

WATERTOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT

Monthly Report / **November** 2025



Compassion, Dedication,
Integrity, Accountability,
Trust



Greetings!

As we wrap up November, I'm pleased to share that the Miovision Opticom Traffic Control project from our 2025 capital plan is now fully implemented. The addition of an emergency pre-emption system was designed to improve safety and consistency at signalized intersections, and the installation has gone smoothly across the city.

The technology required to support the Opticom system also brought helpful secondary benefits to our day-to-day operations. The connectivity and onboard systems installed to make Opticom work effectively now give us stronger communication reliability in our apparatus and better insight into vehicle status and activity across the fleet. These improvements were part of the integrated system design and enhance the efficiency and dependability of our emergency response network.

One valuable outcome is the ability to understand how often emergency vehicles pass through each controlled intersection. This information supports our own routing discussions and can also be shared with Streets, Engineering, and other City departments to assist with long-term planning and infrastructure decisions.

The technology installed to support the Opticom system also enhances our ability to monitor and understand how our apparatus operate in real time. We now have reliable tracking for unit locations, clearer communication pathways with Dispatch, and the ability to review vehicle movement such as speed, routing, and whether a response was emergent or non-emergent. In addition, the system provides early visibility into maintenance needs—similar to a “check engine” indicator—helping us address issues proactively and keep frontline equipment ready for service. These tools strengthen both our operational awareness and our overall fleet reliability.

Overall, these upgrades reflect our ongoing commitment to modern, coordinated, and data-informed service for the community. We appreciate the support that allowed this project to move forward and look forward to carrying these improvements into 2026.

Chief Tanya Reynen



Operational Statistics

2025 Year to Date Calls: 2992

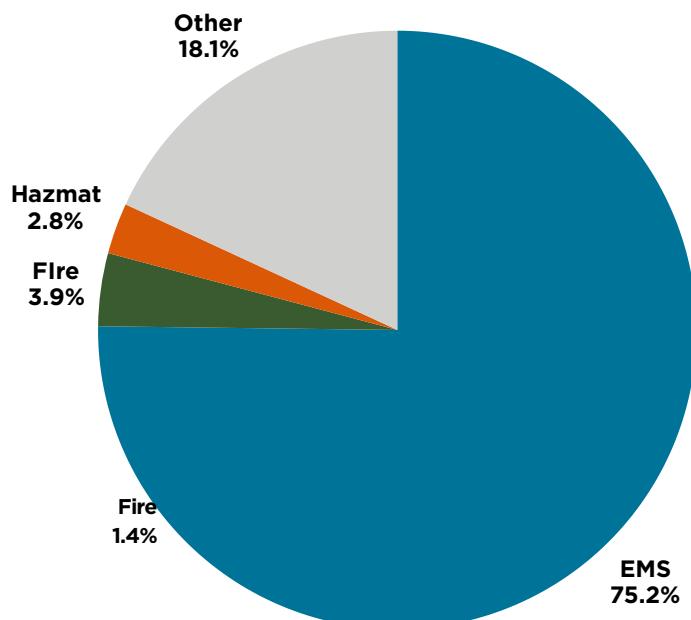
November 2025 Calls: 254

EMS	Fire	Haz-Mat	Other
191	10	7	46

October Incidents by Year

2023	2024	2025
247	261	254

October Incident Percentages

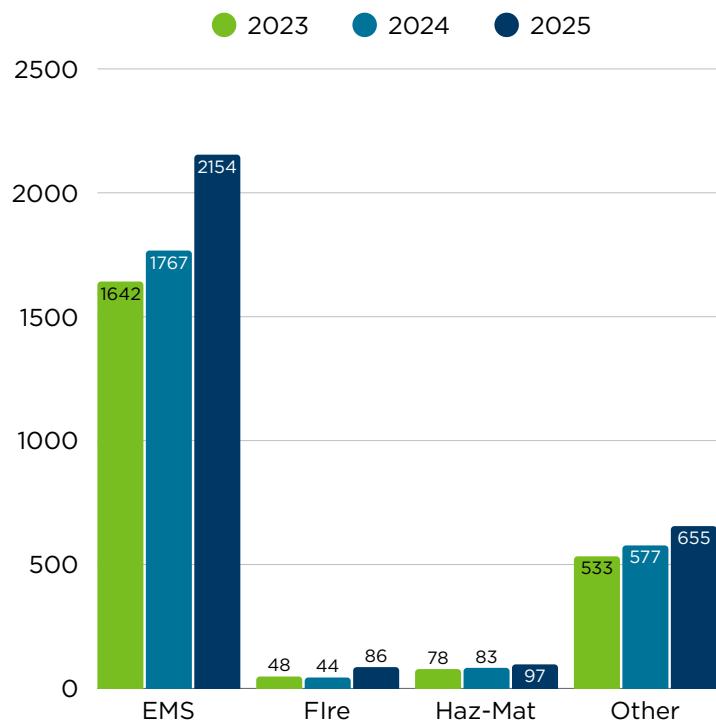


***Other consists of lift assists, false alarms, hazardous conditions such as wires down or gas leaks, animal rescues, burn complaints, and other non-fire or EMS calls for service.

Call Volume

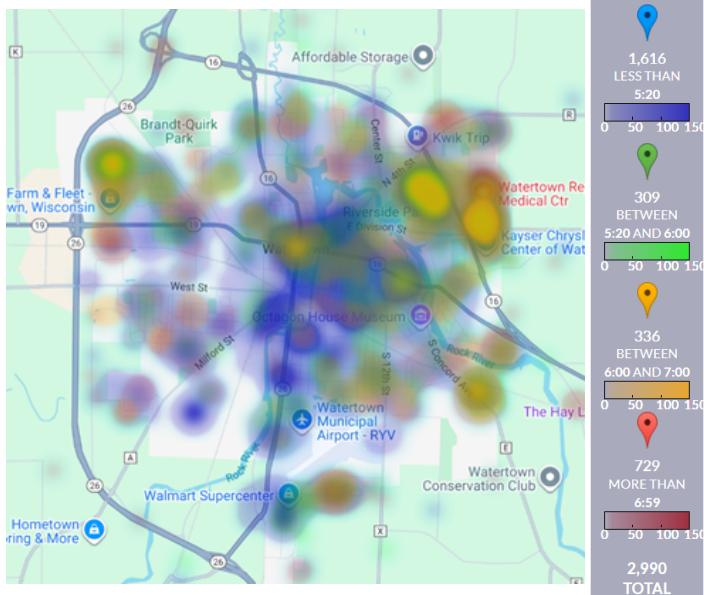
As of November 19, 2025, our call volume had already reached the total number of incidents handled in all of 2024. The department's highest recorded annual call volume was 3,027 calls in 2023. Based on the current run rate, we project surpassing the 2023 benchmark within the first several days of December.

Year-to-Date Incidents by year and type

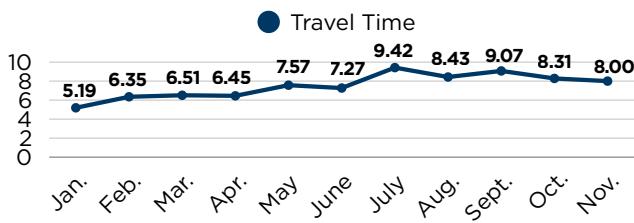


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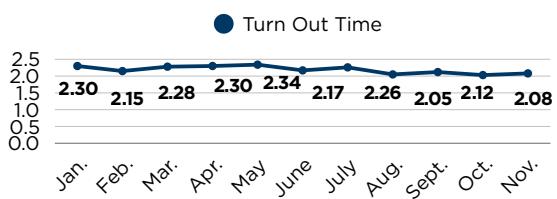
Year-to-Date Response Time Heat Map



90th Percentile ALL ZONE RESPONSE TIME (Alarm>First Unit Arrival)

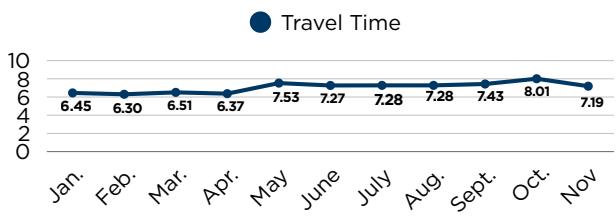


90th Percentile ALL ZONE TURN OUT TIME (Alarm>EnRoute)



NFPA 1710 Benchmarks Turnout time
EMS: 60sec. Fire: 1:20

90th Percentile CITY ZONE RESPONSE TIME (Alarm>First Unit Arrival)



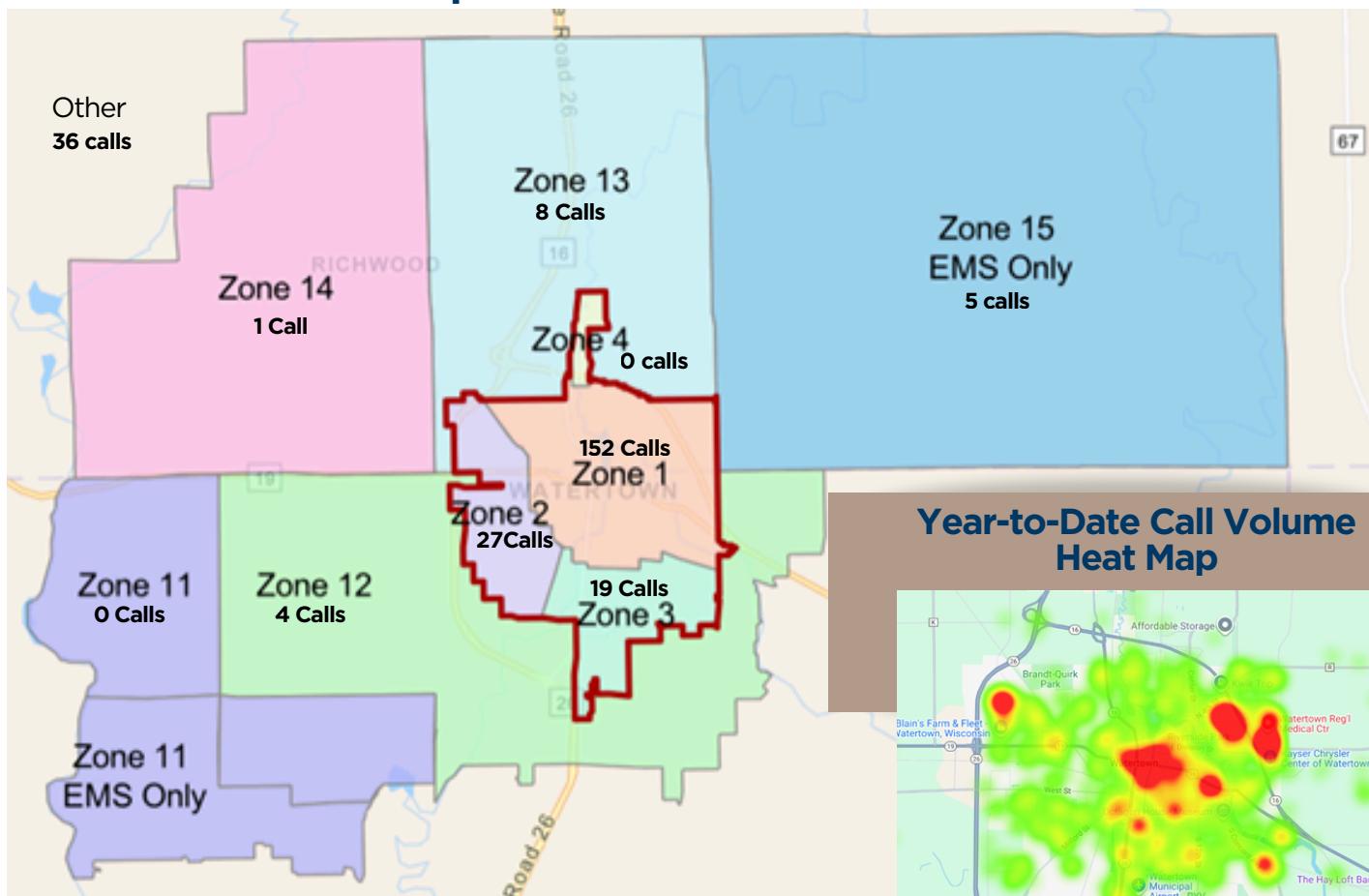
Simultaneous Calls for the Past Three Years

This means that the crew is out on more than one call at the same time.

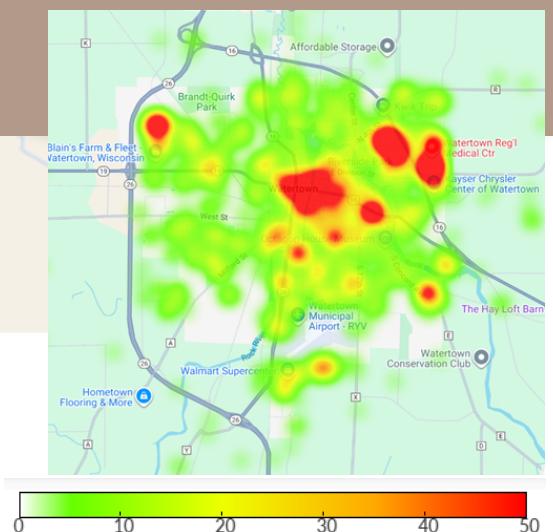
	2023		2024		2025			2023		2024		2025	
January	39	17%	52	19%	79	28%	July	63	22%	57	24%	87	30%
February	48	20%	39	18%	63	28%	August	50	19%	50	22%	60	24%
March	39	18%	52	22%	93	32%	September	47	18%	66	25%	89	33%
April	37	17%	31	14%	74	28%	October	47	19%	57	22%	70	25%
May	45	18%	47	20%	103	34%	November	51	21%	64	28%	57	24%
June	46	17%	68	27%	78	27%	December	74	27%	58	28%		

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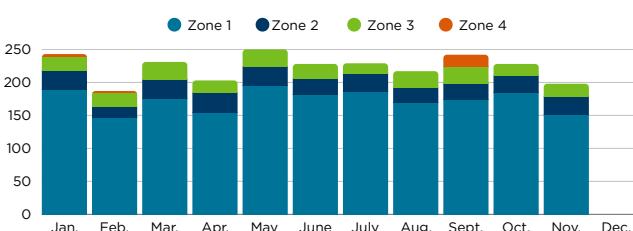
Calls per Zone in November



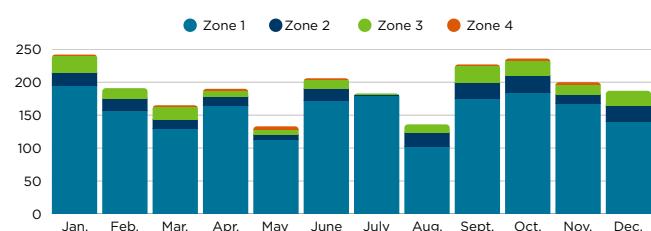
Year-to-Date Call Volume Heat Map



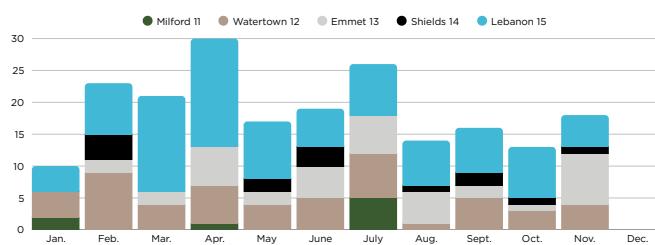
2025 Calls per City Zone



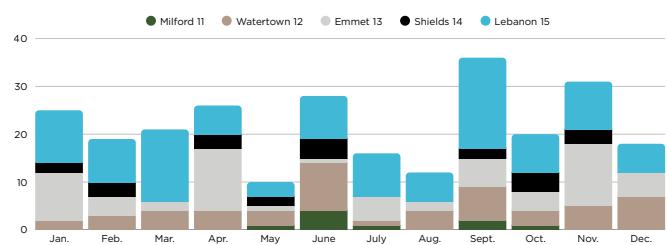
2024 Calls per City Zone



2025 Calls per Township Zone



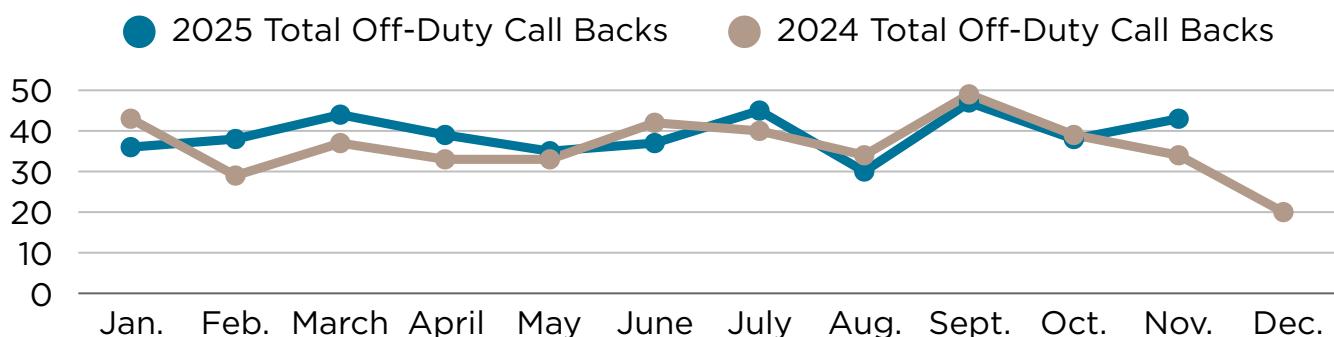
2024 Calls per Township Zone



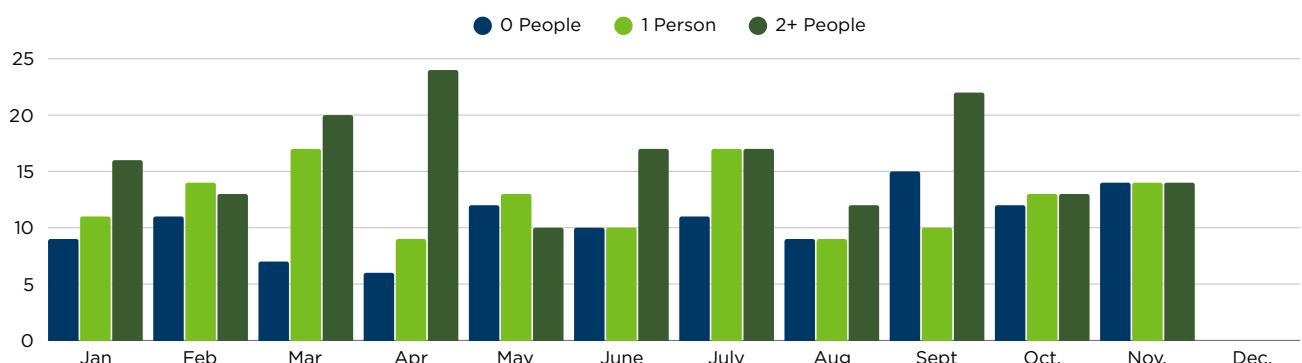
Operational Statistics

November Off-Duty Callback Occurrences

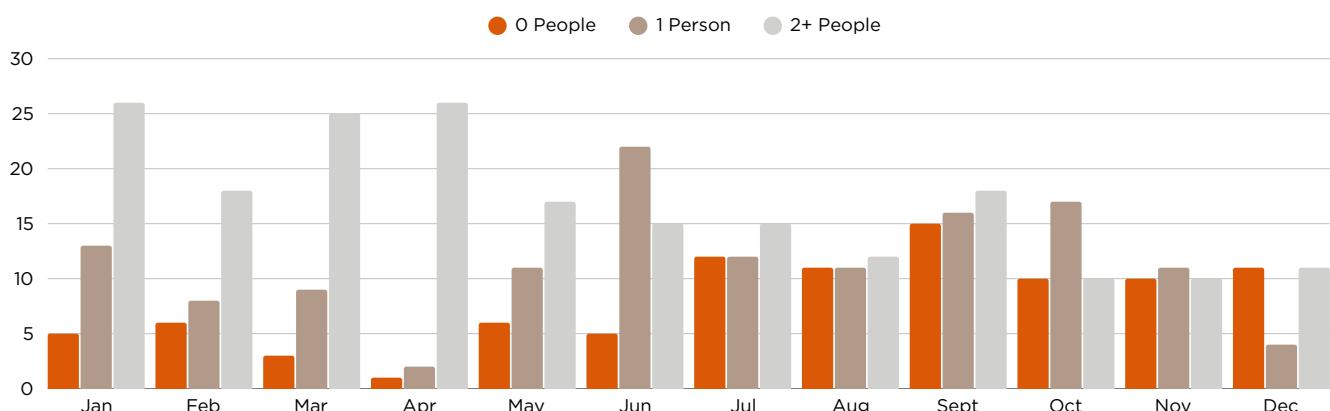
Number of People	0	1	2+	Total
Count	14	14	14	42



Off-Duty Callback Staff Reporting 2025

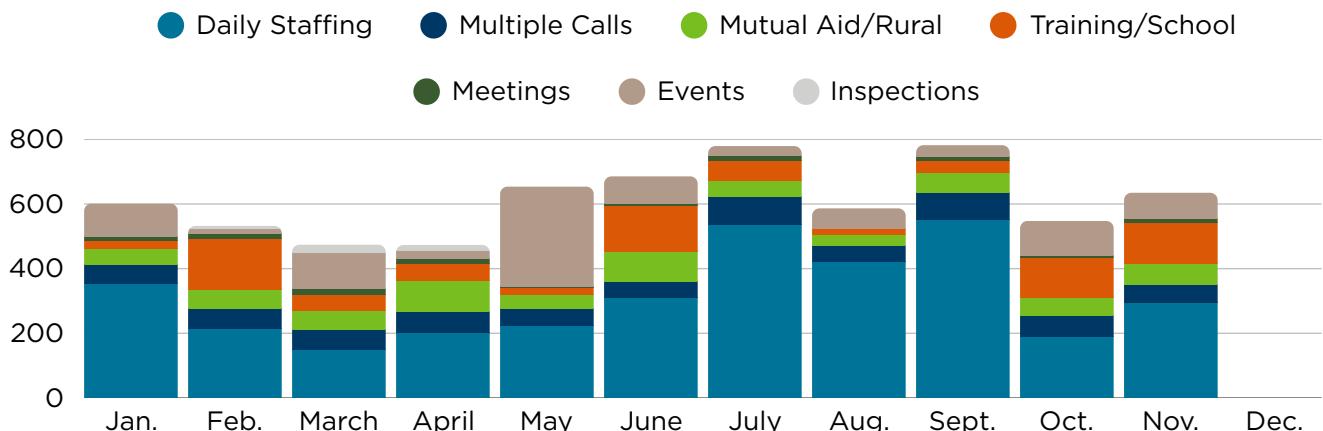


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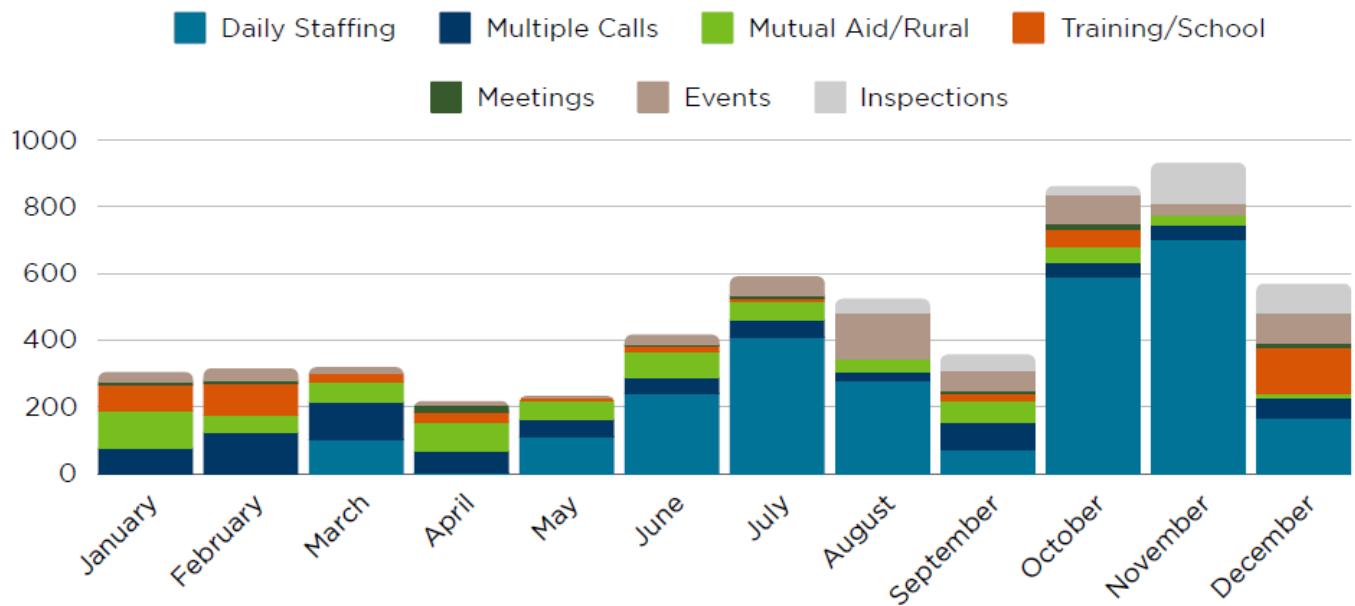


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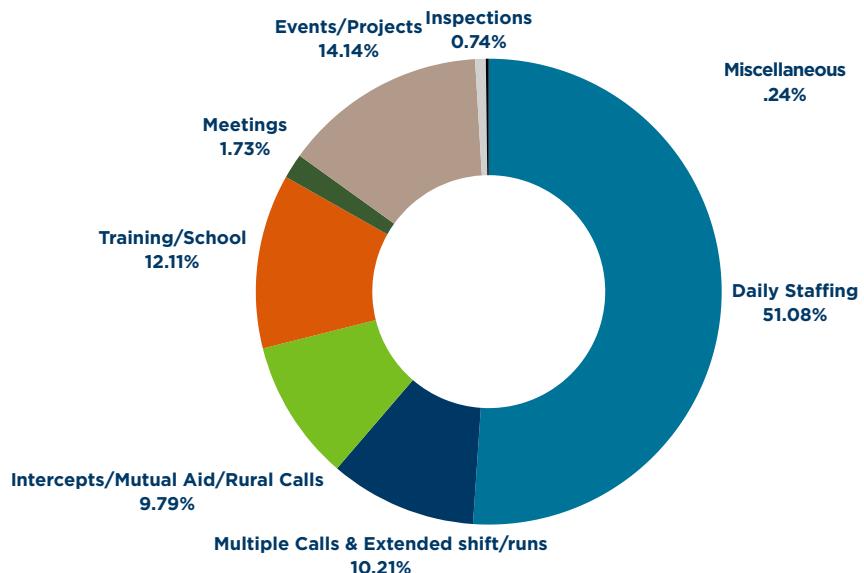
2025 Total Monthly Overtime Hours



2024 Total Monthly Overtime Hours



Year to Date Overtime Percentage



Staffing Update

The newest employee completed the academy and 1st month of ride time and will count towards staffing!

No staff on FMLA Leave
1 staff in Paramedic Clinical
2 staff in Driver Operator class

Incidents, Training & Public Relations

Training Highlights

New Employee Academy (8 days)

Ground ladders: carries, raises & placement

Highpoint rope rescue

Rural Water Supply

2 1/2" hose line

Pro-Active MPO Tasks

Reading Smoke

Building Construction

Scene Size Up

EMS: High-Risk Populations

EMS: Culture of Safety

EMS- Medical Control Training (Airway)

Fire Safety Tip

As we head into colder weather, it's the perfect time to make sure your home is ready for the season.

Check your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, replace batteries if needed, and test each device to be sure it's working. These alarms are your first line of defense — especially during winter months when heating equipment is running more often.

If you use space heaters, give them at least 3 feet of space, plug them directly into a wall outlet, and turn them off before bed or when leaving the room.

Incident Highlights

17 Mutual Aid/Autoaid Given

6 Building Fires

1 Unauthorized Burning

6 False Alarms

12 Motor Vehicle Crashes

25 Lift Assists



Public Relation Highlights

Station Tours—

Menomonee Falls & Western Lakes

Career Fair

WCTC Open House

WHS Health Observation Student ride-along

Food Drive

Webster School Field Trip

Bell Ringing

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