

Fitchburg Fire Department NEWSLETTER



MEET OUR PEER SUPPORT TEAM:

With the many stressors that affect first responders, a well-trained peer support team is critical for providing a healthy department. The Peer Support Program offers assistance, mentoring, and appropriate support resources to the employee/retiree when personal or professional problems negatively affect work performances, family unit or self. Members in our current peer support team are pictured below:



**Suzie Genin,
Chaplain**



**Deputy Chief
Chad Grossen**



**David Jacobson,
Chaplain**



**Deputy Chief
Rob Kunze**



**Firefighter
Jason Ladwig**



**Firefighter
Jesus Villagomez**



**Lieutenant
David Zuehlke**

We are super fortunate to have this team and their efforts ensure the psychological health and wellness of not only our department but to other public safety agencies in the area.

EVENTS OF NOTE:

- March 30: UW Resident MD Presentation - Active Assailant, Mass Casualty Incidents
- April 5: Wisconsin Joint Finance Committee Budget Hearings
- April 11 - 13: FEMA All Hazards Strike Team Training (Fire Station #3)
- April 28: Red Cross Blood Drive (Fire Station #2)

CHIEF'S MESSAGE

In an effort to communicate the progress of programs and personnel, this newsletter is intended to be an on-going communication tool that will inform community and firefighter alike.

If there is information or data you would like us to report, please reach out to our administrative staff. Contributions to newsletter content will be evaluated regularly.

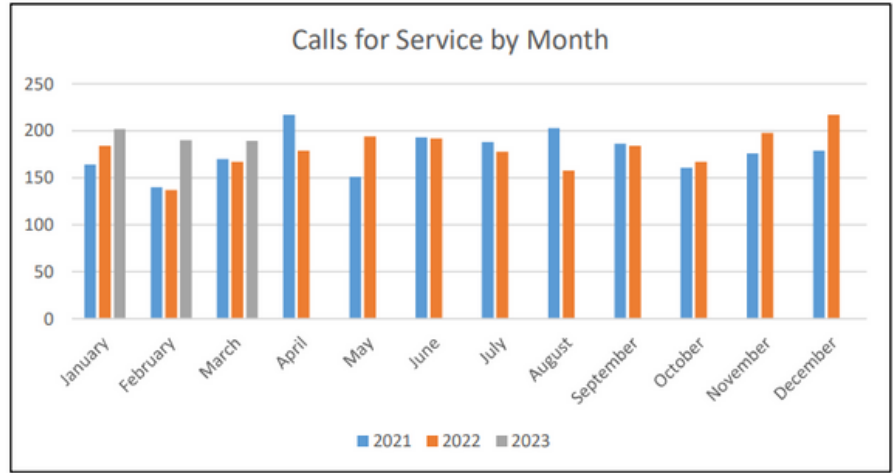
This periodical will be shared monthly and will report on activities associated with response and readiness.



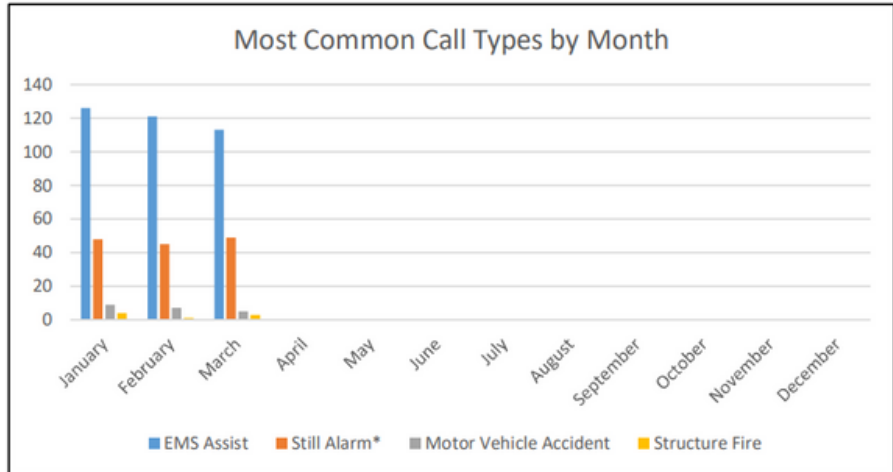
ACTIVITY REPORT



Calls for Service by Month				
Month	2021	2022	2023	Change
January	164	184	202	10%
February	140	137	190	39%
March	170	167	189	13%
April	217	179		
May	151	194		
June	193	192		
July	188	178		
August	203	158		
September	186	184		
October	161	167		
November	176	198		
December	179	217		
Total	2128	2155	581	127%
Projection			2323	

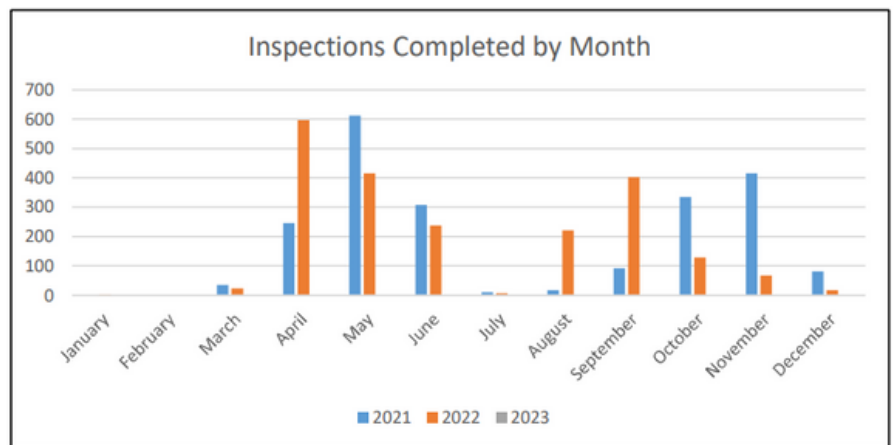


Most Common Call Types by Month				
Month	EMS Assist	Still Alarm*	Motor Vehicle Accident	Structure Fire
January	126	48	9	4
February	121	45	7	1
March	113	49	5	3
April				
May				
June				
July				
August				
September				
October				
November				
December				



*Still Alarms include: Alarm Sounding, Car Fires, Odor Investigations

Inspections Completed by Month			
Month	2021	2022	2023
January	0	1	0
February	0	0	0
March	35	23	0
April	246	596	
May	612	416	
June	307	238	
July	10	6	
August	18	221	
September	91	403	
October	335	129	
November	415	67	
December	81	17	
Total	2150	2117	0



VIOLATIONS FOR THE MONTH:

- No inspections this month

RE-INSPECTIONS FOR THE MONTH:

- No inspections this month

CORRECTED VIOLATIONS FOR THE MONTH:

- No inspections this month

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STAFFING REPORT



PERSONNEL NOTES

- Leave of Absence: Schnelle, Stewart, McCreary, Mielke, Ritter
- Resignation from Matt Gehne received - Fulltime employment with Brentwood, TN Fire Department
- Resignation from Jason Gonzalez received - Fulltime employment with Sun Prairie EMS
- Further explanation of CPAT- questions raised about its impact on recruitment, diversity, equity, and inclusion.
 - Chief still supports the need for physical ability testing.

RECRUITMENT

- Career Firefighter recruitment process
 - Firefighter Garrett Christian was sworn in as a career member on March 6th, 2023
- Career Division Chief recruitment process
 - Recommendation for conditional offer were presented at the March PFC Meeting
- POX Firefighter recruitment process
 - Conditional offers extended to the top six candidates
 - Recruit Class will begin at the end of April
- Intern Firefighter recruitment process
 - Conditional offers extended to the top four candidates
 - New interns will start in June

PROMOTIONS

- No new promotions

	Authorized Headcount	Regular Members	Probationary Members	Light Duty / On Leave	TOTAL	+/- Headcount	M/F	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Two or More
Career Staff	16				16						
Chiefs	3	3	0	0	3	0	3 / 0	0	0	0	0
Lieutenants	3	1	0	2	3	0	3 / 0	0	0	0	0
Firefighters	9	7	2	0	9	0	9 / 0	0	1	0	0
Support Staff	1	1	0	0	1	0	0 / 1	0	1	0	0
Part-Time Staff	66				43						
Chiefs	2	2	0	0	2	0	2 / 0	0	0	0	0
Lieutenants	3	0	0	0	0	-3	0 / 0	0	0	0	0
Firefighters	45	21	0	5	26	-19	24 / 2	0	0	0	1
Intern Staff	6	0	5	1	5	-1	4 / 1	0	1	0	0
Support Staff	10	10	0	0	10	0	9 / 1	0	0	1	0
Total	82	45	7	8	59	-23	55 / 4	0	3	1	1

FIREFIGHTER OVERTIME

Month	Total Hours
Jan	427
Feb	576
Mar	672
Apr	
May	
Jun	
Jul	
Aug	
Sep	
Oct	
Nov	
Dec	

YEAR-TO-DATE MANDATES

Month	# of Mandates	Total Hours
Jan	2	34
Feb	0	0
Mar	3	30
Apr		
May		
Jun		
Jul		
Aug		
Sep		
Oct		
Nov		
Dec		
TOTAL HOURS:		64
TOTAL MANDATES:		5

CURRENT MONTH MANDATES - MARCH

Date	Firehouse	Position	Hours
3/27/2023	Firehouse 3	Firefighter	10
3/22/2023	Firehouse 2	Firefighter	10
3/29/2023	Firehouse 3	Driver	10

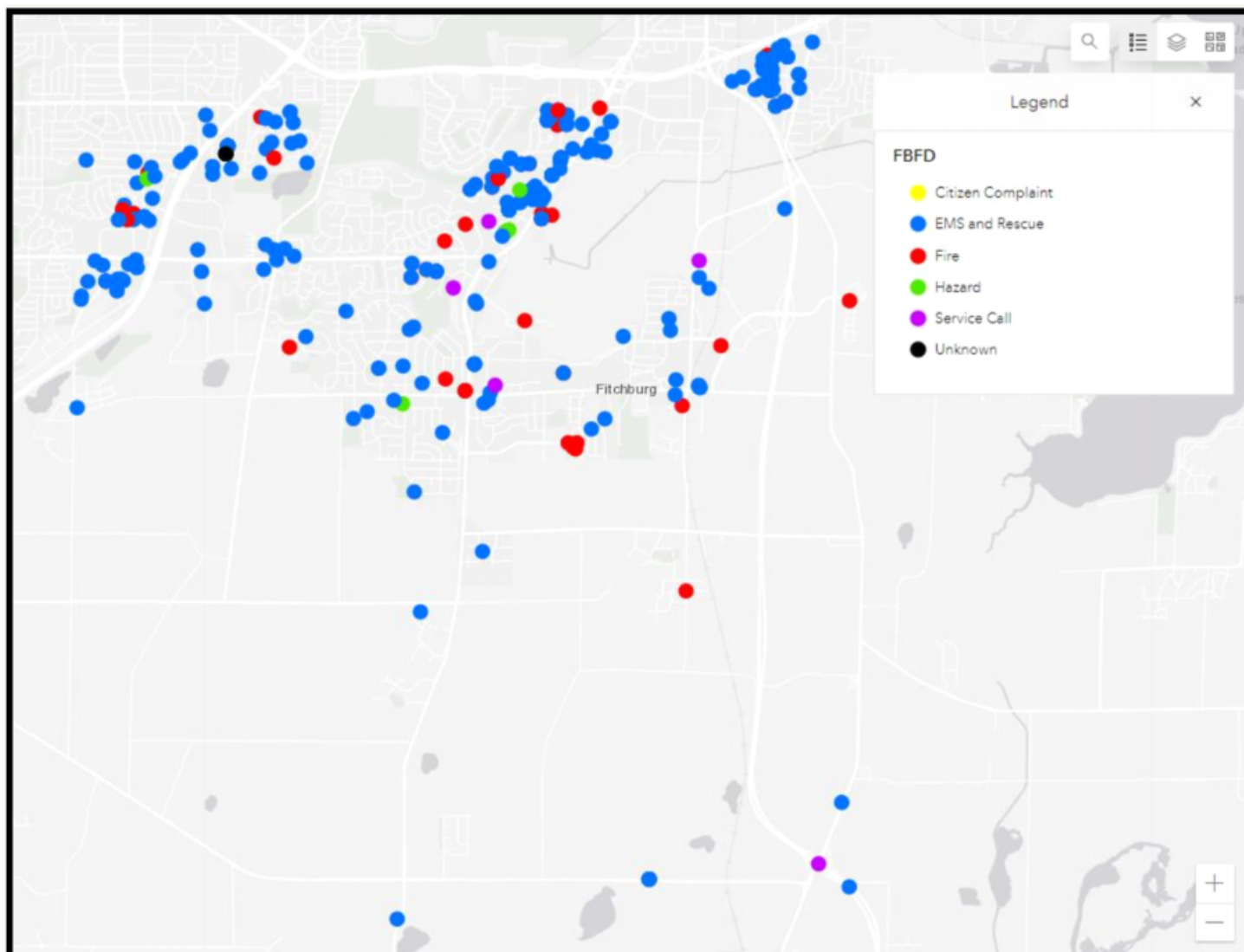
FIRE CHIEF PAY PERIODS - PAST MONTH

Time does not reflect vacation/holiday hours

Feb 20 - Mar 05	105.50	Hours
Mar 06 - Mar 19	104.00	Hours
Mar 20 - Apr 02	131.50	Hours
Apr 03 - Apr 16	90.50	Hours

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RESPONSES



IN OTHER NEWS:

Firefighters Arps and Hildebrand finished their probationary task books



Sydney and Jesus Villagomez celebrated the arrival of their daughter Nova

APRIL 2023 PERSONNEL



WELCOME TO THE DEPARTMENT:



**Mark Mlekush,
Division Chief**

BIRTHDAYS IN APRIL:



**Ron Martin,
April 8th**



**RICH ROTH,
APRIL 17TH**

ANNIVERSARIES IN APRIL:



**Jeff Baumgartner,
April 23rd (16 years)**



**Emily Schwarzenberger,
April 2nd (4 years)**



**Donald Sparby,
April 2nd (4 years)**



**Matt Sutter,
April 23rd (16 years)**



**Kevin Wernet,
April 23rd (16 years)**



**Nathan Willson,
April 2nd (4 years)**