and pride.* We accomplish this through the talent and commitment of our firefighters and support staff along with the guidance and support of the Mayor, the Police & Fire Commission, and the City of Watertown Common Council.

Sincerely,  
Travis J. Teesch



# Budget

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**Total Budget:** 3,362,104

**Cost Per Capita Per Year:** \$146.91

**Cost Per Day:** .40

**Total Public Safety Spending:** 47%

## Accomplishments

- Stryker Power-load system in MED 53
- Report writing software
- New Stryker Power cot purchased with the help of grant money
- New Zoll X-Series cardiac monitor
- New fire training dummies
- New medical vacuum splints and pelvic binder
- Obtained a used SUV for the fire inspectors vehicle





# Personnel A-Shift

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Battalion Chief  
**Brad Fox**



Lieutenant  
**Greg Wellach**



FF/Paramedic  
**John Duvernell**



FF/Paramedic  
**Pat Schultz**



FF/Paramedic  
**Ian Stemper**



FF/Paramedic  
**Autumn Steggall**



# A-Shift Job Duties

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Battalion Chief  
**Brad Fox**

As the Battalion Chief of A-Shift, I oversee the day-to-day operations for the shift. I also oversee the annual testing of all the fire hose and order all EMS supplies and equipment.

## Uniforms:

Members of the Watertown Fire Department receive an annual uniform allowance. Each member is responsible to purchase and maintain their own uniforms. For the majority of their twenty four (24) hour shift, firefighters wear a short or long sleeve button down (Class B) shirt or polo shirt (Class C) and the option of wearing shorts in warmer month.

Class A Dress uniforms are reserved for ceremonies, receptions, funerals, and other special occasions, not for everyday wear. These uniforms display the fire department badge, the firefighter's rank, and any earned service medals. Lieutenants will have the addition of collar insignia, and silver stripes on the wrists of their coat, Chief Officers also have collar insignia and gold stripes on the wrist. All fire officers wear a white hat while all other firefighters wear blue.

WFD currently utilizes three vendors for uniforms. Wolff Pack Apparel of Watertown (formally Triana's) for t-shirts, hats and embroidery. An online shop set up through Mid-City Sports of Hartland is used for bi-annual group orders of Class C uniforms and other apparel, and Galls Uniforms in Oak Creek for the purchase of Class A uniforms as well as other uniform and clothing needs.

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As the Lieutenant on A-shift, I am the direct supervisor of the crew. I am responsible for the crew operations and training. I oversee the apparatus ordering and apparatus maintenance.



Lieutenant  
**Greg Wellach**



# Personnel B-Shift

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Battalion Chief  
**Chad Butler**



Lieutenant  
**Matt Pieper**



FF/Paramedic  
**Kyle Esmeier**



FF/EMT  
**Brent Kurtz**



FF/Paramedic  
**Alex Braunschweig**



FF/Paramedic  
**Jaden Scully**



FF/Paramedic  
**Cory Schultz**



**B Crew**



# B-Shift Job Duties

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Battalion Chief  
Chad **Butler**

I'm in charge of a shift crew of seven (1 lieutenant and 6 firefighters). Some of my duties include responding to calls, writing reports and quality insurance of runs that the crew writes, training, maintaining staffing levels, and overseeing daily operations.

Things that I'm responsible for: Personal protective gear (PPE), turnout pants & coats, helmets, gloves, flashlights, Emergency management, Station Committee (have been head of this committee for the last three years), and I Am Responding (IAR) (computer aided software that helps us in dispatched calls, mapping, hydrant locations, hazards, and off duty responding.)

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I currently serve as the Lieutenant on B shift. As the lieutenant, I am the direct supervisor of the crew. I am responsible for the crew operations and training. For the department I oversee hand tools, small engines, gas meters and water rescue.



Lieutenant  
Matt **Pieper**



# Personnel C-Shift

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Battalion Chief  
**Chad Butzine**



Lieutenant  
**Layne Fohr**



FF/Paramedic  
**Scott Kreilkamp**



FF/Paramedic  
**Brandon Wojnowski**



FF/Paramedic  
**Tanner Hanson**



FF/Paramedic  
**Matt Winchester**



FF/EMT  
**Josh Archibald**



**C Crew**

# C-Shift Job Duties

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Battalion Chief  
**Chad Butzine**

As the Battalion Chief of C-Crew, I have the distinct pleasure to command our Lieutenant and five firefighter\medics. My daily responsibilities as shift commander are to ensure the crew has all pertinent updated information and assignments to best suit the needs of the department and the community. Ensuring that our daily tasks, events, and training are accomplished while still responding to our calls for service.

Additional job duties include:

Department wide training program, which outlines the training that will be accomplished throughout the year across all three crews. Assessing and evaluating the trainings to ensure the firefighters are prepared to answer a wide variety of emergencies. Creating standards and plans for instruction, also testing of the Watertown Fire Department Skill Standards.

Probationary training which includes an Academy for new members, so when they go to their shifts they have a very basic knowledge of assignments and expectations on an emergency scene. This also includes monthly testing of probationary firefighters on their development and retention of skills needed, which are outlined in the probationary manual. Assessing and evaluation of the probationary manual to confirm our skills and techniques are suitable to prepare our firefighters to serve our community.

Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus\SCBA Compressor

Maintenance of the SCBA's that our firefighters wear into Hazard Zones including, annual fit testing and air quality testing and maintenance of the SCBA Compressor.

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Some of my duties are Geo/Mapping for the department, fire extinguisher accountability, MABAS information updates.

Geo/ Mapping- making sure all maps in the alarm room and all apparatus is up to date.  
Fire Extinguishers- making sure all extinguishers are accounted for, currently tested, and in good working order.

MABAS cards- making sure current cards are in computers and in each apparatus.



Lieutenant  
**Layne Fohr**

# Administrative Staff

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Chief  
Travis **Teesch**



Deputy Chief  
Anthony  
**Rauterberg**



Executive Assistant  
Andrea **Peters**



Admin Assistant  
Steph **Mazzoni**



Fire Inspector  
Anthony  
**Schwegel**



Fire Inspector  
Jesse **Bell**



Pastor  
Katie **Van Der  
Linden**



Medical Director  
Dr. Nestor  
**Rodriguez**



# Personnel Updates

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## New Hires:

Fire Chief:

*Travis Teesch*

Probationary Firefighter/Paramedic:

*Matt Winchester*

*Josh Archibald*

*Autumn Steggall*

Fire Inspector:

*Jesse Bell*

## Resignations:

Firefighter/Paramedic:

*Josh Brant*

*Ryan Iwamoto*

*Seth Lane*

*Jayce Harder*

*Dan Karrels*

*Joseph Wegerbauer*

Fire Inspector:

*Adam Dorn*

## Retirements:

Fire Chief:

*Kraig Biefeld, 22 years*

## Milestone

## Anniversaries:

20 Years

Kyle Esmeier, FF/P

Brent Kurtz, FF/EMT

5 Years

*Pat Schultz, FF/P*

## Classes Taken:

National Fire Academy: *Executive Fire Officer Year 1*

*IBC Significant Changes*

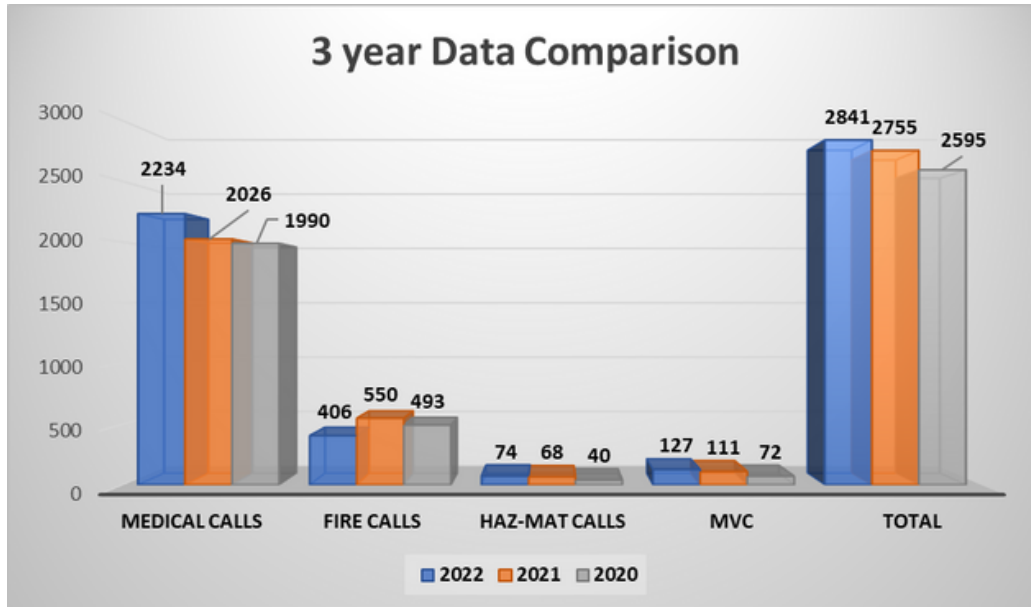
*Water on the Fire-Engine Ops*

*Revolutionary Fire Tactics*

*EMS Billing & Compliance*

*CFT Leadership and Tactics*

# Run Statistics



**2,841 CALLS FOR SERVICE**

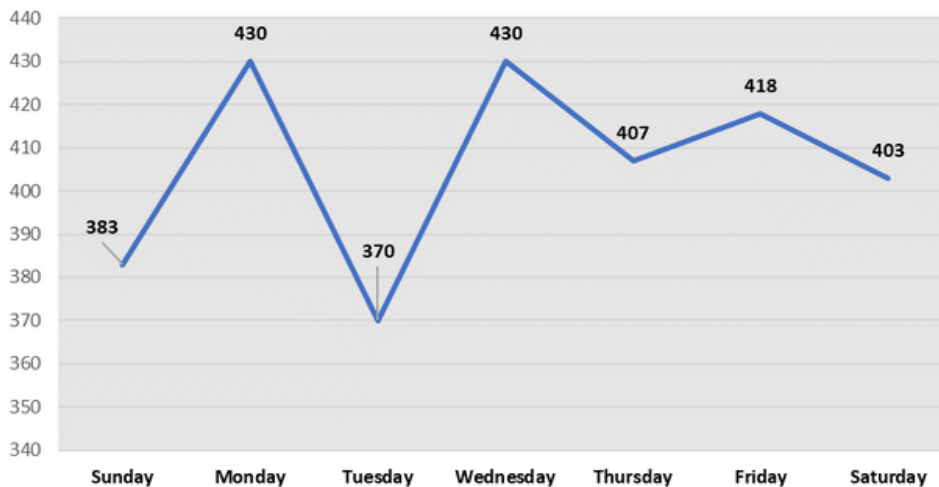
**Quick Stats**

**79%**  
**EMS Calls**

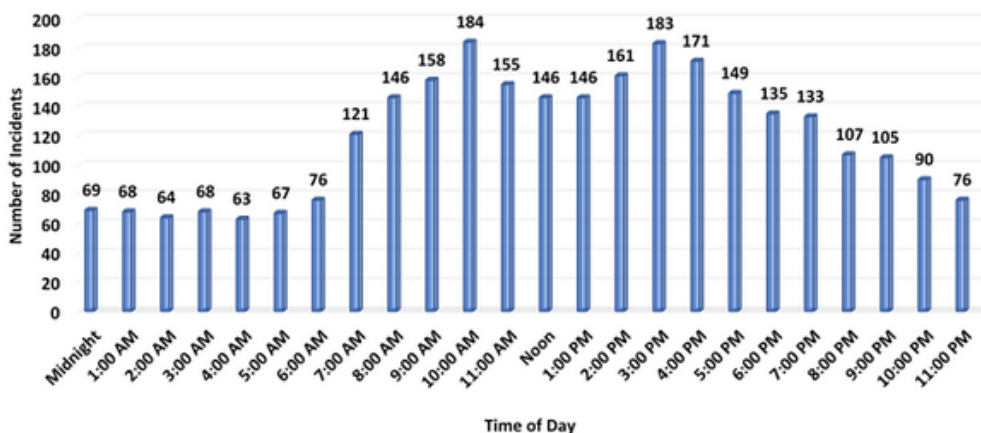
**17%**  
**Fire Calls**

**4%**  
**Motor Vehicle Collision Calls**

## CALLS BY DAY OF WEEK

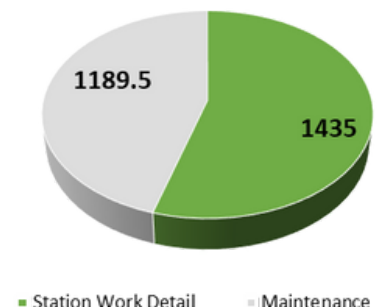


## Call Volume by Hour



## Other Department Activities

**2,624.5**  
Staff Hours



# Run Statistics

## Quick Stats

**2,481**

All-time record  
for calls for service

**4**

All-time record  
months:

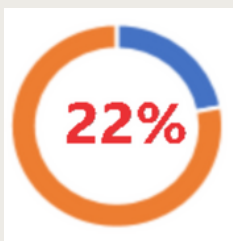
March  
May  
November  
December

**34%**

Call increase over 10  
years

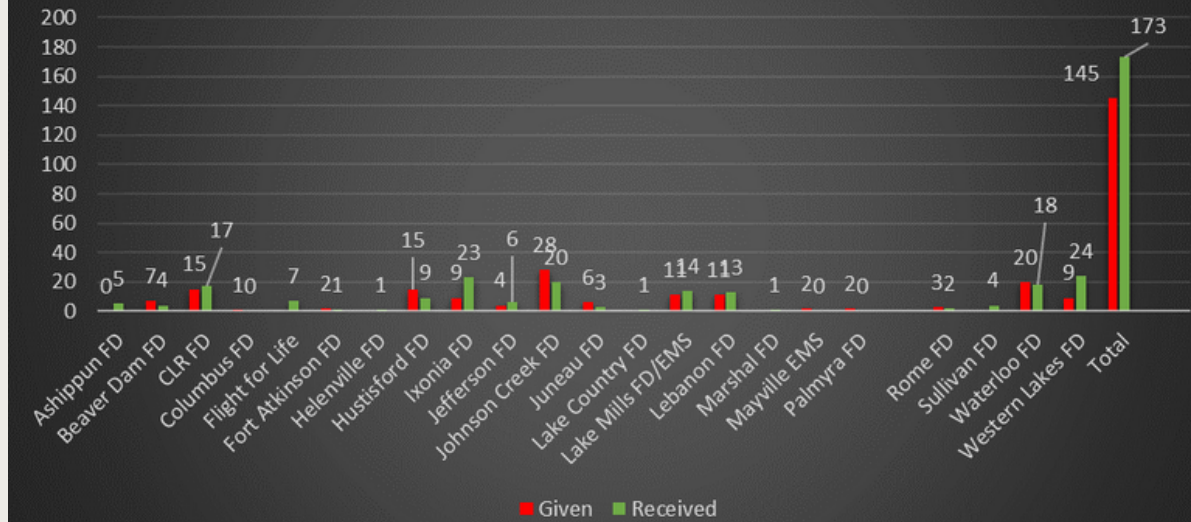
**13%**

Increase in  
simultaneous calls  
from 2021

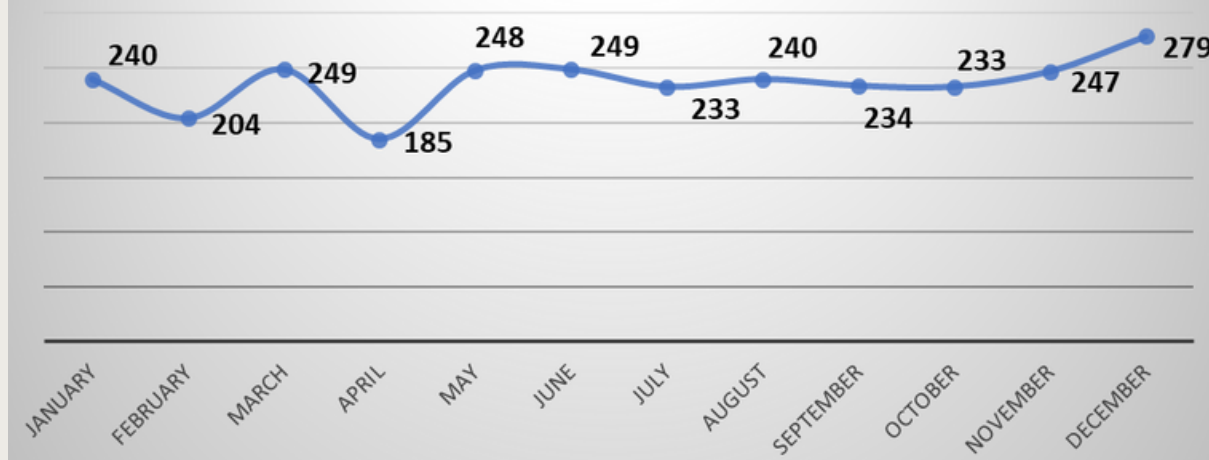


1 in 5 calls are  
Simultaneous

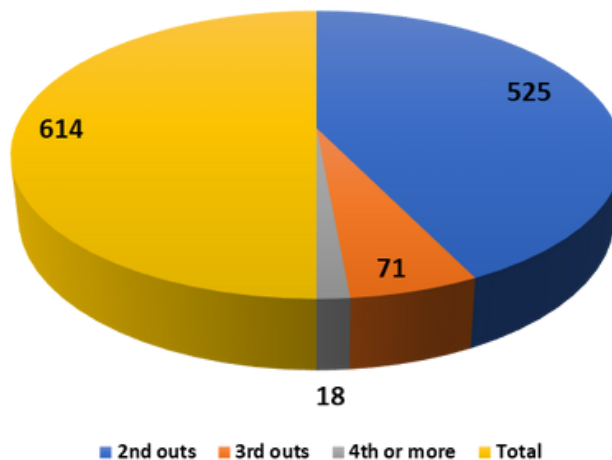
## Mutual Aid Given vs Received



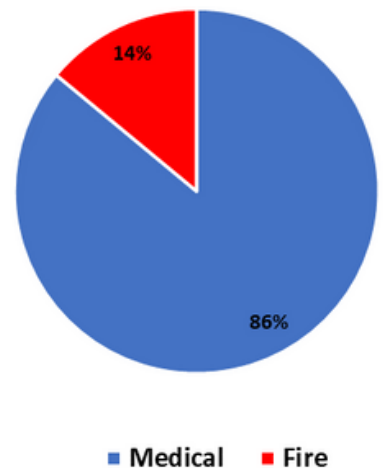
## Calls per Month



## Simultaneous Calls



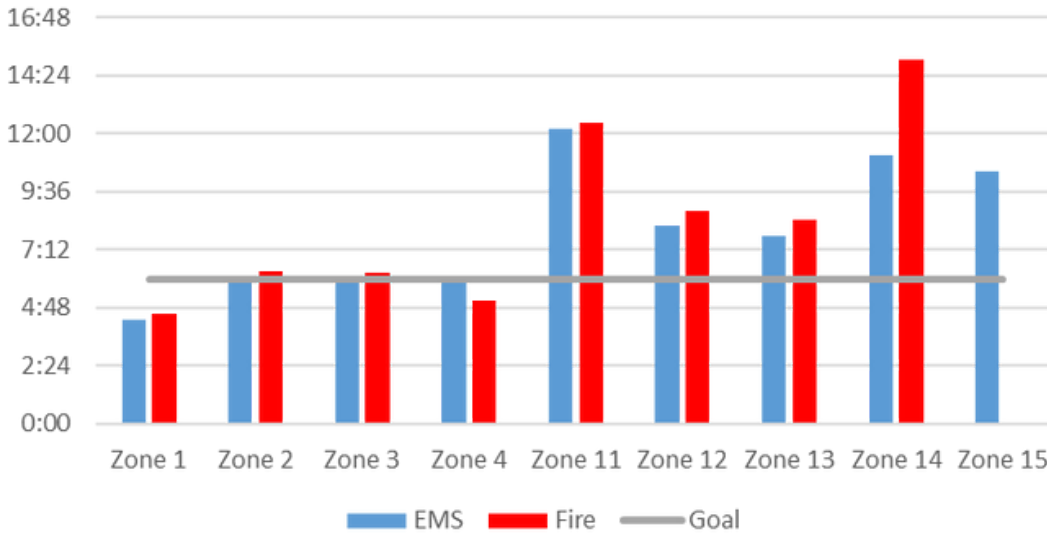
## Simultaneous Breakdown



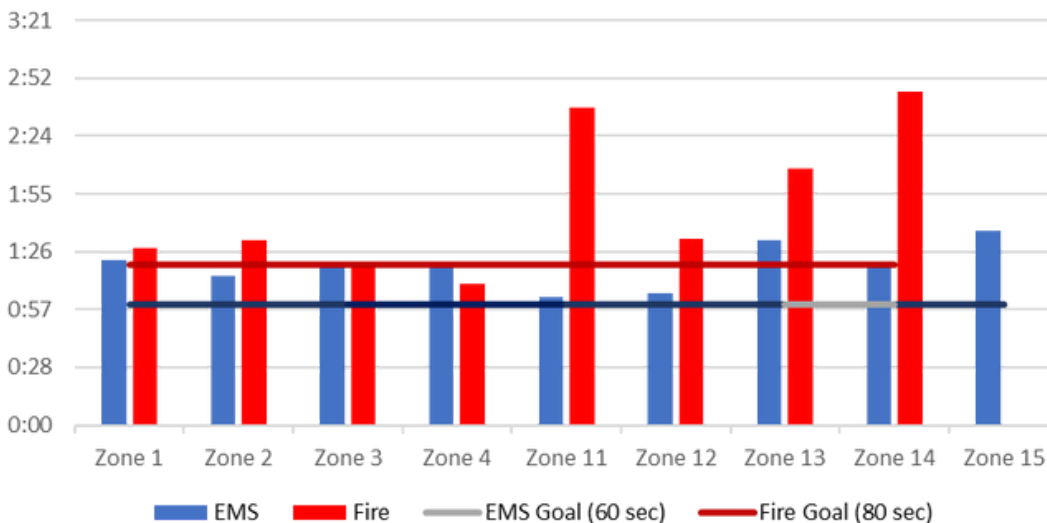


# Response Statistics

Response Times By Zone



Chute Times



## Benchmark Standards

When lives and property are at risk, every second of the response cycle counts. The WFD has adopted standards for emergency response. The Department has laid out goals for both chute and response times.

## Components of response time

### Call Processing:

Dispatch to receive, gather, and enter the information into the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system

### Chute times:

Responding personnel receive the dispatch, dress in PPE, mount the vehicles, and leave the fire station

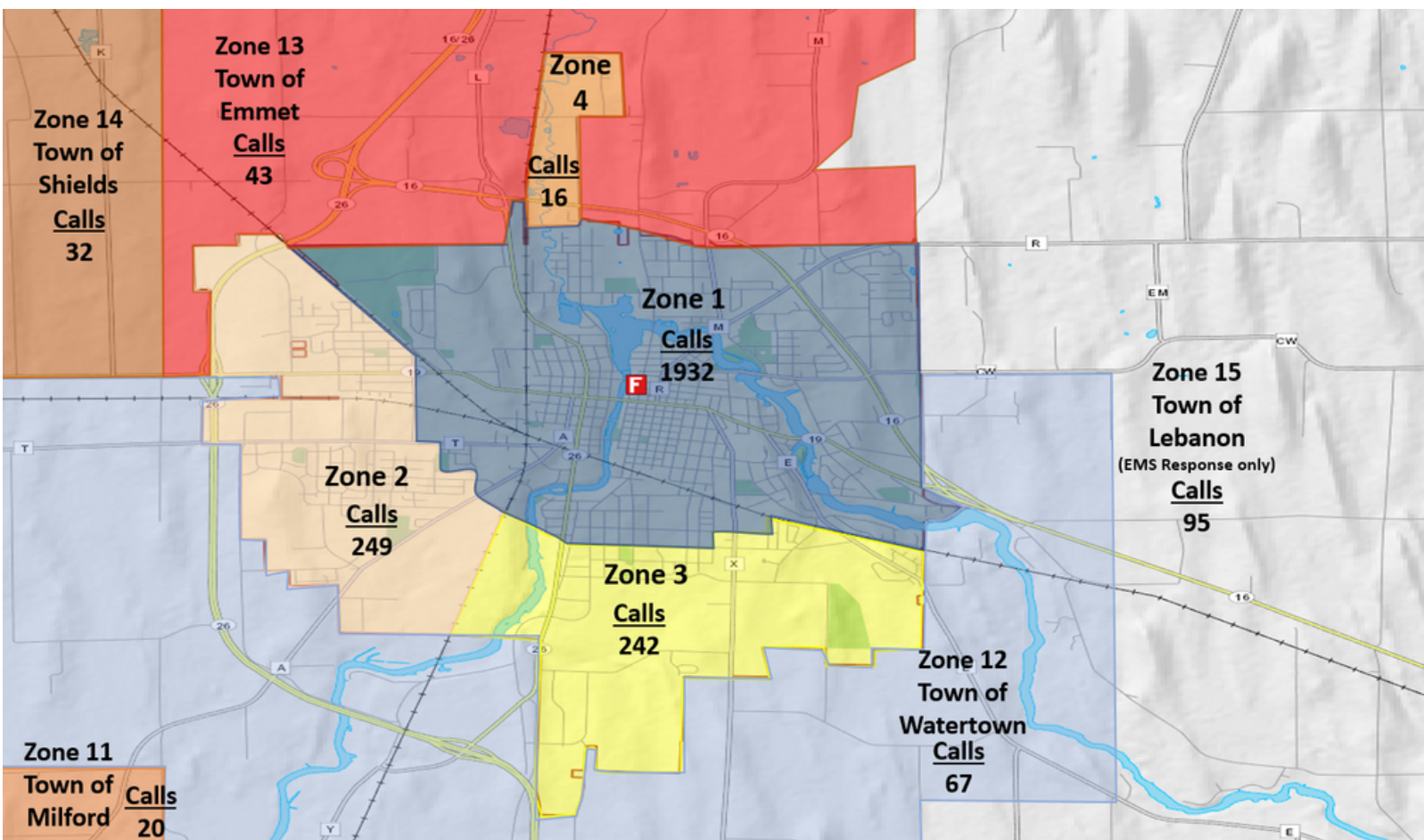
### Travel time:

Time required to drive to the incident location

## Factors that could affect travel times include:

Distance, traffic conditions, road conditions, route taken, and weather conditions

# Incidents By Zone



WELCOME TO  
WATERTOWN

# 5-year Comparison

| INCIDENT TYPE | 2018  | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
|---------------|-------|------|------|------|------|
| FIRE          | 537   | 560  | 533  | 618  | 480  |
| EMS           | 1,952 | 2009 | 1989 | 2026 | 2234 |
| MVC           | 107   | 68   | 72   | 111  | 127  |
| TOTAL         | 2596  | 2637 | 2594 | 2755 | 2841 |

| MUTUAL AID          | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
|---------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| MUTUAL AID GIVEN    | 136  | 139  | 94   | 120  | 145  |
| MUTUAL AID RECIEVED | 32   | 36   | 25   | 54   | 173  |

| FIRE LOSS      | 2018      | 2019        | 2020         | 2021      | 2022        |
|----------------|-----------|-------------|--------------|-----------|-------------|
| PROPERTY SAVED | N/A       | N/A         | \$18,302,000 | \$979,150 | \$2,646,880 |
| PROPERTY LOSS  | \$183,000 | \$1,183,000 | \$774,600    | \$300,750 | \$1,007,225 |

| WORKLOAD                       | 2018        | 2019        | 2020        | 2021    | 2022     |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------|----------|
| INSPECTIONS                    | 843         | 677         | 536         | 674     | 791      |
| TOTAL VIOLATIONS               | N/A         | 153         | N/A         | 379     | 681      |
| COMMUNITY OUTREACH             | Not tracked | Not tracked | Not tracked | 19,542  | 21,124   |
| PUBLIC EVENTS                  | Not tracked | Not tracked | Not tracked | 80      | 256      |
| STATION TOURS                  | Not tracked | Not tracked | Not tracked | 32      | 49       |
| INSTALLED SMOKE & CO DETECTORS | N/A         | N/A         | N/A         | 8       | 105      |
| TOTAL TRAINING HOURS           | N/A         | 5,626.3*    | 6,616.35*   | 6,159.2 | 5,777.65 |

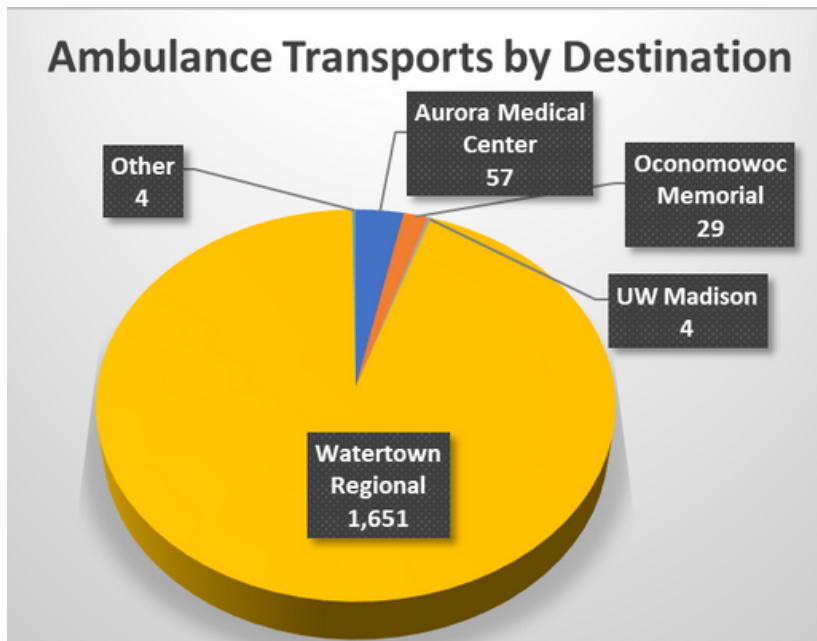
\*Includes POC training



# Emergency Medical Services

The Watertown Fire Department provides the highest level of pre-hospital care to the citizens and visitors of the City of Watertown. In 2022, the department responded to **2,361** EMS related incidents, with three frontline advanced life support ambulances and one reserve. Our crews serve dual roles as firefighter/paramedic/EMT's, which require extensive training. These members are the core to our service delivery and provide compassionate care at the highest level.

In 2022, the Department received a new cardiac monitor, vacuum splint, and Stryker Power-load system for MED 53. We also provided CPR, fall prevention, stroke and chest pain awareness, and medical emergency training to citizens and community businesses.



## Quick Stats

Number of patients: **1,888**

Top Ten Drugs Administered:

Fentanyl  
Epi 1:10,000  
Aspirin  
Zofran  
Nitro  
Duoneb  
Narcan  
Ketamine  
Dilaudid  
Dextrose 50%

## Medical Procedures

IV Starts: **990**

Intubations: **24**

STEMI patients: **15**

Stroke Scene Time: **12:28**

IO Starts: **28**

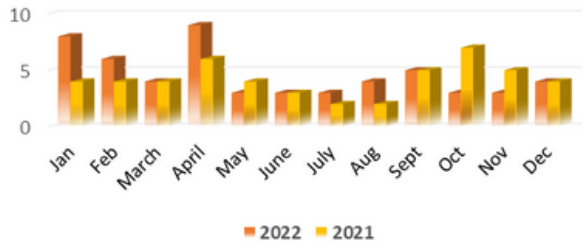
CPR given: **34**



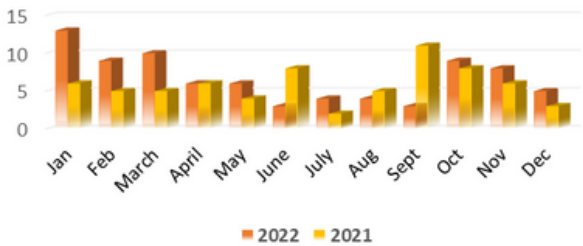
# Emergency Medical Services

## Service Demand- Location

### HERITAGE HOMES



### RIVERVIEW



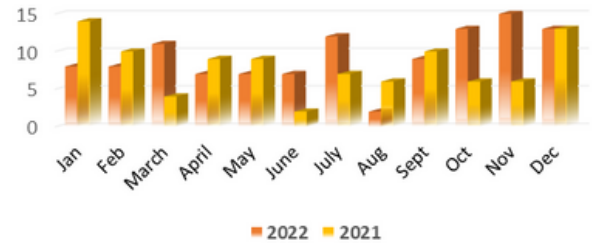
### RIVER MILL



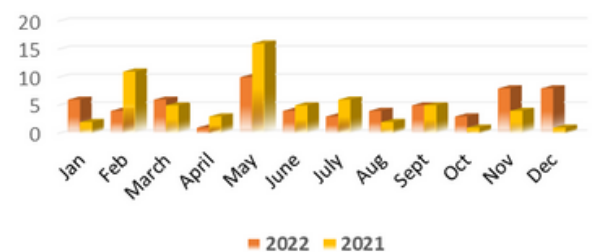
### MARQUARDT VILLAGE



### WATERTOWN HEALTHCARE



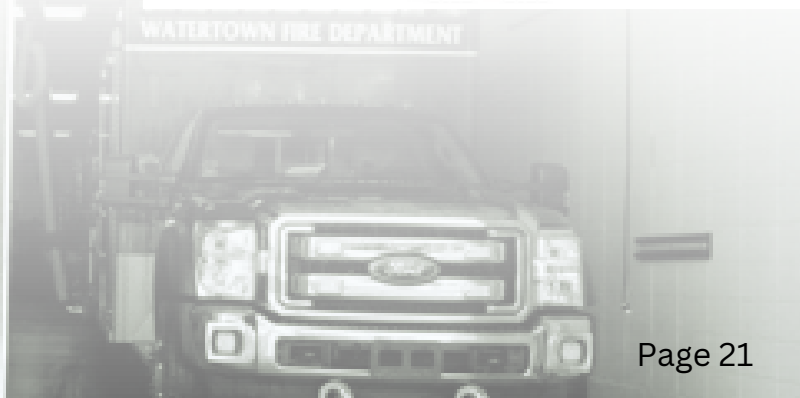
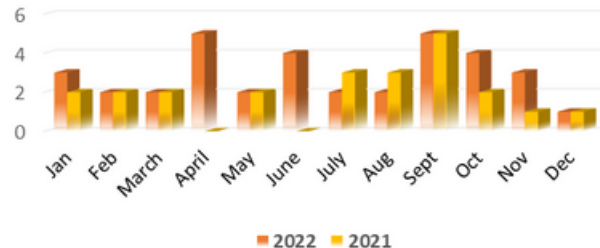
### HIGHLAND VILLAGE



### RIVERVIEW COMMONS

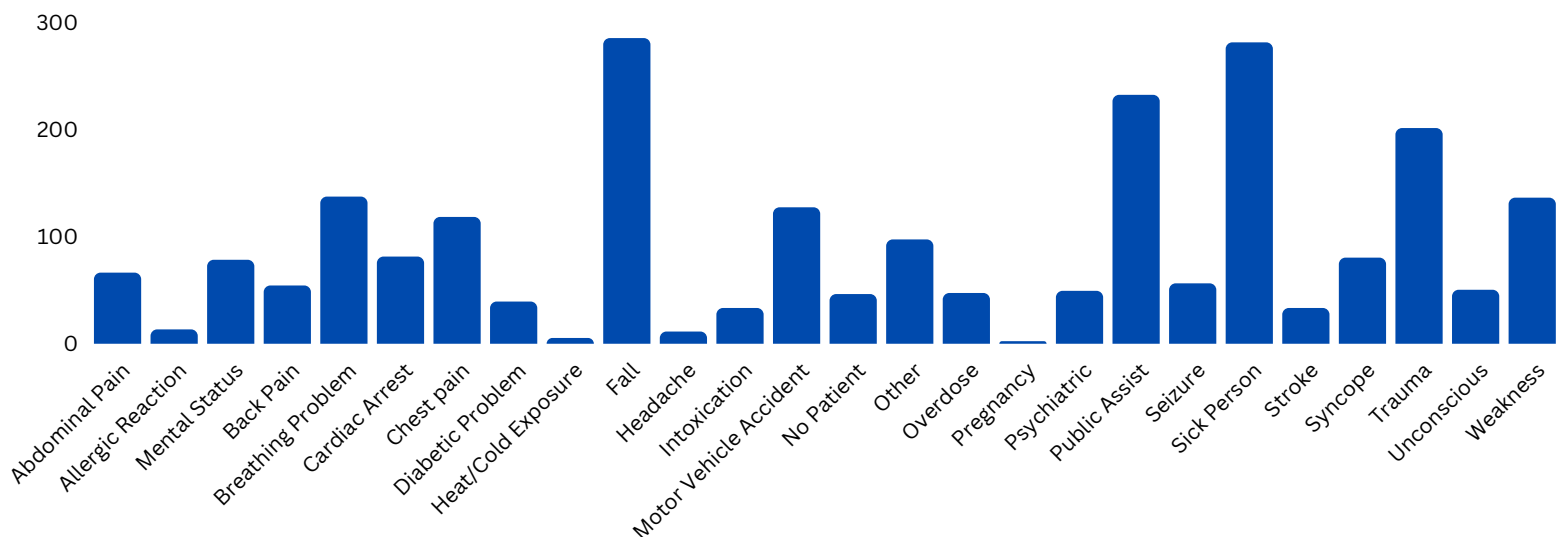


### JOHNSON ARMS



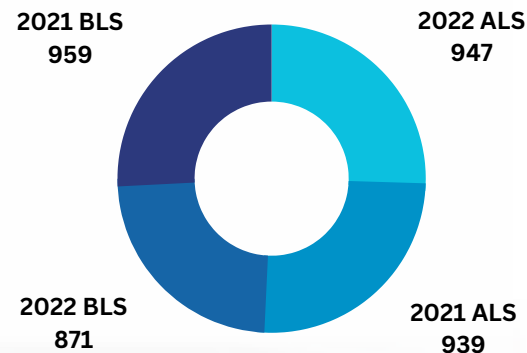
# Emergency Medical Services

## Service Demand



\*Trauma includes trauma injuries, burns, assaults, and animal bites

\*Other calls includes medical alarms, transfers, canceled enroute, stand-bys





# Emergency Medical Services



*New Powerboard System*

*New Power Cab*

*New Cardiac Monitor*



*Airway Training*



*MVC*



*MVC*



*12-Lead Training*

# Fire Incidents

## Service Demand

In 2022, the Watertown Fire Department responded to **480** fire related calls for service, which was a decrease from 2021.

The goal of the Fire Division is to save lives and property by providing emergency and non-emergency response to residents and visitors of Watertown. **We protect over \$1.9 billion** in assessed value.

### Quick Stats

**\$2,646,880**

In Property Saved

**\$1,007,225**

In Property Loss

**406**

Fire Related

**74**

Haz-Mat Calls

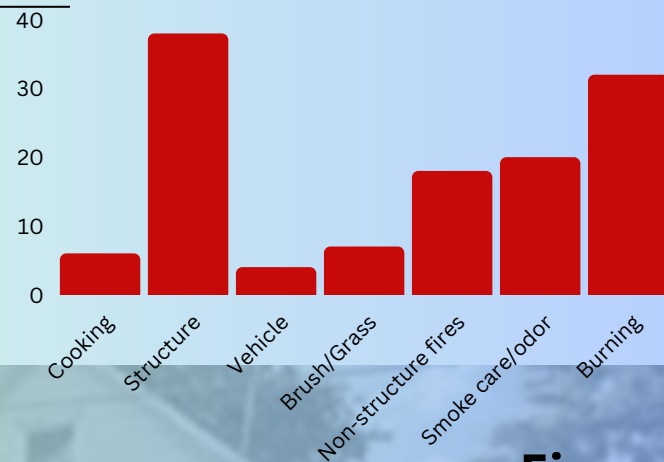
**29%**

decrease in fire related incidents from 2021

**4**

Civilian fire deaths

## Call Type Breakdown



## Fires



## Non-Fire



# Fire Incidents

## Significant Fires

**January 23:** W5400 Blk. Navan Rd.

**February 2:** 600 Blk. N. Fourth St.

**April 8:** Apartment Fire, 1100 Blk. Boughton St.

**July 2:** Barn Fire, W7100 Blk. Five Mile Rd.

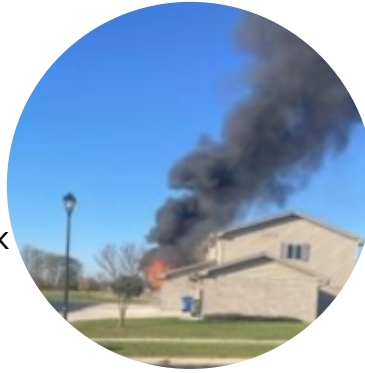
**September 16:** 100 Blk. Deer Crossing, Johnson Creek

**October 7:** Barn Fire, Lowell

**October 28:** House Fire, 300 Blk. Lauren Ln.

**December 9th:** House Fire, 100 Blk. Western Ave

**December 25:** Cattle Barn Fire W8300 Blk. Ebenezer Rd.



October 28, 2022 | House Fire



December 9, 2022 | House Fire



July 7, 2022 | House Fire



April 27, 2022 | House Fire



June 8, 2022 | House Fire



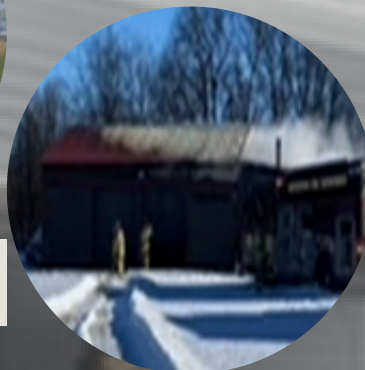
December 25, 2022 | Cattle Barn Fire



February 2, 2022 | House Fire



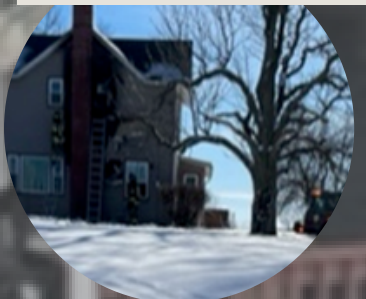
October 7, 2022 | MA Barn Fire



January 9, 2022 | Shed Fire



July 2, 2022 | Barn Fire



January 23, 2022 | House Fire

# Apparatus

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## Fire Suppression

- Engine 61- 2016 Spartan/Marion Gladiator
- Engine 62- 2004 E-One pumper
- Engine 63- 1998 Pierce pumper
- Brush 81- 2012 Ford F-350
- Ladder 71- 2007 E-One

## Ambulances

- MED 54- 2020 Ford/Lifeline F-450
- MED 53- 2014 Ford/Lifeline F-450
- MED 52- 2006 International/Braun
- MED 51- 2006 International/Braun

## Tenders (Township owned)

- Tender 91- 2006 Peterbilt/Welch 3,000 gallons
- Tender 92- 1987 International/3D F2554 2,800 gallons

## Staff Cars

- Car 83- 2013 Ford Taurus command car
- Car 84- 2013 Ford Explorer command car
- Inspector vehicle- 2015 Ford Escape
- MCI truck- 2004 GMC pick-up (County owned)

## Trailers/Support

- CP Railroad Response Trailer
- MCI Trailer
- Tech. Rescue/Foam Trailer
- Boat 1- 2018 Mirro Craft





# Maintenance

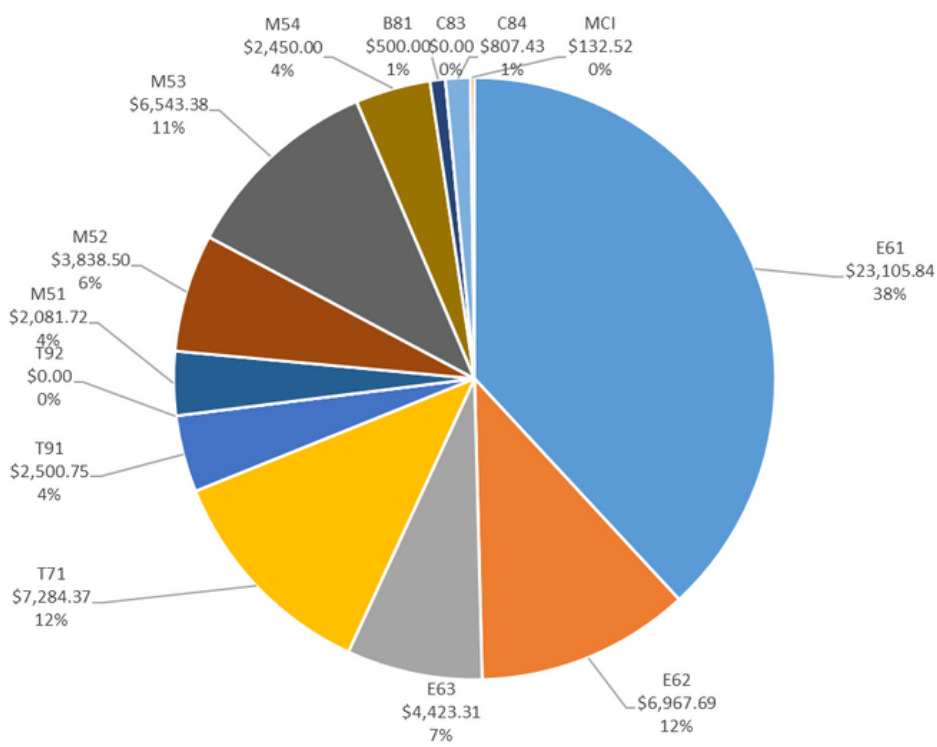
The Watertown Fire Department operates with a fleet of 15 vehicles which include, 3 engines, 1 ladder, 2 tenders, 4 ambulances, 1 brush truck, 1 boat, 2 command cars, and the Jefferson County MCI truck. The average age of Department vehicles is 15 years old, the vehicles range from 1987 to 2020.

During 2022 the Department Committee and the Townships group placed an order for a new tender to replace the aging 1987 Tender 92. The expected delivery of the new unit is roughly late 2024.

While less hospital diversions helped reduce our overall mileage for 2022, increase in call volume increased hours overall. While mileage reduced from 2021 it was still increased over all from previous years due to higher call volume.

MED 54 logged 16,949 miles and 1,403 hours during 2022. Med 53 and Med 54 combine as first and second out Med units for a total of 20,057 miles and 1,664 hrs. In 2022 roughly an 8.71% decrease from 2021 first and second out units. Total miles traveled by all apparatus for 2022– 36,490 miles a decrease of 8.67% from 2021. Total hours all apparatus ran for 2022 – 3,172 Hours an increase of 1.29% from 2021.

Repair & Maintenance Cost Tracking



# Maintenance

## Apparatus Points Chart

The Department uses a points system to assist in analyzing the condition and life of apparatus. The department currently has 8 apparatus that fall into the "RED" category which needs immediate consideration for replacement.

The chart covers all Repairs and Preventative Maintenance for each apparatus in 2022 with cost and percent of total for each unit. Tender 91 & 92 cost are reimbursed by the townships.

2022 we replaced and upgraded door hardware on Engine 61 that lead to an increased repair amount for that unit but will allow better operation and prevent future repairs and damage.

Med 53 saw an increase in repairs also due to its high miles, Med 53 has the most miles of any fire department unit currently at 109,560 miles.

| Vehicle | Age                                                                    | Miles/Hours                                                 | Type of Service                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Reliability                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | M & R Costs                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Condition                                                                                                                                                                                                | Total                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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|         | 1 point for every year of chronological age, based on in-service date. | 1 point for each 10,000 miles or 1,000 engine hours of use. | 1, 3 or 5 points are assigned based on the type of service the unit is exposed to. For instance, fire pumpers would be given a 5 because it is classified as severe duty service. In contrast, an admin vehicle would be given a 1 | Points are assigned as 1, 3, or 5 depending on the frequency that a vehicle is in the shop for repair. A 5 would be assigned to a vehicle in the shop two or more times per month on average, while a 1 would be assigned to a vehicle in the shop and average of once every three months or less. | 1 to 5 points are assigned based on the total life M & R costs (not including repair of accident damage). A 5 is assigned to a vehicle with life M & R costs equal or greater than the vehicle's original purchase price, while a 1 is given to a vehicle with life M & R costs equal to 20% or less than its original purchase cost. | This category takes into consideration body consideration, rust, interior conditions, accident history, anticipated repairs, and so on. A scale of 1 to 5 points is used with five being poor condition. | <b>&lt; 18 pts -Condition I - Excellent</b><br><b>18-22 pts-Condition II- Good</b><br><b>23-27 pts-Condition III- Qualifies for replacement</b><br><b>28 + pts -Condition IV- Needs immediate consideration</b> |
| E-61    | 6                                                                      | 4.3                                                         | 5                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 3                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 2                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 22.3                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| E-62    | 17                                                                     | 7                                                           | 5                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 3                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 3                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 37                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| E-63    | 26                                                                     | 7.3                                                         | 3                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 5                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 44.3                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| TK-71   | 16                                                                     | 2.6                                                         | 5                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 3                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 3                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 31.6                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| BR-81   | 9                                                                      | 2.6                                                         | 3                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 2                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 18.6                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| T-91    | 17                                                                     | 1.1                                                         | 5                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 3                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 29.1                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| T-92    | 36                                                                     | 2.1                                                         | 5                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 4                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 3                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 5                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 55.1                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| MED 51  | 17                                                                     | 6.5                                                         | 3                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 3                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 33.5                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| MED 52  | 17                                                                     | 6.8                                                         | 3                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 3                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 3                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 34.8                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| MED 54  | 2.25                                                                   | 3.5                                                         | 4                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 1                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 12.75                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| C-83    | 10                                                                     | 4.8                                                         | 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 2                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 19.8                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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# Emergency Management

**2022 Wisconsin Statewide Tornado Drill**  
**Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**1:45pm and 6:45pm**

Please reserve these times to discuss and practice your tornado and severe weather safety and sheltering plans.

**What will happen:**

- NOAA Weather Radio Weekly Test
- Some municipalities will sound sirens.
- Some TV/radio stations will briefly cut into programming
- Social Media Posts

**What will NOT happen:**

- Wireless Emergency Alerts
- Push notifications on phones
- Test Watch/Warning

Logos: WISCONSIN E.M., WISCONSIN PUBLIC RADIO, WISCONSIN ECB, WISCONSIN WEATHER SERVICE

The City of Watertown had another busy year that involved our emergency management team. In 2022, the Debris Management Plan was updated. This plan helps facilitates response and recovery activities to return the community back to normalcy quickly. This also ensures an effective use of resources, minimizes costs, and aids in complying with local, state, and Federal regulations.

2022 also saw severe storms that rolled through Watertown. This included a tornado warning in the area, severe thunderstorms with flooding around the city and a snowstorm that prompted emergency shelters around the city to open and be ready if needed.



**DAMAGING WINDS** Home Safety

Most frequent type of severe weather, vulnerable if outside

Camping (under a tree)  
 Boating (motor/canoe)

**Note:** Strong winds can come before rain starts

July 19, 2019  
 Pearson, WI  
 Julie Collins



City Wide Tornado Drill

# Community Risk Reduction



## Quick Stats

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Part-time Fire Inspectors

21,124

People Outreached

### Top 5 Code Violations:

- Fire Extinguisher maintenance
- Fire alarm system past due
- Exit signs not illuminated
- Obstructed exits
- Misuse of extension cords and power strips

15%

Increase in fire code inspections

208

Vial of Life Forms Given

29

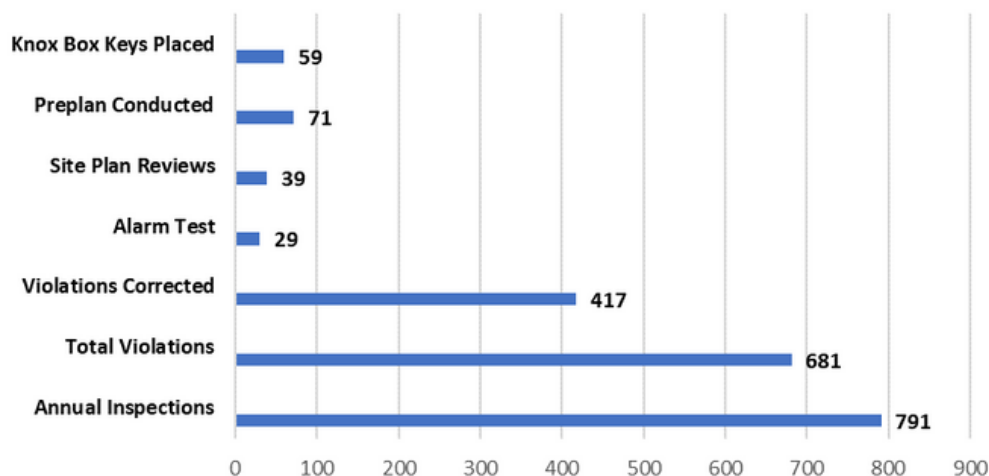
Unsafe Situation Assessments/Community Referrals

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Immunization Clinic Assistance

The Community Risk Reduction Bureau is responsible for overseeing the reduction of preventable emergencies within our community. This includes fire inspections, fire and EMS safety education, community events, smoke alarm installations, building plan review, investigation of fires, data analysis, records request review, and community outreach.

## Code Compliance



The WFD conducts annual fire safety inspections throughout the City's commercial properties, four-family or more residences, businesses and public buildings.

Fire inspections can help reduce chances of a fire occurring, allow for proper detection/notification of fire, and ensure that all people inside are able to escape if an event occurs.

The WFD made it a priority to ensure all city buildings have AED access within them. 7 AED's along with bleeding control kits were placed in service. This is a great testament to the dedication the city has to ensuring the safety of all.





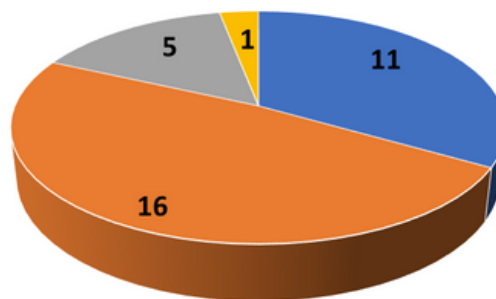
# Community Risk Reduction



The Community Risk Reduction Bureau attended **518** outreach programs and reached **21,124** citizens.



Placed in public locations



■ AED's ■ Bleeding Control Kits ■ Knox Boxes ■ Fire Extinguishers Given



- 24** Public Speaking Events
- 11** Fire Safety Talks
- 5** Home Safety Checks
- 82** Smoke Detector Installs
- 23** CO Detector Installs
- 46** Smoke Detector Battery Changes
- 8** Fire Extinguisher Trainings
- 14** CPR Trainings
- 17** Public Relations Events
- 8** Football/Event Stand-Bys
- 1** Block Party
- 26** Fire Drills Conducted
- 2** Bike Helmets Given Out
- 1** Stop the Bleed Class
- 3** Parades
- 104** Student/Public Riders
- 49** Station Tours



# Community Risk Reduction



*Lights and Sirens*



*Station Tour*



*Extinguisher Training @ River Mill*



*Leadership Watertown*



*4th of July Parade*



*CPR Training*



*Extinguisher & CPR Training @ MHC*



*Extinguisher Training @ McFarlandale Dairy*



*Watertown High School Career Fair*



*Pumpkin Patch*



*Christmas Train*



*Station Tour*



*Airport Event*



# Training

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## Quick Stats

**5,777.65**

**Total Training Hours**

**204.5**

**Training Facility Hours**

**2,927.15**

**Fire Training**

**864.5**

**EMS Training**

The Watertown Fire Department continues to strive for community safety through our training program. With our members sharpening their skill sets in multiple areas of EMS and fire, as our responses are numerous and vary in a wide spectrum of instances responding to extremely dynamic scenes. Constant training enables us to keep up on our skills and also keeps us learning about new tactics and which drives us to examining possible changes to responses and operations within the department. Our firefighters need to be trained to be able to do multiple functions on each scene, from rescue to fire attack to ventilation. We train on these functions so we can rapidly respond to a variety of situations and mitigate the scene.

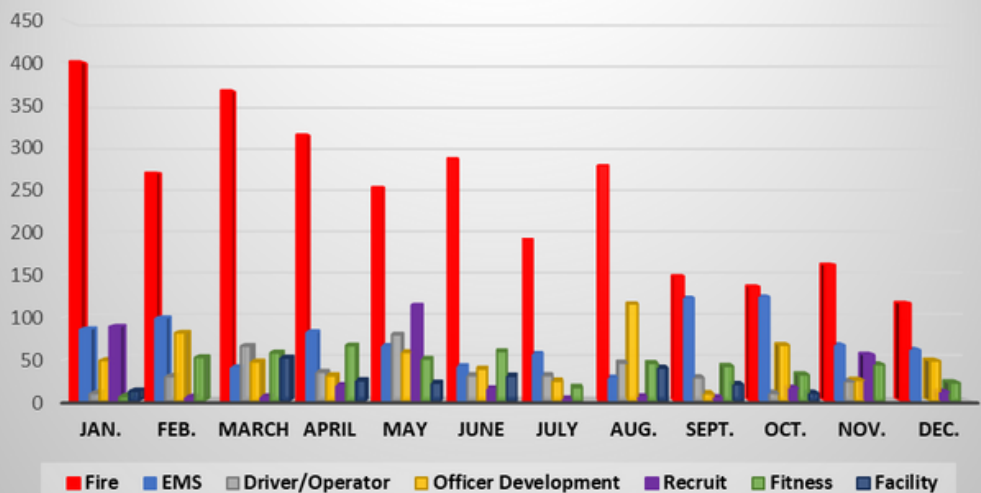
In the past year we were able to host Battalion Chief Corley Moore, who is a Nationally known speaker which conducted lectures on leadership and the fire service servitude. **Over 70 people from 24 departments and 4 states** were in attendance here in Watertown.

We were also able to utilize a acquired structure for live fire training for our members and surrounding mutual aid companies. These types of trainings are instrumental in teaching our firefighters how to apply their skills under realistic conditions.

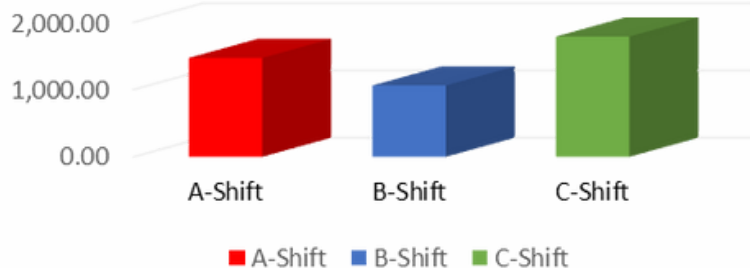


# Training

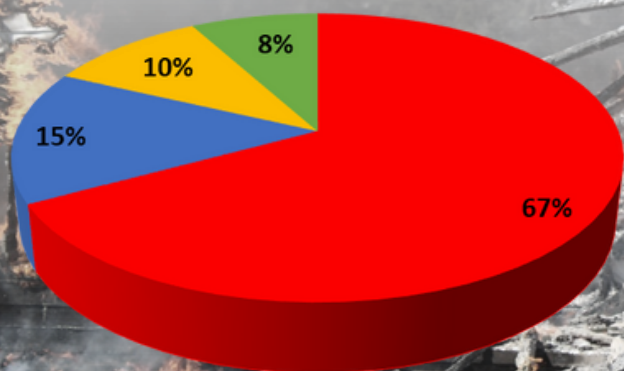
Training Hours By Discipline



SHIFT TRAINING HOURS



Training Percentage By Topic



Fire Related EMS Related Officer Development Fitness





# Training



Here Loads



Training Burn



Pump Training



Monthly joint training with school district



ACLS Renewal



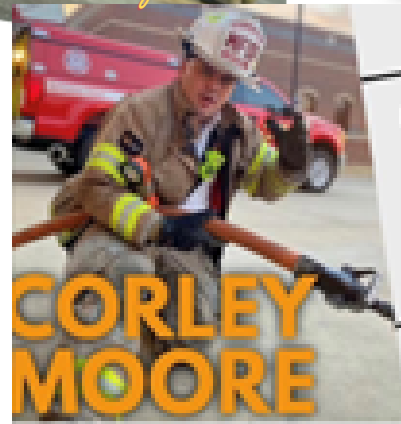
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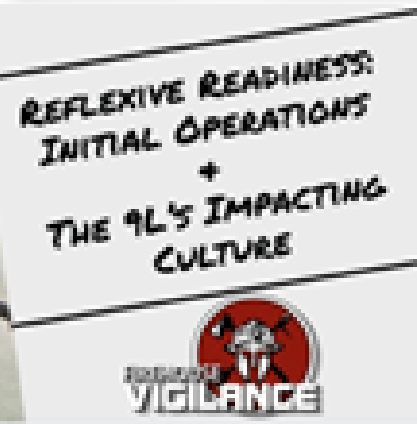
Ladder Training



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CORLEY MOORE



REFLEXIVE READINESS:  
INITIAL OPERATIONS  
+  
THE 9L'S IMPACTING  
CULTURE



# Hose Testing

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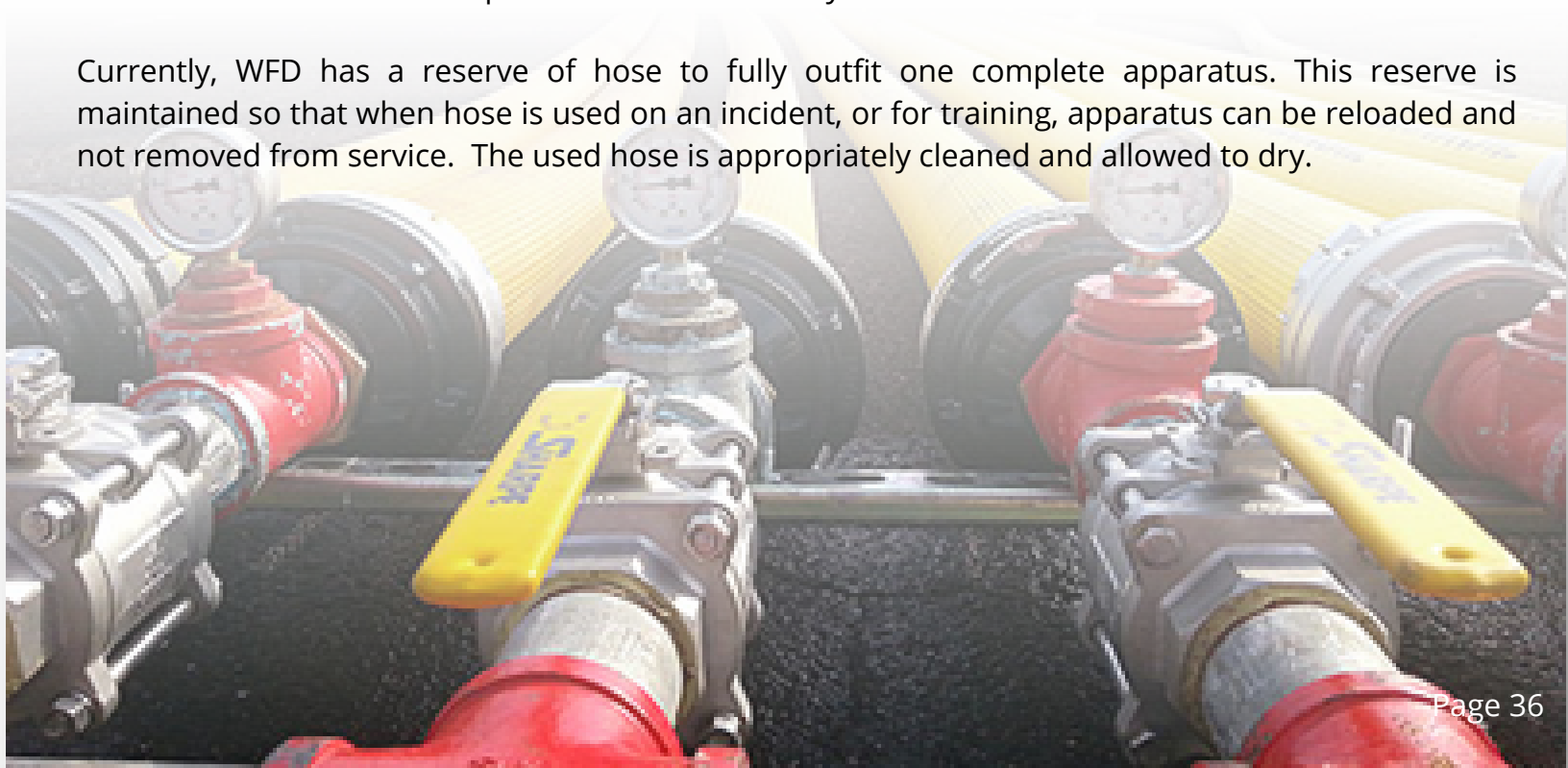
Annual testing is an NFPA requirement that helps to ensure the fire hose used by the department will withstand the rigors of use on a fire scene, and help identify hose that may be on the verge of failure due to damage or normal wear and tear.

Beginning in 2019, WFD began to use a third party company to conduct these tests. In 2022, the fire department re-entered into a three-year pricing agreement with Fire Catt for hose testing. In mid-summer, just as we were expecting to get notification of testing dates, we were contacted by Fire Catt. Due to their inability to obtain or retain staff, they were cancelling all remaining testing in our region for the year. This left WFD, as well as several other departments in our area, scrambling to find an alternative.

Great Lakes Testing Inc., based out of Green Bay, WI, was able to fit us into their schedule with a price that we could fit into our budget. Hose testing was completed over 5 days in late fall.

This year's hose testing found several sections of fire hose that did not pass the testing process due to external damage, leaks or failure of the internal lining. Each year we anticipate 5-10 sections of hose to not pass testing. The failures this year were mostly in 2 ½" hose and a few sections of older 1 ¾" hose. The hoses that had critical failures such as cuts or delaminated linings were destroyed and disposed of. Other hoses that had life left in them but did not meet NFPA service requirements, were offered out to other departments within the city.

Currently, WFD has a reserve of hose to fully outfit one complete apparatus. This reserve is maintained so that when hose is used on an incident, or for training, apparatus can be reloaded and not removed from service. The used hose is appropriately cleaned and allowed to dry.





# Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

At the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, the WFD personal protective equipment inventory was well stocked, but not to the levels that would be required to last through the year and beyond. Through 2020 and into 2021, the fire department received assistance in obtaining PPE from Jefferson County Emergency Management as well as several donations of N95 and KN95 from various businesses and organizations. The assistance and donations made it possible for our members to have the appropriate PPE while waiting for backordered PPE supplies to ship. Some orders that were placed in late winter of 2020 were not filled until spring of 2021. In 2022 we finally saw the supply meet the demand. We now have replenished the PPE required to keep ourselves protected during the pandemic and are now better prepared for a future event.

The fire department also continues to manage the City PPE stockpile and is available for distribution to all city departments. This PPE supply consists of eye, face and respiratory protection, as well as gloves, gowns and hand sanitizer. Department heads can contact Chief Teesch, Deputy Chief Rauterberg, or Battalion Chief Fox to request PPE.



# Chief Biefeld Retirement



After 29 years in the fire service, Chief Kraig Biefeld retired. Thank you for your dedication to the City of Watertown and the Watertown Fire Department. Enjoy your retirement.

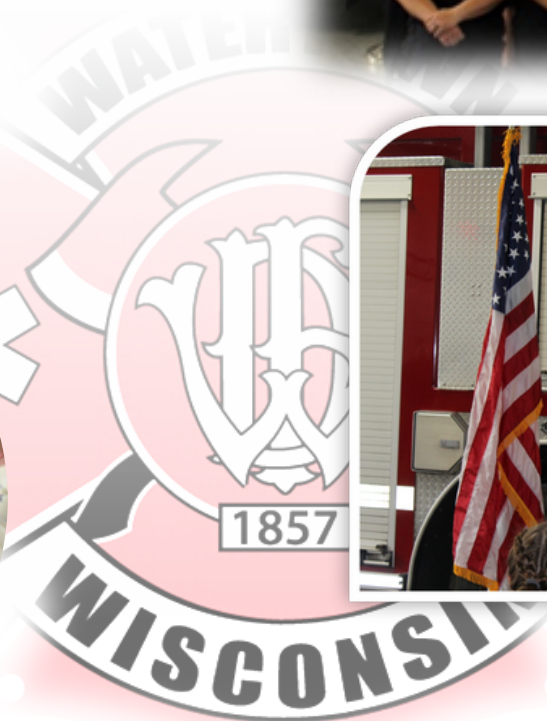




# Chief Teesch Swearing In

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Travis Teesch was sworn in as the new Fire Chief. We are excited to have him here with us and look forward to working under his leadership. Welcome Chief!



# Swearing In Ceremony

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Firefighter/Paramedic Alex Braunschweig and Firefighter/Paramedic Jaden Scully both successfully completed their probationary first year. Congratulations guys!





# 2022 In Pictures

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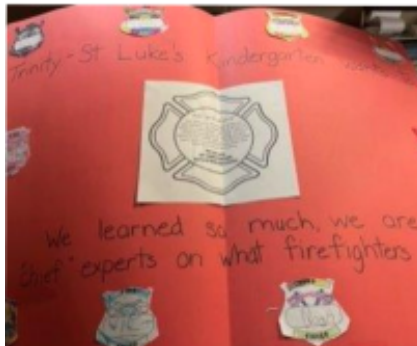
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# Words of Thanks

Dear Firefighters and emergency responders,  
My heartfelt thanks goes out to you! Your quick response did not go unnoticed. We appreciate you pulling some belongings and tarping others.  
Thank You!



Thank you for taking the time to present at Lincoln today! We could not have events like this without great community members like you! The students enjoyed learning about the different careers they could have in the future. We know how much planning goes into volunteering for events like this, so please accept this small gift as a token of our appreciation!

-Lincoln STEM Elementary Staff

Watertown Fire & Rescue

Thank you for your selfless acts of kindness & service everyday.

Oliver, Tower's parade rider, said it was "AMAZING"! It was the 3rd best experience of his life.

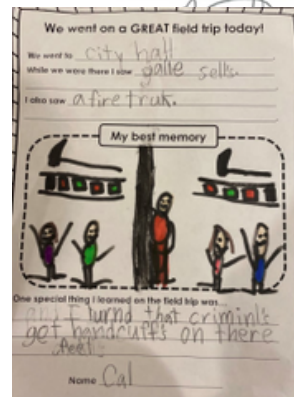
- 1- Being born to Mom + Dad
- 2- Disney Cruise
- 3- Riding in parade on Fire Truck & being being honk director

God BLESS YOU ALL

"I want to take a moment to thank one of your firefighters for helping me last night.

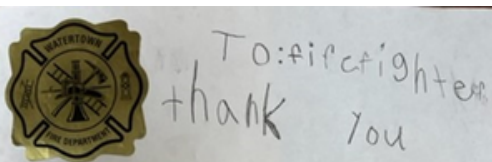
As I was driving north on Church St. about 5:30, the car in front of me unknowingly hit a cat. I stopped and got it out of the road. It was dead. I could not leave him out on the sidewalk so I wrapped it in a towel and put it in my car. I debated on what I could do and came up with going to the fire station for help. The firefighter (whose name I missed) was wonderful. He took the cat for me and said he would take care of it. He was so polite and helpful!

I have no doubt that taking care of a dead animal is NOT in this young man's job description but he stepped up anyway to help me and for that I am grateful. Could you please pass along my thanks?"



C Crew"-  
Thank you for being there for my family last week,

I appreciate all the work you do, not only for them, but on a daily basis.  
Respectfully



for keeping us safe!



GOD Bless!

Love: Ofelia

to the heroic angels who walk among us. I never learned your names nor saw your faces, but I will never forget you. You saved my life & were there for me & my small family within moments of me asking for help. You saw me at my absolute worst yet treated me with the utmost dignity, respect & compassion. To the woman who asked if she could pull my hair back - thank you for reading my mind. I'm so sorry I never got to thank you in person but I hope this letter can help

to all the road. with all my love, gratitude, appreciation and respect -

Thank you for all that you do all day, every day.  
Happy holidays to you  
- yours ♡

Fire Dept,  
Thanks for all you do for our city!!  
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Hello,  
Wanted to give a shout out to the department for coming to help with a jammed/malfunction door on our inpatient unit last. Many thanks to the crew members that came.

Thank you.





This report would not be made possible without the support of our members who contribute throughout the year by providing pictures and conveying information. Thank you for your dedication to our department.



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