



ROGERS FIRE DEPARTMENT

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ANNUAL REPORT 2024

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Mission

The Rogers Fire Department will proactively prevent property loss and injury through progressive community risk reduction, well-trained and effective emergency response, and accurate fire investigations.

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Vision

The Rogers Fire Department is committed to serving by responding quickly, treating everyone with respect, and improving outcomes for all we serve.

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Core Values

The Rogers Fire Department is committed to the following core values:

P – Professionalism, in application, appearance, attitude and standards.

R – Respect, for each other, our department, the community, and the citizens and visitors of the communities we serve. Be open-minded and responsive to the uniqueness of our community without regard to age, gender, religion or ethnic origin.

I – Integrity, always doing the right thing, striving to set an example for all community members.

D – Dedication, to the profession, the community, and continual improvement.

E – Education, to the public to make a safer community, and to our members to ensure constant growth.

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Chief's Message

On behalf of the members of the Rogers Fire Department, I am honored to present the Rogers Fire Department's 2024 annual report.

As we reflect on 2024, it is essential to acknowledge the dedication, resilience, and commitment of the Rogers Fire Department. This year, our department faced numerous challenges, but through the hard work of our dedicated firefighters, we continued to provide exceptional service to our community.



Our mission is clear: to protect life, property, and the environment while providing quality emergency services. In 2024, we responded to a wide range of incidents, from fires and medical emergencies to hazardous material spills and natural disasters, totaling 898 calls for service. Each call reinforces our responsibility and the trust our community places in us.

We have made significant strides in training and preparedness, ensuring our team has the latest skills and knowledge to handle any situation. In addition, we've continued to improve our equipment and response capabilities to meet the growing demands of our community.

One of the highlights of 2024 was the completion of the new Fire Station 2 project. This 16,000 sq. ft. station has a large training room, bunk rooms, decontamination areas, a staff lounge, and more. This facility poises the RFD to provide an even higher level of service to our residents North of I-94 and allows for staffing changes with bunk rooms and facilities for 24-hour operations if the need arises.

2024 also saw the continued expansion of our fire prevention programs. We engaged with local schools, businesses, and residents to educate them on fire safety, emergency preparedness, and the importance of community involvement. Our residents' support has been invaluable, and we are proud of the strong relationships we've built over the years.

We will continue to innovate, adapt, and grow as we look to the future. Our commitment to providing the highest level of service remains unwavering, and we will work tirelessly to ensure that the Rogers Fire Department is always ready to serve.

On behalf of the entire Rogers Fire Department, I want to express my deepest gratitude to our community for your trust and support. Together, we make Rogers a safer place for all.

Thank you for your continued support.

Patrick Farrens Jr., EFO
Fire Chief , Rogers Fire Department

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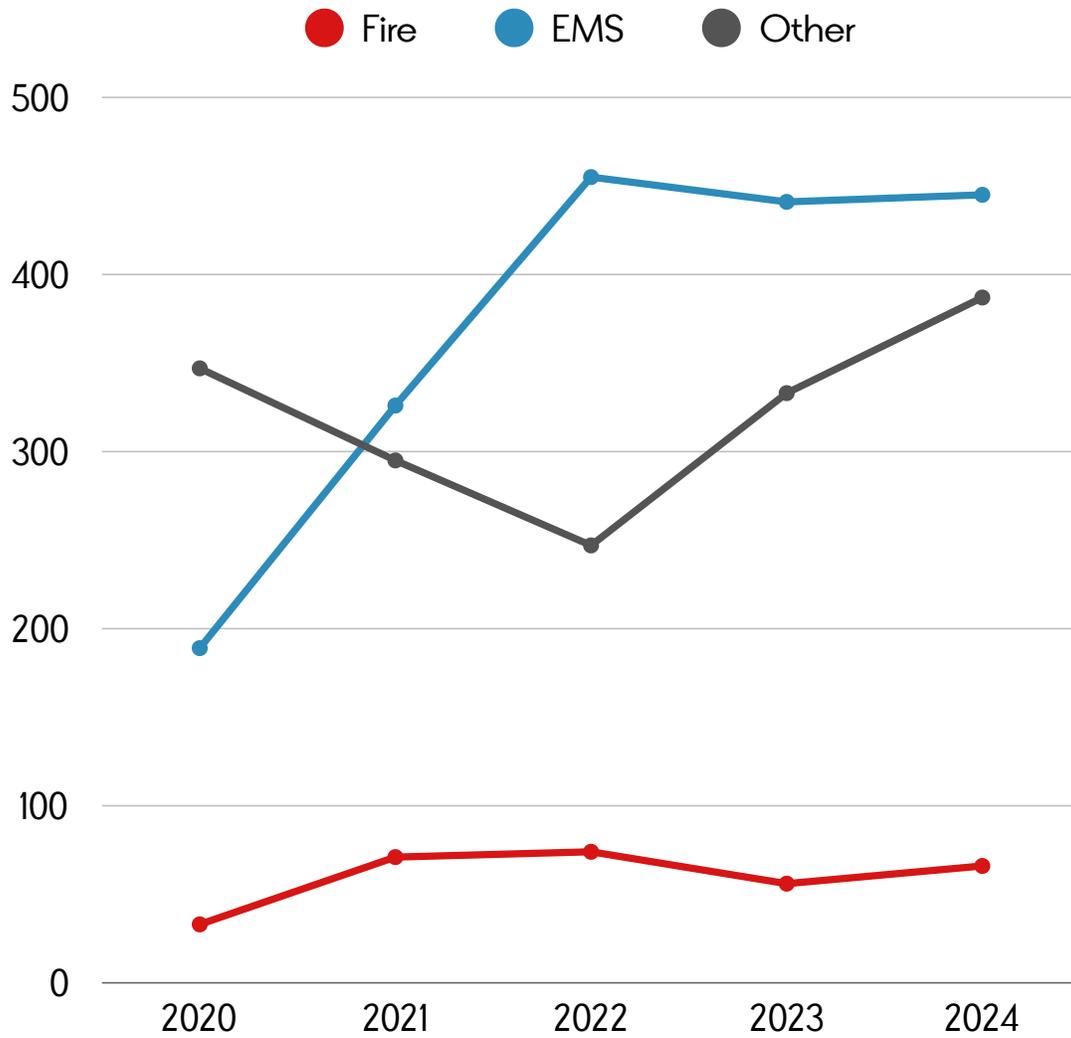
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HISTORICAL CALL VOLUME



HISTORICAL CALL BREAKOUT



Year	Fire	EMS	Other	Total
2024	66	445	387	898
2023	56	441	333	830
2022	74	455	247	776
2021	71	326	295	692
2020	33	189	347	569



**Other-RFD, & RPD assist a homeowner in an attempt to mitigate water damage on their first floor from a water issue on their second floor.*

RESPONSE TYPES

TOTAL INCIDENTS 898

The Rogers Fire Department is committed to a safety-first response. This means safety for our community members and our firefighters in our response to incidents.

In 2024 we educated our team on “emergent” versus “non-emergent” responses. This means understanding when to use (or not use) our lights, sirens, and elevated driving tactics when responding to an incident.

While there is both a time and a place for these trained driving operations, we are committed to only using them on the road beside you when we believe they are necessary.

Average response times in this report will contain both emergent & non-emergent types of responses.



Example: Emergent Response

Your house is on fire.

Example: Non-Emergent Response

Your neighbor is burning leaves in their fire pit.

Example: Emergent Response Downgraded to Non-Emergent Response

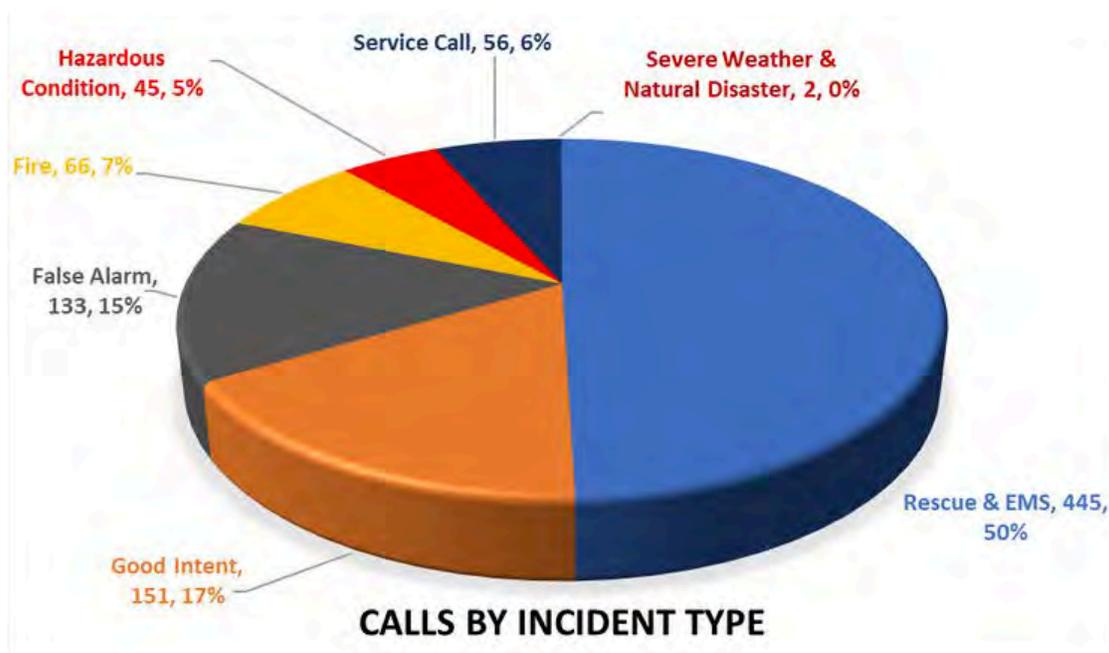
There is smoke inside your building. The building manager updates dispatch that an employee burnt their toast.

TOTAL RESPONSE STATISTICS

TOTAL INCIDENTS 898

The National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) classifies calls into eight different call categories:

- **Fire** which includes structures, mobile property, vegetation, rubbish, crops, and other.
- **Rupture/Explosion** which includes overpressure from steam/air/gas, explosions with no fire, excessive heat, and other.
- **(EMS) Rescue & Emergency Medical Services** which includes medical assists, lock-ins, lost persons, extrication, rescue, water & ice rescue, electrical rescue, EMS standby, and other.
- **Hazardous Condition (No Fire)** which includes combustible/flammable spills & leaks, chemical releases, radioactive conditions, electrical wiring, biological hazards, accidents, explosives, and other.
- **Service Call** which includes persons in distress, water problems, smoke & odor problems, animal rescue, public assists, unauthorized burning, fire standby, and other.
- **Good Intent** which includes canceled calls, unable to locate, controlled burning, steam or gas mistaken for smoke, odors & alarms with no spill or leak found, and other.
- **False Alarm & False Call** which includes malicious or mischievous false alarms, bomb scares (no bomb), system malfunctions, unintentional system operations (such as burnt food), and other.
- **Severe Weather & Natural Disaster** which includes earthquakes, flood, wind, lightning (no fire), severe weather standby and other.



TOTAL RESPONSE STATISTICS

TOTAL INCIDENTS 898

NFPA 1720

NFPA 1720 specifies requirements for the effective and efficient organization and deployment of fire suppression operations, emergency medical operations, and special operations to the public by volunteer and combination fire departments.

NFPA 1720 recommends that 10 firefighters arrive on scene within 10 minutes, at least 80% of the time.



7:03

Average Enroute Time
Suppression/EMS crew
(time in minutes)

11:53

Average Response Time
Suppression/EMS crew on scene
(time in minutes)

3:22

Average Enroute Time
Single Person Squad
Chief, Fire Marshal, Duty Officer
(time in minutes)

11:08

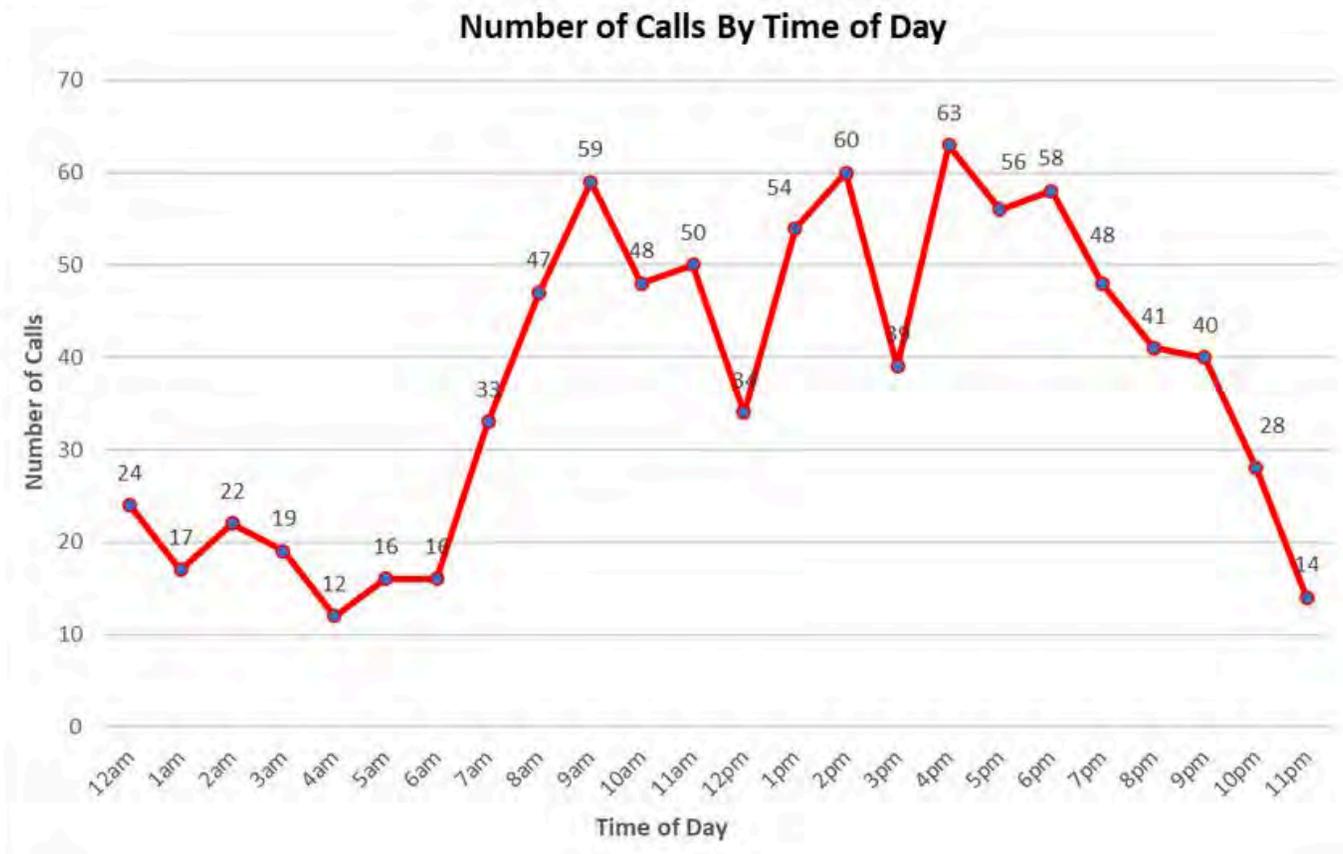
Structure Fire
Average Response Time
First Suppression crew
on scene
(time in minutes)

14.58

Average Number of Personnel
Responding

TOTAL RESPONSE STATISTICS

TOTAL INCIDENTS 898



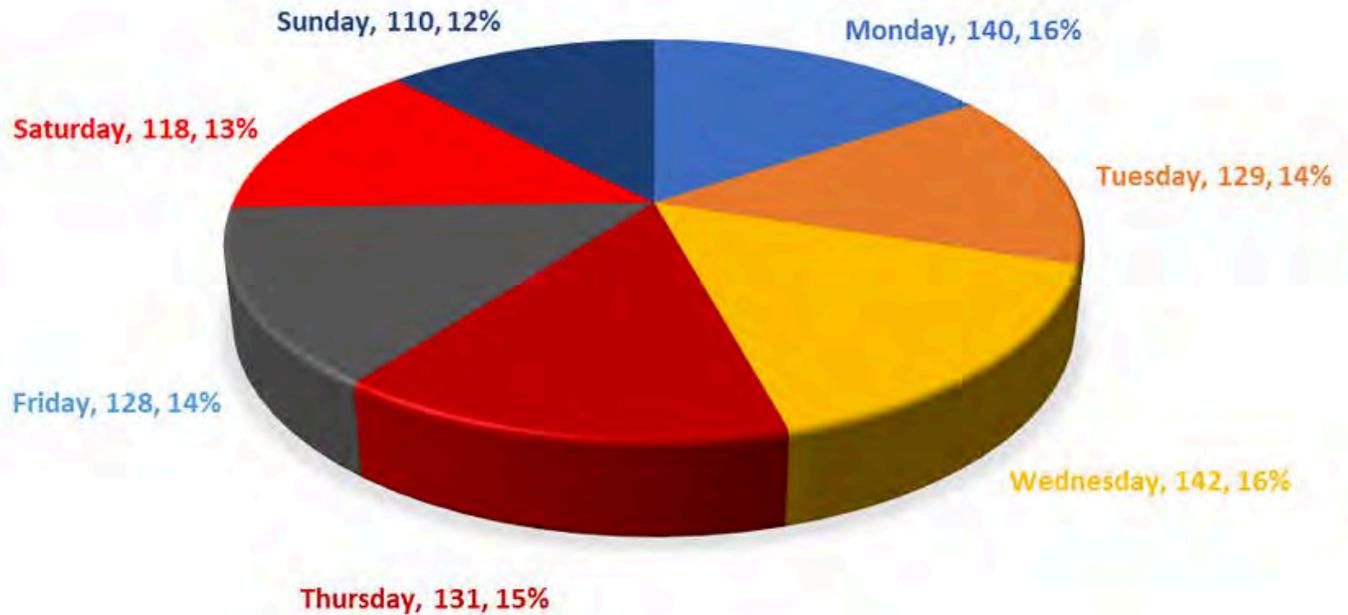
Firefighters respond to a vehicle in a river under a bridge.

Rogers Fire staffs four full-time employees at Station 1; Monday-Friday from 06:00am-5:30pm. In addition to their primary assigned responsibilities, these staff members assist in providing response during critical daytime hours when many paid on-call firefighters are at their full-time jobs.

TOTAL RESPONSE STATISTICS

TOTAL INCIDENTS 898

NUMBER OF CALLS BY DAY OF THE WEEK



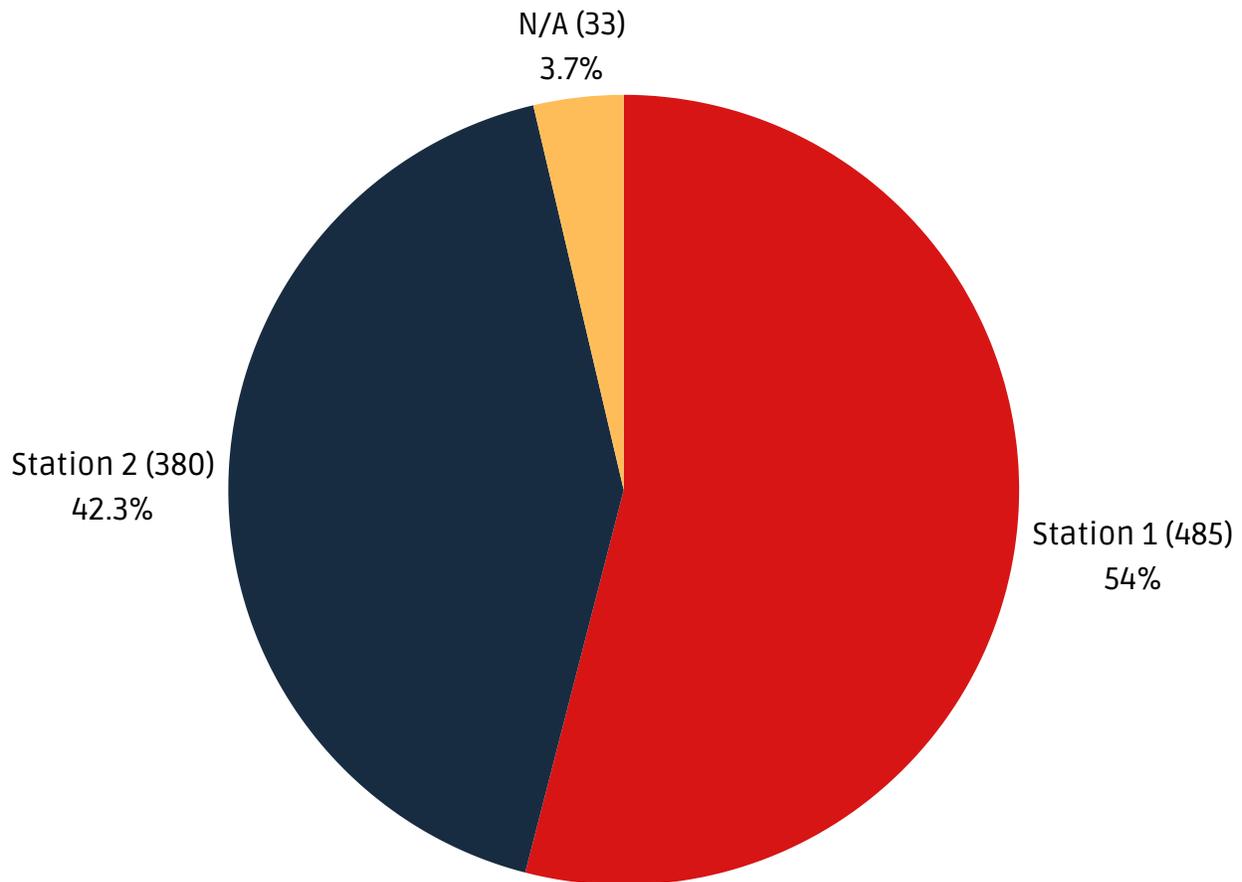
Firefighters extinguish a vehicle fire.



Firefighters extinguish a dumpster fire.

TOTAL RESPONSE STATISTICS

TOTAL INCIDENTS 898



Incidents By Location

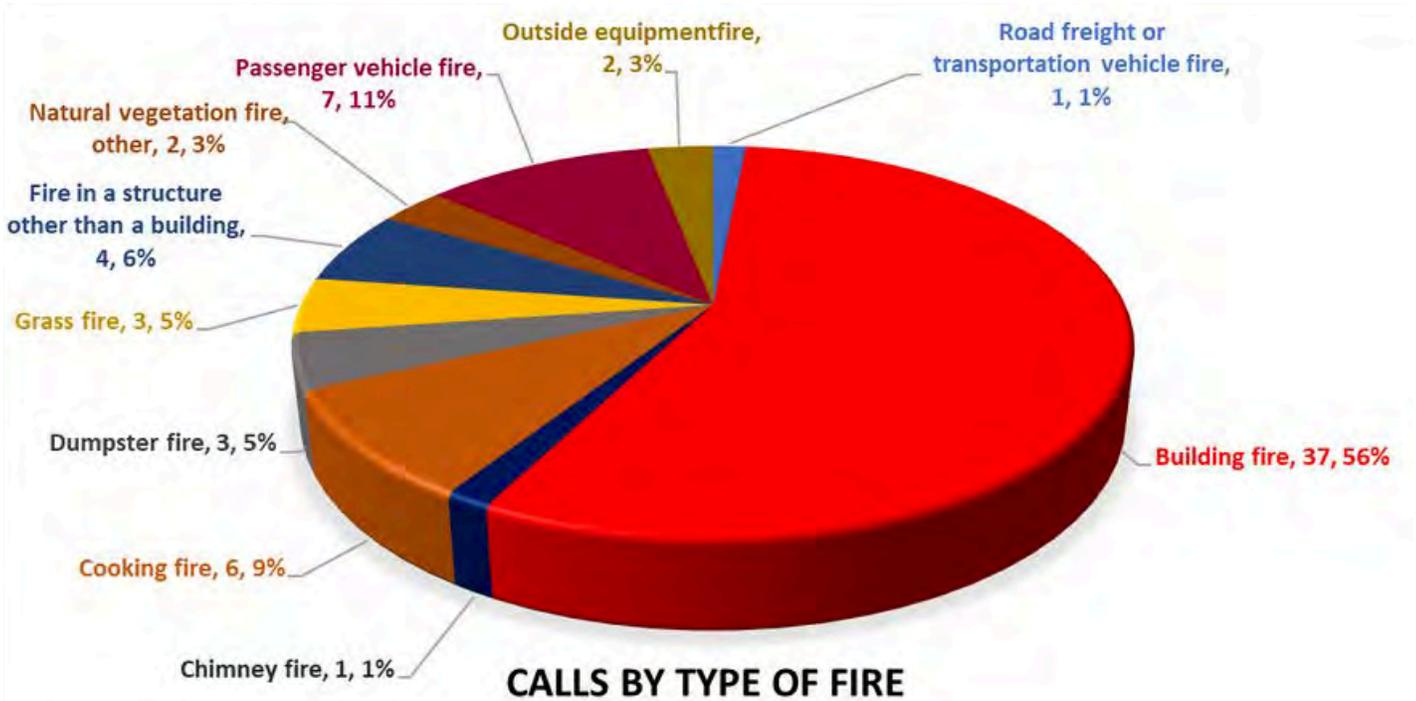
Station 1- Incidents toned for paid-on-call responders to come to the station where the incident address is south of Interstate 94 including Corcoran.

Station 2- Incidents toned for paid-on-call responders to come to the station where the incident address is north of Interstate 94 including Otsego.

N/A-Incidents that were not toned for paid-on-call responders. These incidents include things such as a resident arriving at the fire station seeking help with staff already present, fire calls requesting investigators only, or personnel providing aid on a preplanned EMS standby.

FIRE STATISTICS

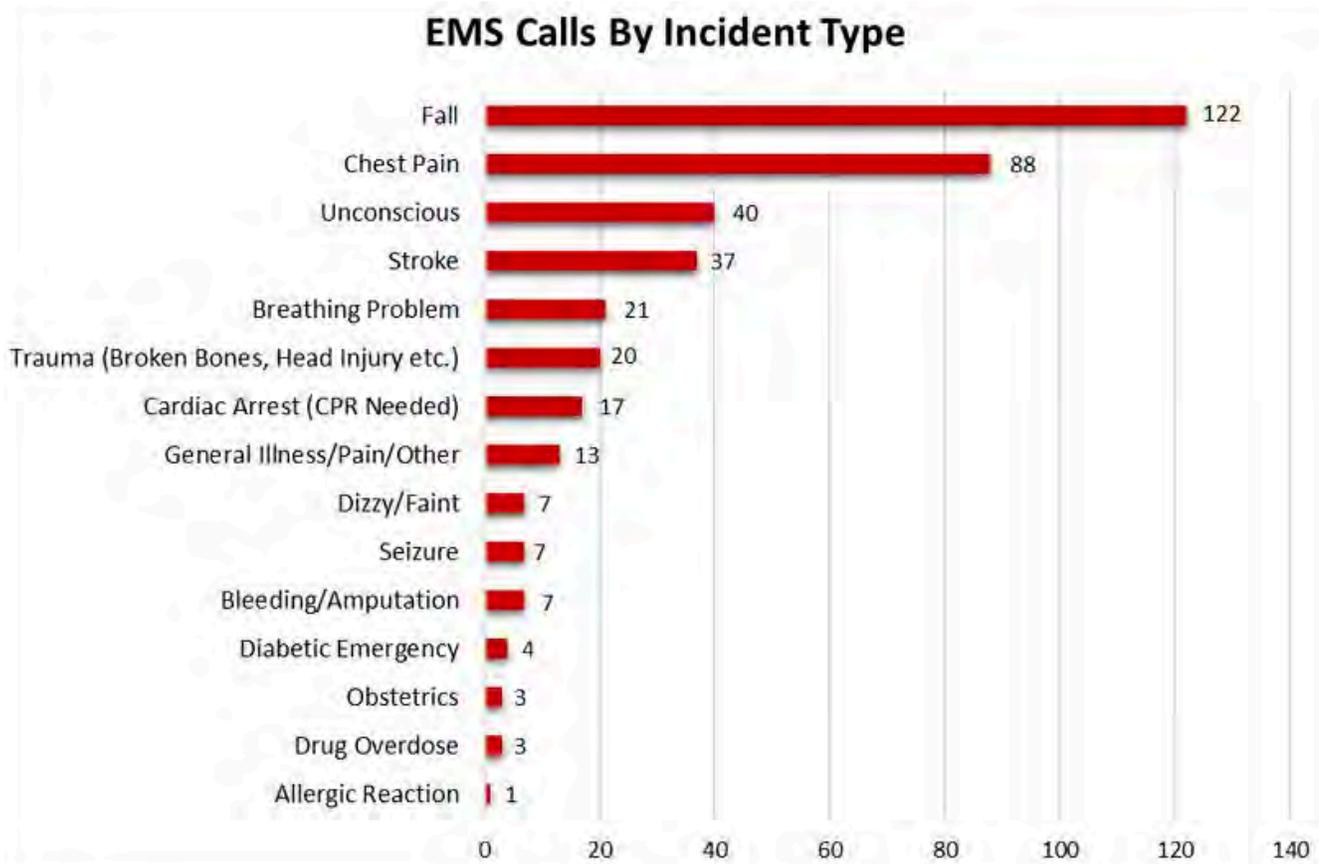
TOTAL INCIDENTS 66



Working fires can be among the most dangerous and potentially costly emergency events encountered by the RFD. Over half of our total fire incidents in 2024 were building fires.



EMS STATISTICS



The Rogers Fire Department responds to medical calls that are considered life threatening/time sensitive. When the need arises, RFD will send firefighters as riders in the ambulance to assist in care during transport.

In the fall of 2024 RFD held in-service training with North Memorial allowing us to obtain additional new variances to further assist our community. These variances include: glucometers, glucose gel, epinephrine autoinjectors & aspirin.



Firefighters train on glucometers.

SPECIAL INCIDENTS



On January 11th, 2024, at 08:49 AM, The Rogers Fire Department, Rogers Police Department, and North Memorial Ambulance were dispatched to the report of an individual who had been electrocuted by a high-voltage transmission line in a cherry picker-style lift. The party was reportedly still stuck in the lift, which would not lower. Due to these circumstances, the aerial apparatus was requested immediately to the scene. Upon arrival, a cherry picker-type lift was found extended about 25' in the air, in contact with a high-voltage line. The power line was intermittently catching fire. Two people were in the bucket, one who was not injured and the other lying on the floor of the lift bucket in severe pain, with unknown medical and trauma issues. Responders were told he was in and out of consciousness.

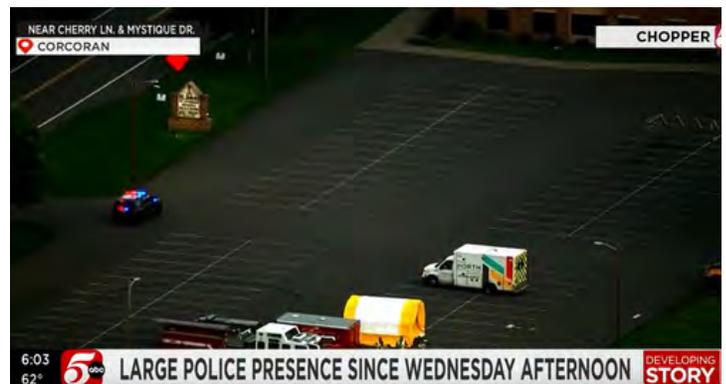
Thankfully, an Xcel lineman was in the area and arrived quickly. He attempted to trip the fuse to that line, used his bucket to get above it, and pulled it away from the boom lift. The lineman could not confirm if power was killed but moved the line about 5-7' away from the struck lift. A utility bucket truck was requested from public works; unfortunately, it was unavailable due to the power outage in the area.

The decision was made to ready the aerial apparatus to affect the patient's rescue. Once Xcel gave the okay. Fire Logistics Technician Jeff Ende was assigned to operate the controls of the aerial apparatus, Chief Farrens operated as the ground safety, and Lieutenant Joel Ende and Firefighter Eric Smith went into the Aerial bucket to make the rescue despite the hazards that still existed.

SPECIAL INCIDENTS



On June 5, 2024 The Rogers Fire Department responded to an assist request in Corcoran where the LSU and an engine were provided to a staging area for 15 hours during a police stand off with a barricaded suspect.



RESPONSE STATISTICS-ROGERS

TOTAL INCIDENTS 630



6:59

Average Enroute Time
Suppression/EMS crew
(time in minutes)

11:00

Average Response Time
Suppression/EMS crew on scene
(time in minutes)

3:24

Average Enroute Time
Single Person Squad
Chief, Fire Marshal, Duty Officer
(time in minutes)

8:26

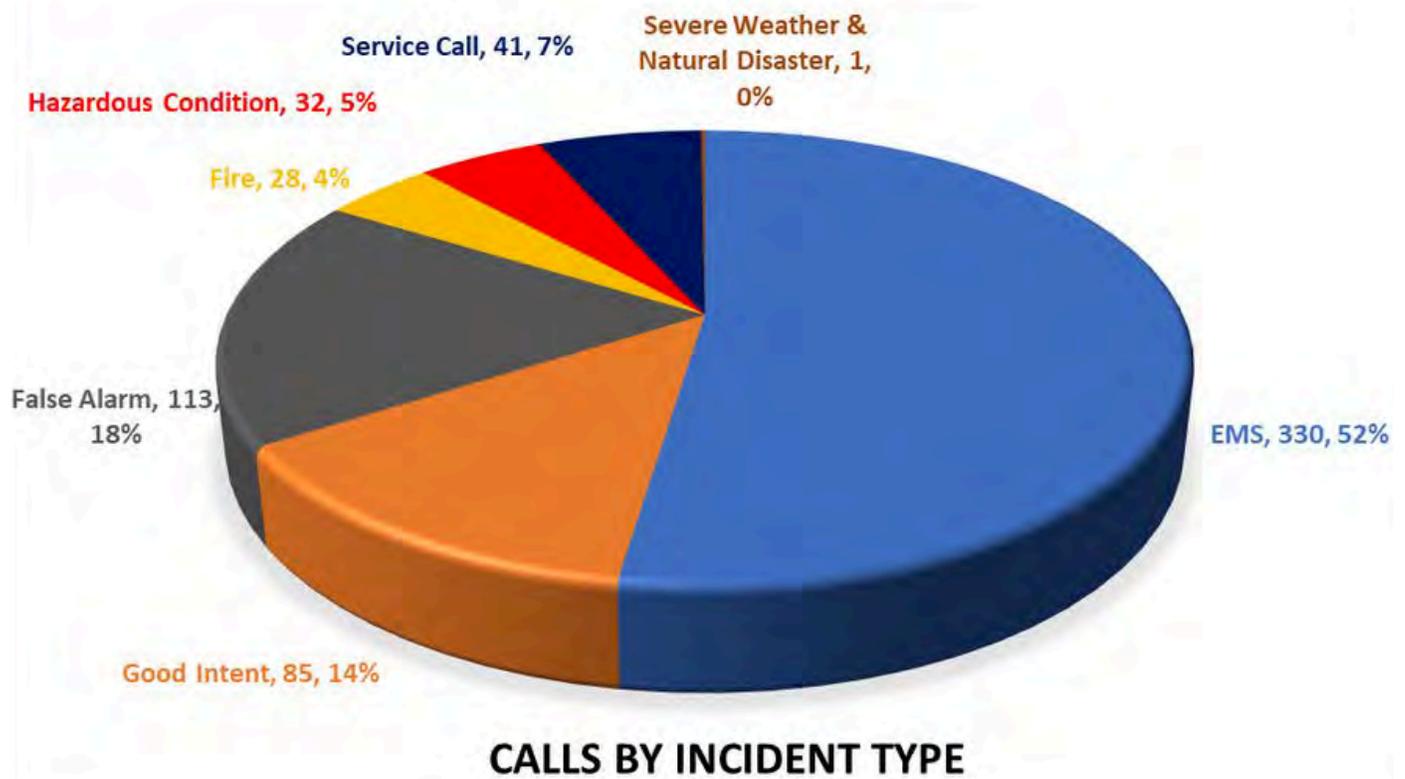
Structure Fire
Average Response Time
First Suppression crew
on scene
(time in minutes)

14.71

Average Number of Personnel
Responding

RESPONSE STATISTICS-ROGERS

TOTAL INCIDENTS 630



Firefighters extinguish a vehicle fire on I-94.



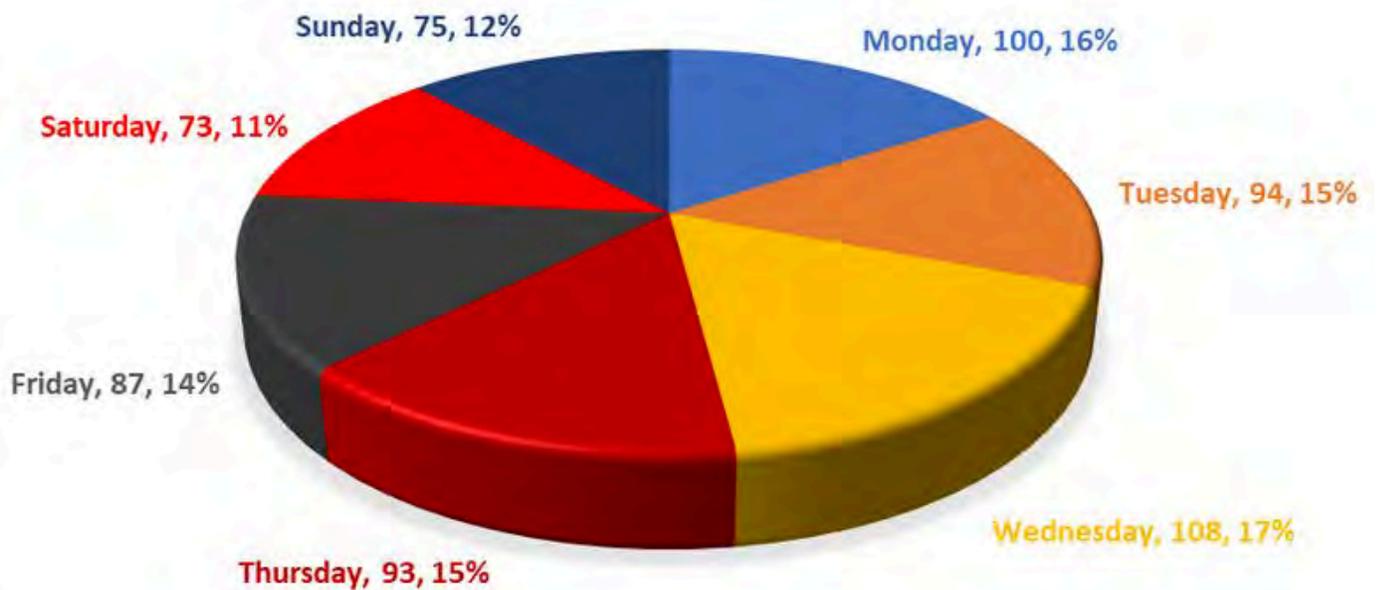
Firefighters extinguish a grass fire.

RESPONSE STATISTICS-ROGERS

TOTAL INCIDENTS 630



NUMBER OF CALLS BY DAY OF THE WEEK



RESPONSE STATISTICS-CORCORAN ONLY

TOTAL INCIDENTS 156



7:16

Average Enroute Time
Suppression/EMS crew
(time in minutes)

14:38

Average Response Time
Suppression/EMS crew on scene
(time in minutes)

3:09

Average Enroute Time
Single Person Squad
Chief, Fire Marshal, Duty Officer
(time in minutes)

10:31

Structure Fire
Average Response Time
First Suppression crew
on scene
(time in minutes)

14.41

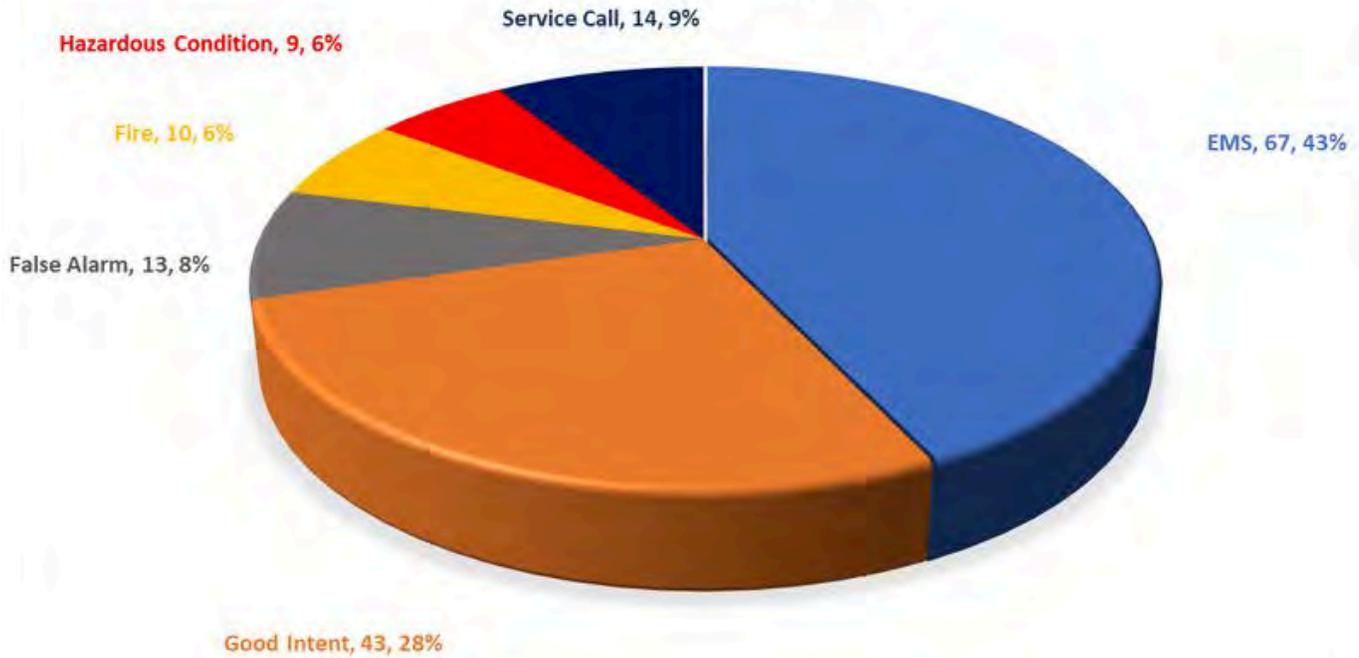
Average Number of Personnel
Responding

RESPONSE STATISTICS-CORCORAN ONLY

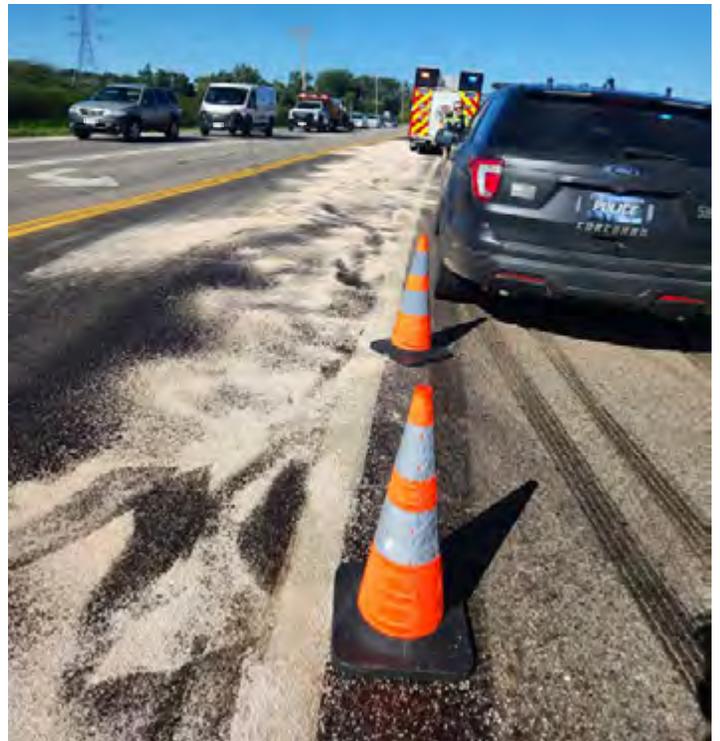
TOTAL INCIDENTS 156

Corcoran Rogers	148
Corcoran-Hanover	2
Corcoran-West Suburban	6

CALLS BY INCIDENT TYPE



Firefighters respond to a vehicle accident.

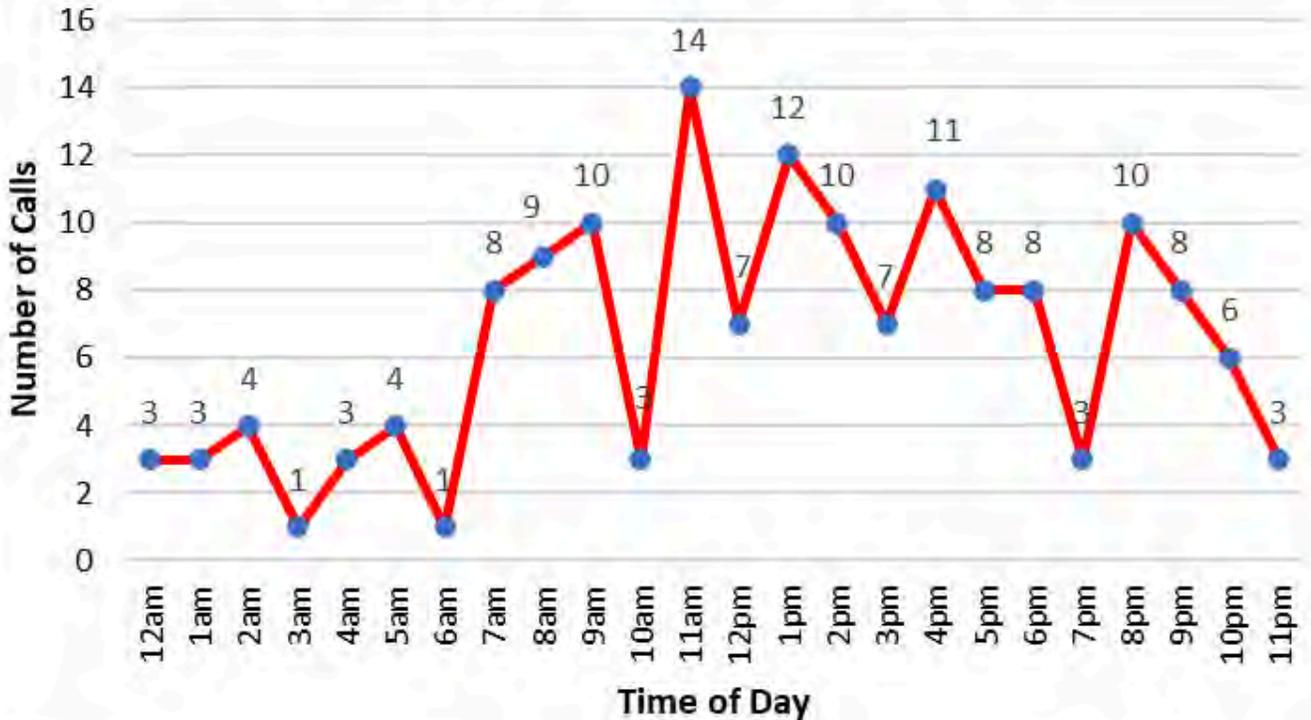


Firefighters respond to a spill.

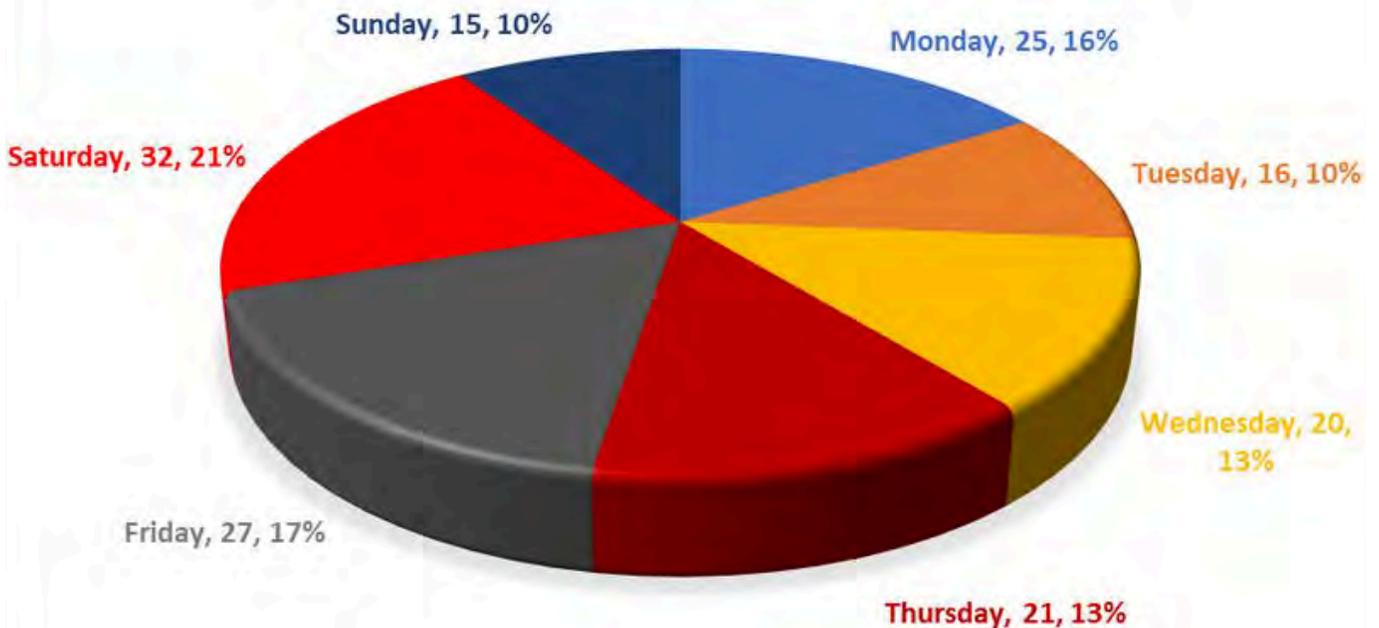
RESPONSE STATISTICS-CORCORAN ONLY

TOTAL INCIDENTS 156

Number of Calls By Time of Day



NUMBER OF CALLS BY DAY OF THE WEEK



RESPONSE STATISTICS-OTSEGO ONLY

TOTAL INCIDENTS 89

7:07

Average Enroute Time
Suppression/EMS crew
(time in minutes)

2:53

Average Enroute Time
Single Person Squad
Chief, Fire Marshal, Duty Officer
(time in minutes)

14.35

Average Number of Personnel
Responding

10:36

Structure Fire
Average Response Time
First Suppression crew
on scene
(time in minutes)

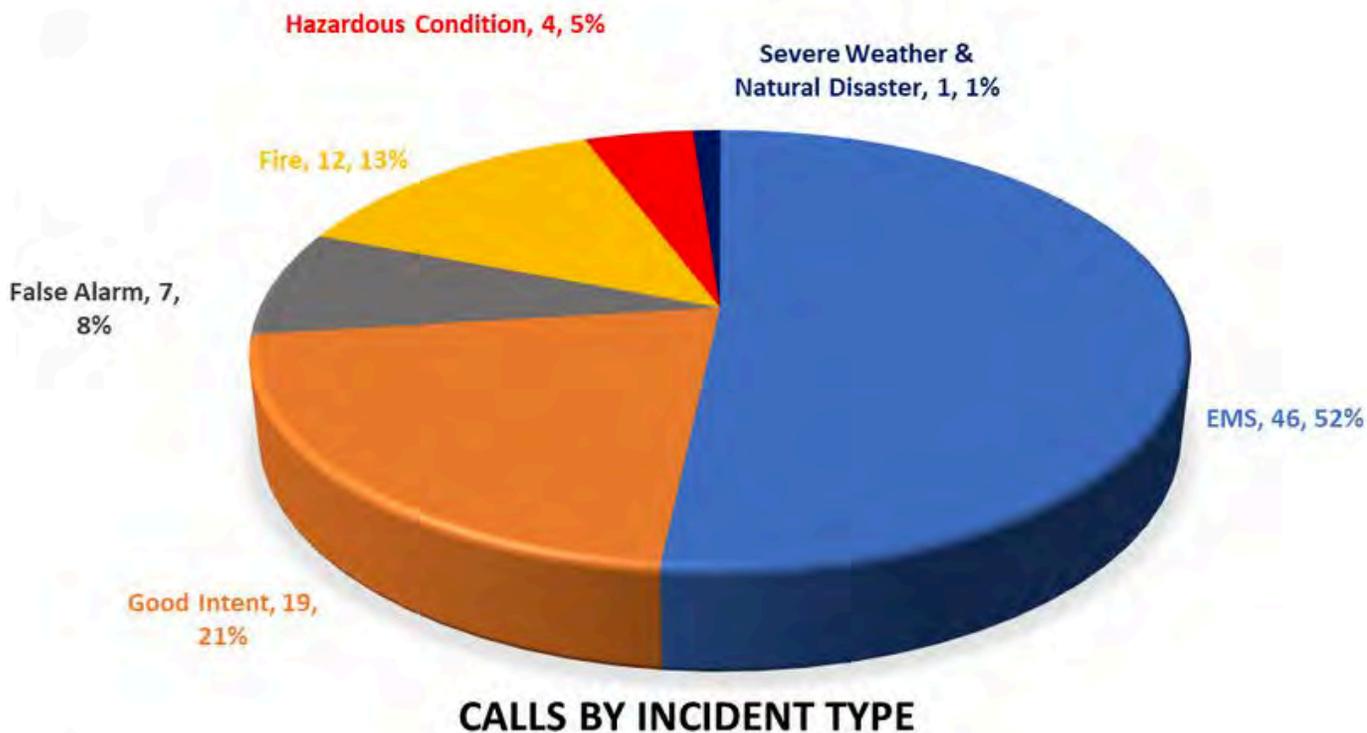
13:20

Average Response Time
Suppression/EMS crew on scene
(time in minutes)

RESPONSE STATISTICS-OTSEGO ONLY

TOTAL INCIDENTS 89

Otsego-Rogers	75
Otsego-Elk River	11
Otsego-Alberville	3



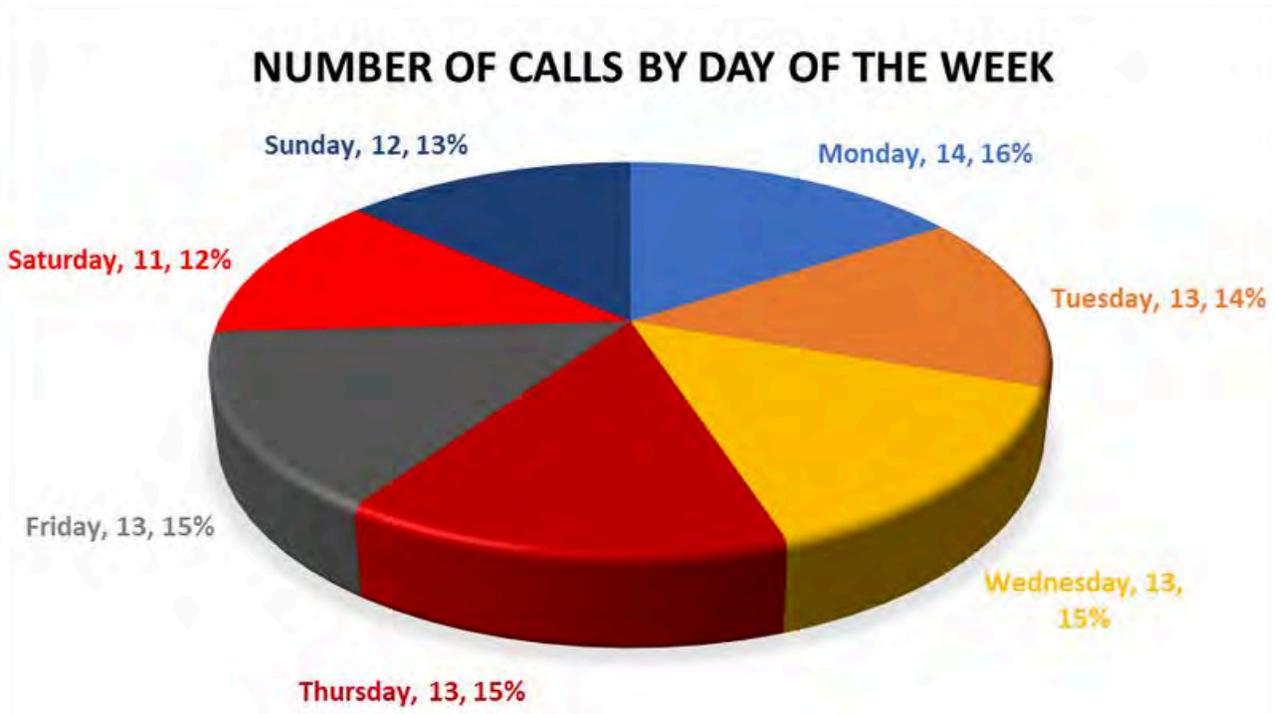
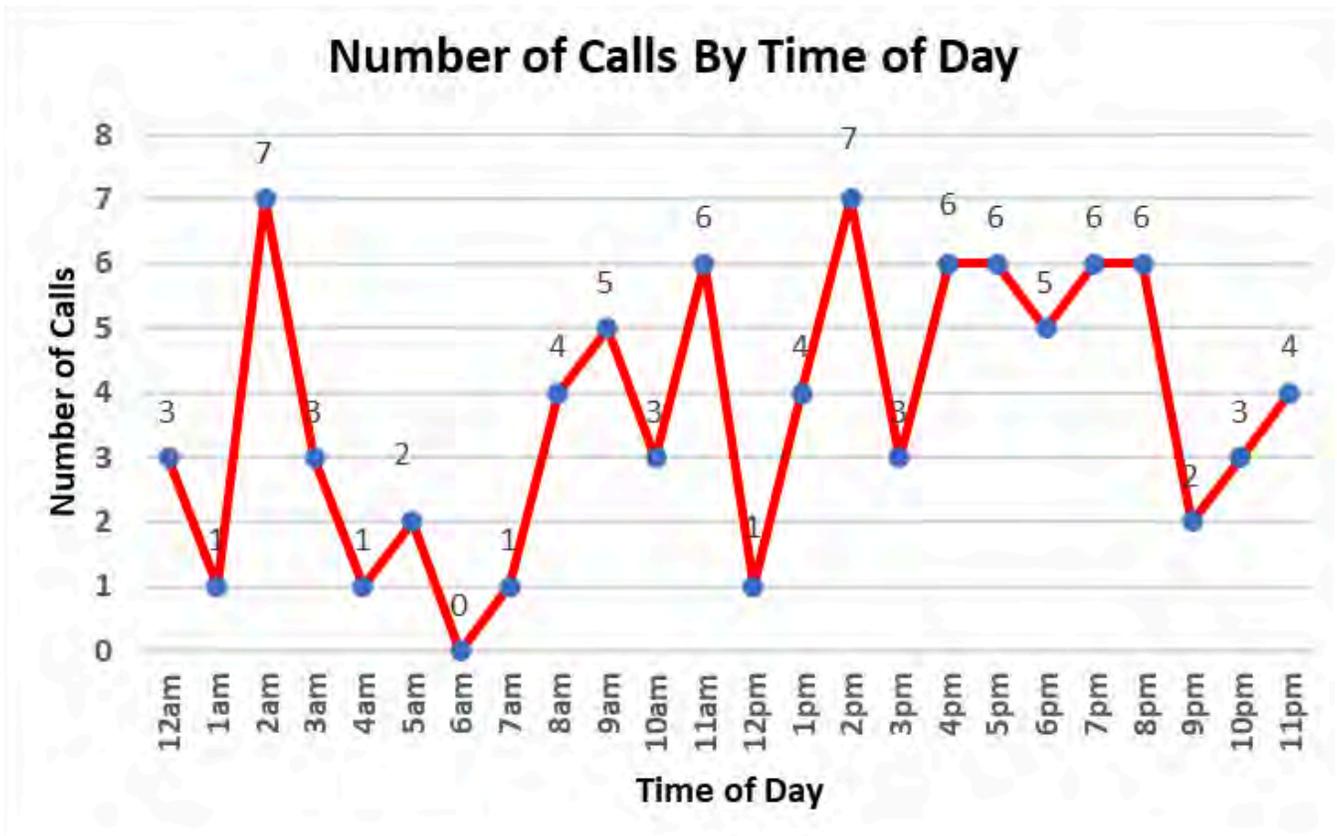
Firefighters extinguish a structure fire.



Firefighters ventilate a home at a carbon monoxide incident.

RESPONSE STATISTICS-OTSEGO ONLY

TOTAL INCIDENTS 89



RESPONSE STATISTICS-MUTUAL AID

TOTAL INCIDENTS 45



7:43

Average Enroute Time
Suppression/EMS crew
enroute
in minutes:

13.87

Average number of personnel
responding

45

Number of calls to aid
surrounding area partners

RESPONSE STATISTICS-MUTUAL AID

4

Numbers of calls for the LSU

35

Number of calls for Apparatus

0

Number of calls for both LSU & Apparatus

6

Number of calls for investigation



Firefighters respond to a mutual aid fire with several vehicles involved



Mutual aid partners assist RFD in a tanker operation bringing large amounts of water to a fire scene.

RFD was called to aid surrounding area in 2024.

These cities include:

Corcoran (Hanover)

Corcoran (West Suburban)

Otsego (Elk River)

Otsego (Albertville)

Elk River

Maple Grove

Brooklyn Center

New Hope

Medina

Dayton

St. Michael

Crystal

Robbinsdale

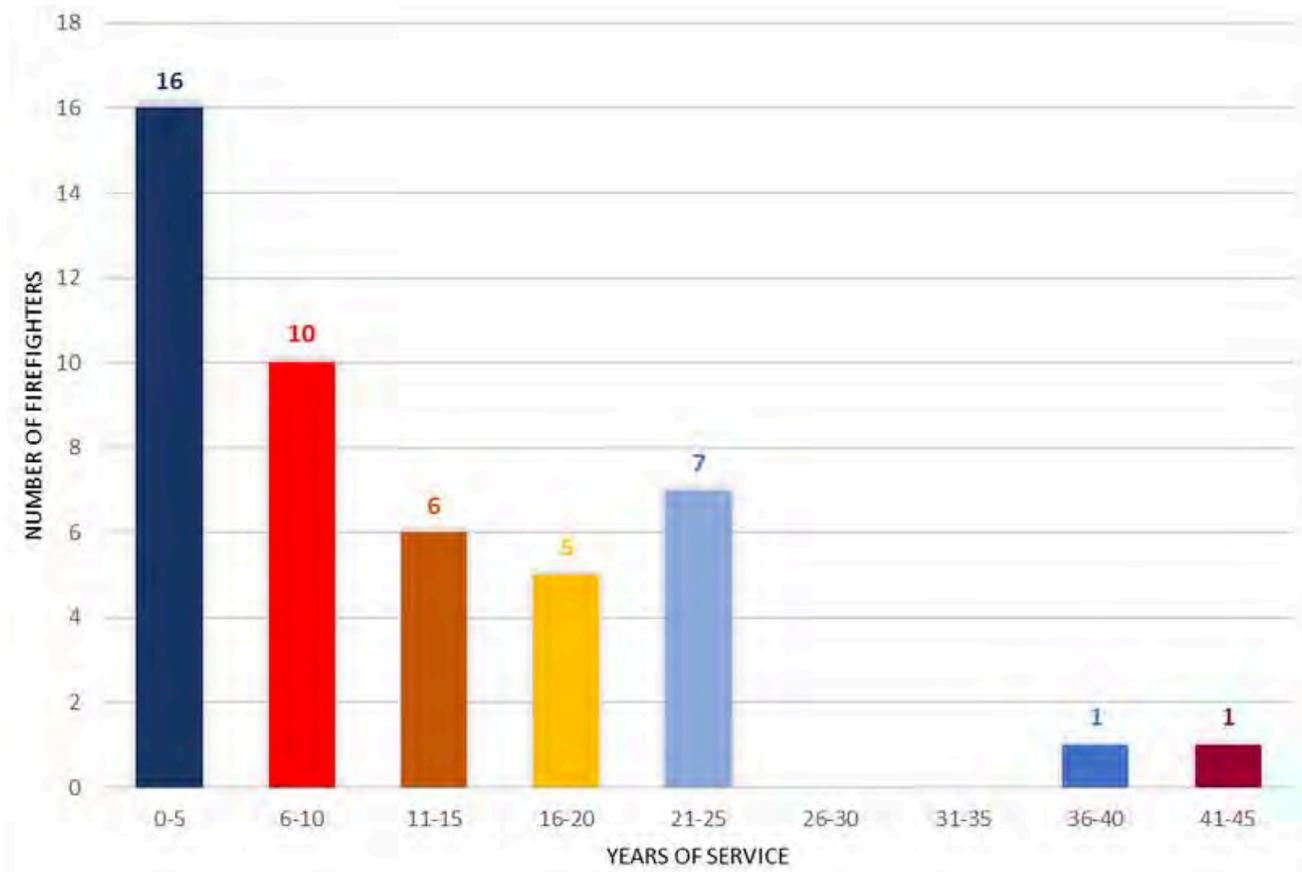
Wayzata

Brooklyn Park

Firefighter Years of Service

Rogers firefighters can retire from the Rogers Fire Relief Association under the following vesting guidelines:

- 50% vested at 10 years of service
- 100% vested at 20 years of service

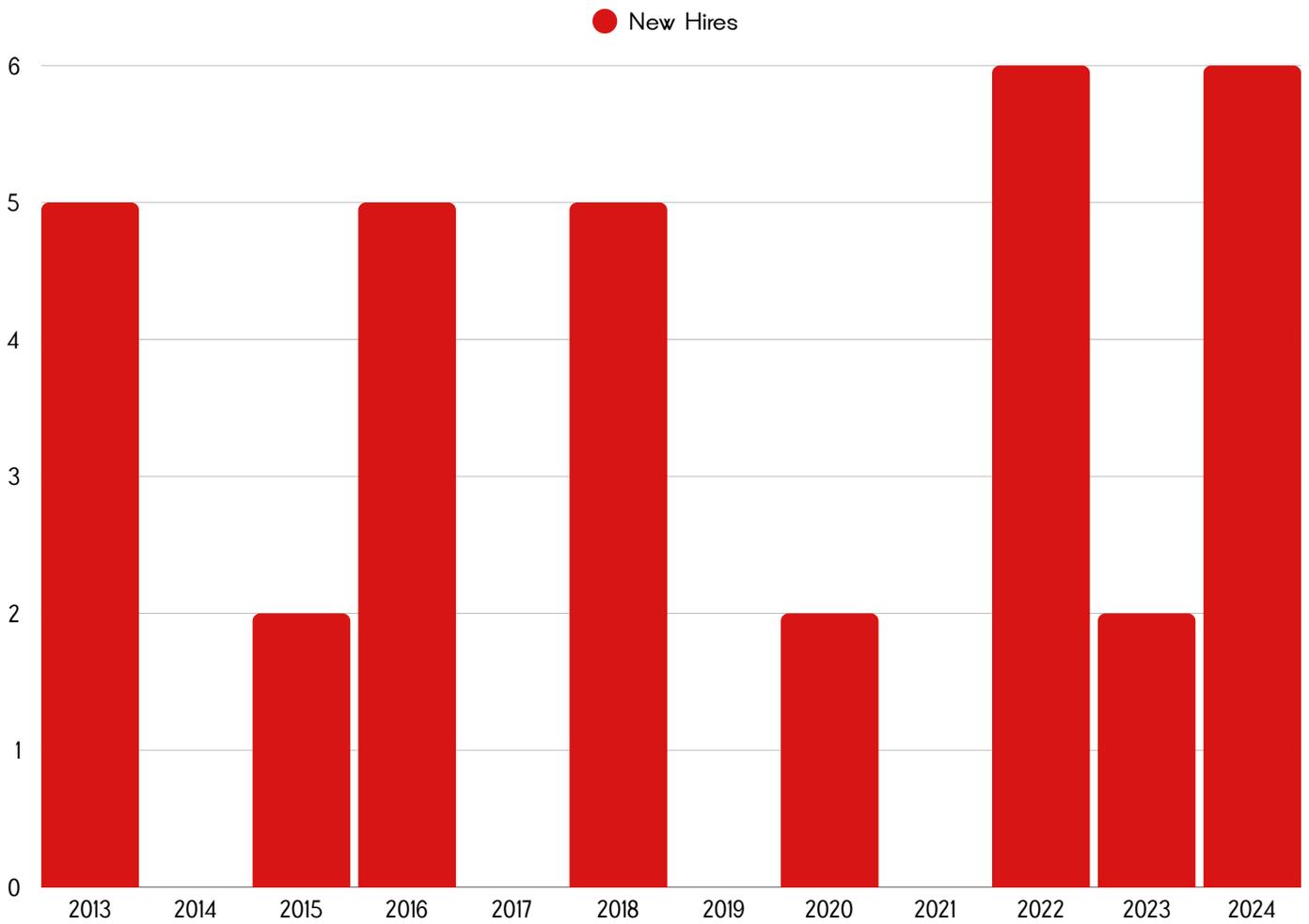


22% of RFD firefighters are eligible to retire today fully vested.

27% of RFD firefighters are eligible to retire today partially vested.

Years of serviced based on 12-31-24

NEW HIRES 2013-2024



Two new Rogers firefighters attend Fire Apparatus Operator class in Maple Grove.

OATHS OF OFFICE



Lieutenant Ryon Morgando (left), promoted to Captain. Firefighter Brian Willigalle (right) promoted to Lieutenant.



Jason Albers hired as the Deputy Fire Marshal



As described by the Minnesota Fire Service Ceremonies & Protocols Guidebook, “the oath is a promise to faithfully discharge the duties of the office to the best of the person’s abilities and to support the constitutions of the United States and Minnesota. The role of firefighter comes with a high level of responsibility to the public and inures to the firefighter a high level of public trust.” Part of taking “your oath” with the Rogers Fire Department means being presented to our city officials and the community at a Rogers city council meeting, and having your badge pinned on you by your family.

RETIREMENTS



Stacy Scharber, EMR
20 years of service



Ryon Morgando, Captain
9 years 6 months of service



Gerald Castanon, Firefighter
6 years 10 months of service

ROGERS FIRE DEPARTMENT FULL-TIME STAFF



Patrick Farrens Jr.
Fire Chief



Jason Albers
Deputy Fire Marshal



Jeff Ende
Fire Logistics Technician



Ashley Hagen
Admin/Firefighter

The Rogers Fire Department is supported by three full-time staff members who operate under the full-time Fire Chief. They are often the first point of contact for the public and assist all fire department staff in maintaining an effective communication flow. All full-time staff serve as responders for EMS and fire emergencies.

Jason Albers manages the fire construction permit application and tracking software, assists the public and contractors in completing forms and applications, completes fire inspections and plan reviews, as well as investigations, prevention, and public education.

Jeff Ende performs and schedules maintenance of facilities and equipment, calibrates equipment, and facilitates the day to day operational needs of the RFD.

Ashley Hagen oversees firefighter payroll, percentages, completes data entry into fire records management systems, maintains confidential personnel files, and assists in recruitment and onboarding processes.

ROGERS FIRE DEPARTMENT PART-TIME RESPONDERS



Mike Sable
Firefighter

Firefighter/EMR Mike Sable serves full-time as the City of Rogers Street/Stormwater Supervisor. In times of need during the day Mike assists the Rogers Fire Department in call response to fire and EMS emergencies.

ROGERS FIRE DEPARTMENT STATION 1- (21) PAID ON-CALL



Top Row-left to right

Assistant Chief Chad Krumwiede, Captain Toby Heinz, Captain Josh Bebeau, Lieutenant Aaron Ende, Lieutenant Joel Ende

2nd Row- left to right

Firefighter Mike Lerol, Firefighter Mike Parker, Firefighter Keith Diers, Firefighter Sandy Kennedy, Firefighter Shawn Silbaugh, Firefighter Scot Rohwer

3rd Row- left to right

Firefighter James Brennan, Firefighter Greg Mork, Firefighter Mike Iwanok, Firefighter Roger Sabot, Firefighter Luke Meier, Firefighter Kaari Grandlund

Bottom Row- left to right

Firefighter Eric Smith, Firefighter Sam Sherod, Firefighter Terrance Reeves-Chong, Firefighter Jake Palmer

ROGERS FIRE DEPARTMENT STATION 2- (21) PAID ON-CALL



Top Row-left to right

Assistant Chief Chris Dunleavy, Captain Dan Scharber, Captain Wally Knapp, Lieutenant Ryon Morgando,
Lieutenant Chad Mueller

2nd Row- left to right

Firefighter Brandon Shaw, Firefighter Martin Clements, Firefighter Larry Hudson, Firefighter Brian
Willegalle, Firefighter Matthew Kro, Firefighter Mike Scharber

3rd Row- left to right

Firefighter Mike Hoffman, Firefighter Wes Gedatus, Firefighter Gerald Castanon, Firefighter Kurt
VonRueden, Firefighter Kyler Grandlund, Firefighter Tim Olson

Bottom Row- left to right

Firefighter Carlynne Folkestad Blake, Firefighter Mara Beach, Firefighter Sam Carlson,
Firefighter Brad Skomra

ROGERS FIRE DEPARTMENT STATIONS



Fire Station 1
21201 Memorial Drive
Rogers, MN 55374



Fire Station 2
(Retired Fall 2024)
22350 S Diamond Lake Rd.
Rogers, MN 55374



Fire Station 2
(Opened Fall 2024)
14125 Northdale Blvd.
Rogers, MN 55374

ROGERS FIRE DEPARTMENT NEW STATION 2



Rendering



Lot



*Ground
Breaking*



02.22.24

ROGERS FIRE DEPARTMENT NEW STATION 2



03.08.24



04.13.24



05.24.24



06.29.24

ROGERS FIRE DEPARTMENT NEW STATION 2



07.20.24



09.26.24



10.30.24



Station 2
Grand Opening

ROGERS FIRE DEPARTMENT NEW FIREFIGHTER TRAINING

New Firefighter Training & Development

Three new recruits were hired in January 2024 and another three new recruits in September 2024.

New fire recruits undergo an extensive training process over the course of their first two years in the fire service. Often, these training schedules require the new firefighter to attend class twice per week in 4-hour blocks as they work toward achieving their certifications.



Fire Apparatus Operator Training



Firefighter 1 Live Burn

Training Hours

Fire Academy:

Firefighter I (108 hours)
Firefighter II (56 hours)
Hazardous Materials Operations
(44 hours)

Other:

EMR (40 hours) or EMT (120 hours)
Fire Apparatus Operator (40 hours)



*BLEVE- boiling liquid expanding vapor
explosion training*

ROGERS FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRE ACADEMY GRADUATION

Fire Academy Graduation

Two recruits were hired in January 2024 and completed the fire academy allowing Rogers Fire to not only participate in their first full-scale fire academy graduation but host it as well. We had the privilege of hosting the 2024 Northwest Suburban Fire Academy at the Event Center in Rogers, where roughly 100 individuals welcomed thirteen new members into the fire service, including the two new members of the Rogers Fire Department.

The Minnesota Fallen Firefighters Memorial Association provided the honor guard for the event, and Minnesota State Fire Marshal, Dan Krier attended as our key note speaker.



Presentation of Colors



State Fire Marshal, Dan Krier



New Firefighter Carlynne Folkestad Blake



New Firefighter Jake Palmer

ROGERS FIRE DEPARTMENT TRAINING

Department Training

It is the goal of the RFD to provide a safe, comprehensive training program to all personnel, to increase the overall effectiveness of the organization, and meet regulatory requirements. We are committed to providing training to develop skills that meet the mission of RFD. Training for firefighters in the State of Minnesota is required by both federal Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA) rules and state law, based on standards set at the national level by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), and the international level by The Pro Board and the International Fire Service Accreditation Council (IFSAC). The Minnesota Board of Firefighter Training and Education (MBFTE) and the Minnesota Fire Service Certification Board (MFSCB) govern training, licensing, and certification in the State of Minnesota by state statute.

Firefighter state licensing and certification includes a three-year cycle of required continuing education and training. The Minnesota Board of Firefighter Training and Education, and Minnesota OSHA standards outline 11 core elements for firefighter training. These play a key role in designing training drills for firefighters that are intended to meet the three-year 72-hour continuing education units (CEU) requirements.

The development of the training plan is the responsibility of the Fire Chief, with support from the Fire Officers. They also have the responsibility of structuring training events and planning the training schedule. Firefighters need to train together to improve the team. In 2024, firefighters at all ranks logged a combined 4,625.25 hours of training and education.

Fire officer development

Officer development incorporates the primary components of incident command and personnel management. Routine development is provided to current officers through monthly officer meetings. These meetings reinforce policy knowledge and applicability, tasks assigned to officers, administrative procedures, and general updates.

Firefighter development

RFD intends to ensure that all personnel, regardless of rank, have access to developmental training to assist in department succession plans. Firefighters that have an interest in additional certification or training required for promotion can work with officers to form a pathway to promotion.

Courses attended in 2024 as part of firefighter development:

- Fire Officer I
- Fire Officer II
- Fire Instructor I
- Fire Instructor II
- Fire Investigator
- Blue Card Command
- Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)

ROGERS FIRE DEPARTMENT TRAINING

Part of firefighter development is sharing the knowledge we acquire. The RFD training program encourages members to assist with in-house department level training in areas they have advanced skill sets.

Above and beyond this opportunity, RFD members who have successfully achieved the certification Fire Instructor I (or above) have met the NFPA 1041 standard for fire and emergency services instructor professional qualifications. RFD members who have achieved this level of firefighter development have been given the opportunity to instruct outside of the department with the Northwest Suburban Fire Academy and other organizations.



Chief Farrens instructs a Fire Alarm and Sprinkler Systems class



FF Willegalle, Lt. Morgando, Admin/FF Hagen, and Lt. Mueller assist in instructing a live burn for the fire academy



Fire Logistics Technician Ende instructs an SCBA maintenance & use station at a department drill.



Captain Scharber instructs roof operations as part of an Officer led optional training night.

ROGERS FIRE DEPARTMENT TRAINING



Point of No Return Training.



Firefighters practice obtaining vitals on a dog during Basic Animal Rescue Training.



Firefighters practice CPR during EMS training.



Pump Training.

ROGERS FIRE DEPARTMENT TRAINING



Stretching The Line Training.



Large Animal Rescue Training.



Optional Training Night.



Survivability Profiles & Targeted Search.

ROGERS FIRE DEPARTMENT LARGE SCALE TRAINING

The Rogers Fire Department along with Dayton and West Suburban Fire Departments completed regional response training alongside a number of police agencies. The fire departments' main objective was to operate as a triage rescue team, which provided care to injured patients in a timely manner and evacuated them to a casualty collection point. The fire department also embedded into a unified command structure with police and EMS, and in most scenarios would assist/control staging operations. This training was a large collaborative effort.

The Rogers Fire Department, along with Minnesota Homeland Security and Emergency Management, North Memorial Health, Hennepin County Emergency Management and numerous fire departments from across Hennepin county participated in a drill exercising capabilities for a reunification center, if a radiological emergency were to occur. The Rogers Fire Department operated as Incident command for this exercise.



Firefighters tend to a victim (actor) during a joint agency active shooter training.



Firefighters practice incident command at a REP-Radiological Emergency Preparedness joint agency training.

FIRE STATIONS, APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT

Logistics Technician

In 2024, FLT Ende coordinated the maintenance of fire apparatus, equipment, and facilities. He played a key role in making sure things “got fixed” and projects moved forward.

Fire apparatus maintenance is coordinated by the Fire Logistics Technician, in conjunction with Rogers fleet maintenance. Most fire truck repair work is completed by outside vendors but can take a great deal of management by the Fire Department staff to stay ahead of issues. The preventive maintenance program is robust and made with considerable effort to ensure all units remain in service, disruptions are kept to a minimum, and meet NFPA Standard 1911.



A vendor performs pump testing on the apparatus.



A vendor assists with a repair needed on Engine 22.

Annual Testing

Annual testing of equipment included ladders, SCBA, pump and hose testing, and vehicle preventive maintenance.

Building Updates

Building updates to Station 1 included: New exterior doors, access keypads, additional cameras, replacement lockers, & a stackable washer dryer.

FIRE STATIONS, APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT

Funding

The state of MN provided cities with a grant in 2024 to help support public safety agencies. All of the equipment below was replaced or added to provide better service with those funds without impacting the levy.

Equipment Updates

2024 equipment updates included; budgeted, donated, and public safety funded items.



Firefighters complete implementation training on the new nozzles.

Public Safety Funded

- Nozzles
- Hose
- Medical Bags
- Portable Foam System
- Rescue Rope
- Mountain Mister
- Mule Rescue Wheel
- Stand Pipe Kit
- CAF System
- Rescue Manikins
- Rescue Rigging
- Electric Vehicle Nozzles
- Electric Vehicle Auto Extrication Kit
- Cutter, Ram, & Spreader
- Electric Fans
- Forcible Entry Tool
- Forcible Entry Door Prop
- Window Simulator
- Hose Bridge
- Hi-Jack Lift System
- NY Hooks
- Ring Cutters
- Ladder/Escape Belts
- Portable Foam System

Budgeted

- Gear Dryer
- Hose Storage Racks
- Safety Cones
- Man vs. Machine Tool Kit
- Hose Washer
- Hose Trays
- Active Shooter Bags
- Emergency Leak Plugs
- CO Detectors



Firefighters complete implementation training on the new inflatable rescue boat.

Donated

- Inflatable Rescue Boat
- Pallets of water
- Stuffed Teddy Bears



Firefighters complete implementation training on the new inflatable rescue airbags.

FIRE STATIONS, APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT



FLT Ende puts together a new hose rack. Proper storage can help decrease wear and tear on valuable equipment.



A gear dryer was purchased decrease the amount of time a firefighter is "out of service" with wet gear after performing necessary washing following a fire.



Firefighters complete implementation training with "the turtle" a device for fighting electric vehicle fires.



Firefighter uses the new "Pro/Pak" portable foam injection and application system on a scene.

FIRE INSPECTION/PLAN REVIEW

Fire Code

Chief Farrens serves as the chair for the MN State Fire Chiefs Association, code committee. During 2024 Chief Farrens coordinated the systematic review of the soon to be adopted 2024 IFC.

Plan Review

In 2024, 208 fire permits were issued with plan reviews tied to all 208. An additional 96 commercial building plan reviews were conducted to ensure compliance with fire department operations and state fire code.

New construction/permit inspections

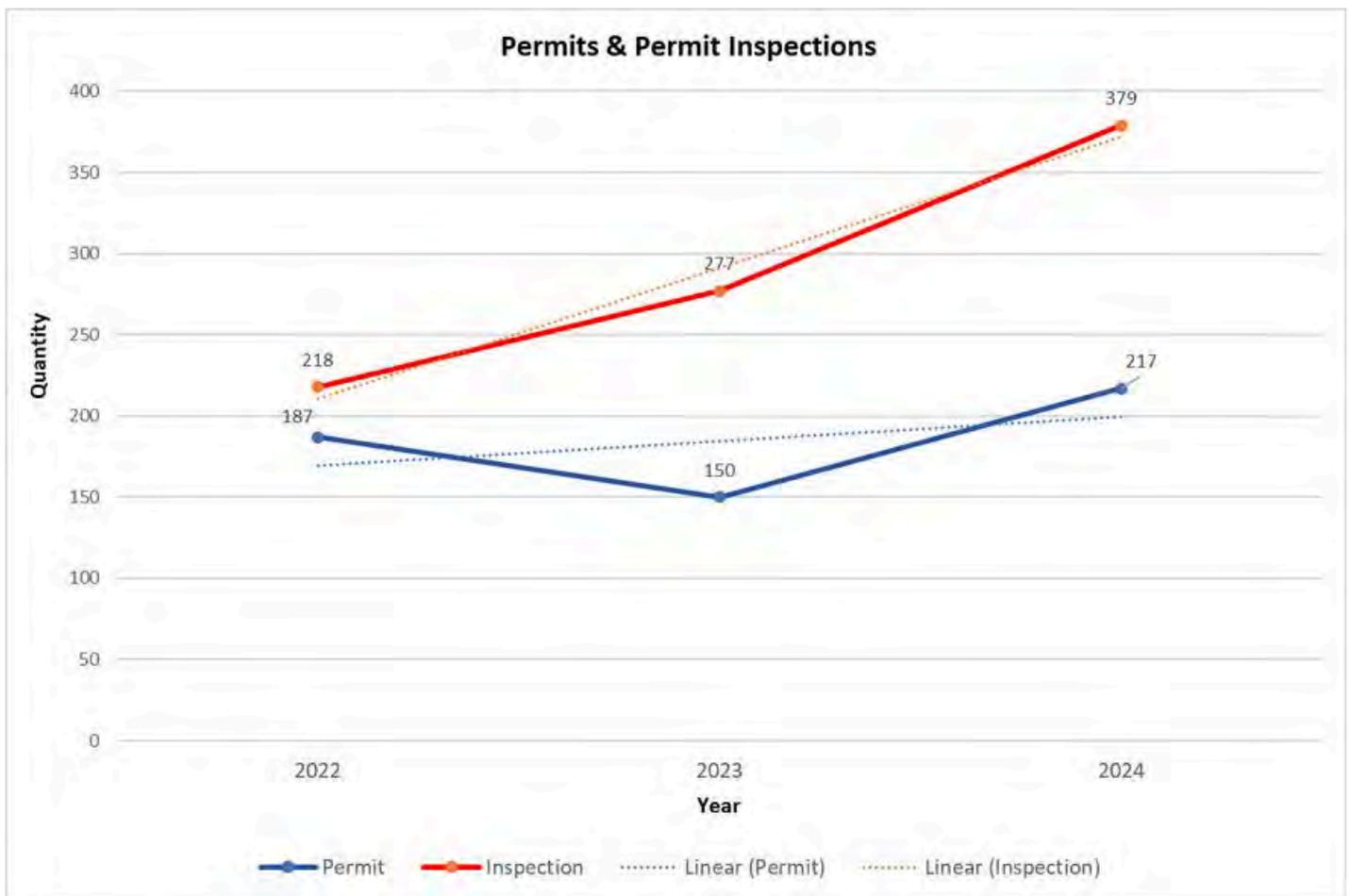
379 inspections relating to fire permits issued were conducted in 2024. These inspections ensure that systems are installed properly and match the approved plan so they function as designed. Proper plan reviews and inspections ensure fewer false alarms and system failures in the future and ensure a safe environment for employees and the public.

Permit Type	2022		2023		2024	
	Permits	Inspections	Permits	Inspections	Permits	Inspections
Fire Sprinkler	124	218	102	277	145	298
Open Burning	24	24	16	16	30	30
Fire Alarm	24	32	17	47	20	31
Tents	5	5	7	6	6	6
Special Suppression	2	2	3	2	5	5
Fireworks	4	4	3	3	2	2
Tanks	4	8	2	6	2	4
Mobile Food Vendor	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	7	3
Annual	N/A	18	N/A	6	N/A	48
Total	187	236	150	283	217	427

FIRE INSPECTION/PLAN REVIEW

Inspections

Our fire inspection program continued to grow in 2024, with a total of 48 annual business inspections being conducted. Ongoing business inspections ensure that systems that were originally installed are continuing to operate as intended and unpermitted modifications haven't taken place. In addition, as part of a fire inspection, general life safety hazards can be observed and corrected as required. It is the desire of the prevention division to educate business owners on hazards they may have in their facility and form an ongoing partnership with open dialogue.



Incident Follow-ups

Follow-up inspections are conducted after a false alarm occurs at a commercial property. The goal is to identify the reason why the system tripped and to prevent future false alarms in our community. A total of 45 commercial false alarms/sprinkler activations were reviewed out of the 134 total false alarms throughout the community.

FIRE INSPECTION/PLAN REVIEW



Per code 315.3.3.1 Storage in mechanical equipment rooms, boiler rooms, and furnace rooms shall be neat and orderly and arranged to provide immediate access to equipment.



Per code 604.5 Extension cords shall not be a substitute for permanent wiring.

Other Contacts

The fire inspection division also makes contacts with local business owners & the community to replace keys in key boxes, fulfill data requests, and consult on any questions that may arise related to permits, inspections, systems, and beyond. In 2024, a total of 27 “other” contacts were made.

Training

In addition to maintaining firefighter skills and EMT certification in which over 80 hours were spent in 2024, DFM Albers spent an additional 80 hours maintaining certifications required for inspections, plan review and investigations.

Outside Organizations

DFM Albers is also involved with outside organizations that shape fire prevention and the fire service such as the Fire Marshal Code Advisory Panel which advises the state fire marshal with interpretations of the fire code. In addition, DFM is the team supervisor for the Hennepin County Fire Investigation Team (HCFIT) in which there are currently 22 members. This team assists fire departments in Hennepin County with the origin and cause investigation and provides documentation to the jurisdiction. The team is utilized by departments that don't have the resources needed to conduct an investigation or need assistance due to the complexity of the investigation. In 2024 there were 24 total investigations.

PREVENTION & PUBLIC EDUCATION

Education

The fire department is active with public education both in schools and in businesses. In 2024 the fire department reached 1065 children between the ages of 3 and 16. The focus for the younger children is how to safely exit a structure in an emergency, how to call 911 and having two ways out. For the older children using fire as tool and not toy is discussed along with cooking safety. For the high school students, the focus is on firefighting as a career and what skills and education are required to become a firefighter.



DFM Albers educates the students of Rogers Elementary during a station visit.



A local business practices with RFD's fire extinguisher prop as part of training with DFM Albers.

Business Training

Learning isn't only for the young ones. The adults can benefit from a visit by the fire department as well. In 2024, the fire department reached 207 adults with fire extinguisher training and hands only CPR/AED training.

Youth Fire Prevention Intervention (YFPI)

YFPI is a known program committed to providing education and additional resources for youth who show interest in fire play, or those who have started a fire. There were no YFPI cases in 2024.

PUBLIC RELATIONS



I-94 First Responders Luncheon.



Station Tour-Diamondcrest of Wellstead.

We receive many requests from the community wanting to have Rogers Fire present for their events. Community outreach and engagement are a way that we build strong relationships as well as give back to the communities we serve.



Rockin' Rogers.



Parks & Rec Family Fun Day.

PUBLIC RELATIONS



Vehicle staging for Burnsville Public Safety Memorial.

- *LSU & Staging for Burnsville Public Safety Memorial*
- *Escort-Rogers HS Boys Basketball*
- *National Noon-Out/Night to Unite*
- *Hassan Elementary Carnival*
- *I-94 Responders Luncheon*
- *Station Tour-The Wellstead of Rogers & Diamondcrest*
- *Parks & Rec Family Fun Day*



Fire Auxiliary Pizza Delivery Night.

- *Cop On A Rooftop*
- *K-5 Visit Mary Queen of Peace*
- *Field Trip Rogers Elementary*
- *Trunk or Treat-Word of Peace*
- *Trunk or Treat-Freedom Church*
- *Hassan Elementary Career Fair*
- *Little Explorer's Pre-School Presentation*
- *Girl Scouts Community Helpers Tour*



National Noon Out.



Rogers High School Football EMS Standby.

FIRE INVESTIGATIONS

Key Investigations in 2024

Fire Investigations

Per MN state statute, every fire causing more than \$100 in damage needs to be investigated to discover the cause of origin. This requirement is delegated to the local Fire Chief. In Rogers all fires receive an investigation either by the crews or fire officers on scene, the Hennepin County Fire Investigation Team, the State Fire Marshal, or other outside agencies. The RFD currently has three certified fire investigators.

Three Rogers Fire Department members are on the Hennepin County Fire Investigation Team (HCFIT). The mission of HCFIT is to assist agencies across Hennepin County in determining origin and cause of fires. The team is comprised of nearly 25 members from numerous Hennepin County departments. The resource is available to all Hennepin County organizations. The Rogers Fire Department supports this mission as they get to refine their skills and make connections with other Hennepin County agencies.

Training Attended:

- MN IAAI Quarterly Training
- MN IAAI Annual Training

Training Taught:

- Fire Investigations for First Responders



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT



Chief Farrens is responsible for the city's Emergency Management Program.



The City of Rogers has 10 tornado sirens. The sirens are tested daily remotely and serviced annually.



Chief Farrens attended a school district reunification exercise and offered various tips based on best practices that have been learned through training and after-action reviews of other metro events.



The Fire Department and Police Department completed a multi-day joint active shooter drill.



The Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was activated for the Rockin' Rogers concerts & parade. Groups included RPD, RFD, Hennepin County Emergency Management, Hennepin County Sheriff, and North Memorial EMS.



In 2023, the RFD full-time staff enrolled in the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) Basic Emergency Management Certificate Program. This program is intended for those who are currently working in emergency management or have a role in emergency preparedness in Minnesota. Admin/FF Hagen completed this program in 2024. DFM Albers started this program in 2024.



The City of Rogers is a member of the North Suburban Emergency Planning Group. This group represents 14 cities within Hennepin County. Chief Farrens serves as the Chair of this group.

