

Fitchburg Fire Department NEWSLETTER



COMMUNITY RISK ASSESSMENT:

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) is embarking on a program intended to collect and share valuable information about fire suppression, fire prevention, safety and health. Their efforts to support community risk reduction culminated in a data bank that is accessible to emergency services and the communities they serve.

This program centers on NFPA 1300 (Standard on Community Risk Assessment and Community Risk Reduction Plan Development). Recently, Wisconsin's Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS) adopted the program and is making it available to all municipal fire departments throughout the state. The City of Fitchburg is working with DSPS through the Community Risk Assessment Insight Generator (CRAIG) 1300 - to access and use reliable data that supports our efforts to improve response and reduce risk.

As stated by NFPA, "A progressive Community Risk Reduction (CRR) strategy will help communities protect their residents, business owners, and visitors in a changing world. As more communities implement CRR, first responders will be safer, resources will be allocated appropriately, and individual responsibility for prevention will become normalized across the community."

The Fitchburg Fire Department hopes to use this tool to better prepare for emergency response and prevention - using awareness and knowledge to better staff, equip, and train our department .



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CHIEF'S MESSAGE

After talking with Division Chief Mark Mlekush, our chief of prevention and inspection, we are excited about our upcoming open house at Fire Station #1 on October, 14th. I asked him about some of the messages that he wanted to stress as part of our prevention priorities. He stated that there are the 3 easy ways to practice fire prevention:

1. Install and maintain working smoke alarms. If you have smoke alarms, clean them and change the batteries. When a smoke alarm sounds – Exit the structure and call 911. Smoke alarms provide an incredibly effective early warning system.
2. NEVER leave the kitchen when you are cooking. Unattended cooking represents the single greatest fire risk.
3. When you have Candles, heaters, stove burners and other heat-producing appliances, Let them breathe! Candles, heaters, stovetops, or anything else that produces heat need space around them to allow natural cooling to take effect. If items are too close, they will catch fire. A good rule of thumb is a minimum of 12 inches.

These 3 fire prevention methods will reduce your fire risk drastically! And at little to NO cost.

Why is October Fire Prevention Month?

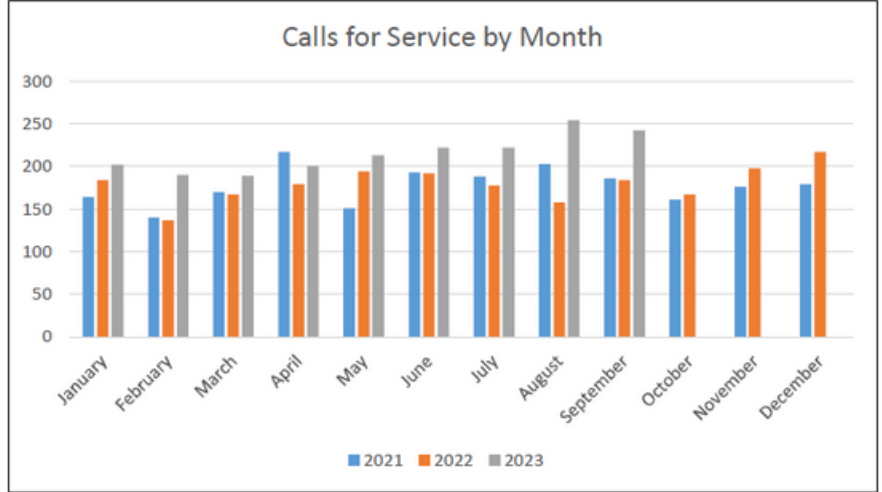
- Great Chicago Fire **Oct. 8-10, 1877**
- Great Peshtigo Fire - **Oct. 8, 1877**



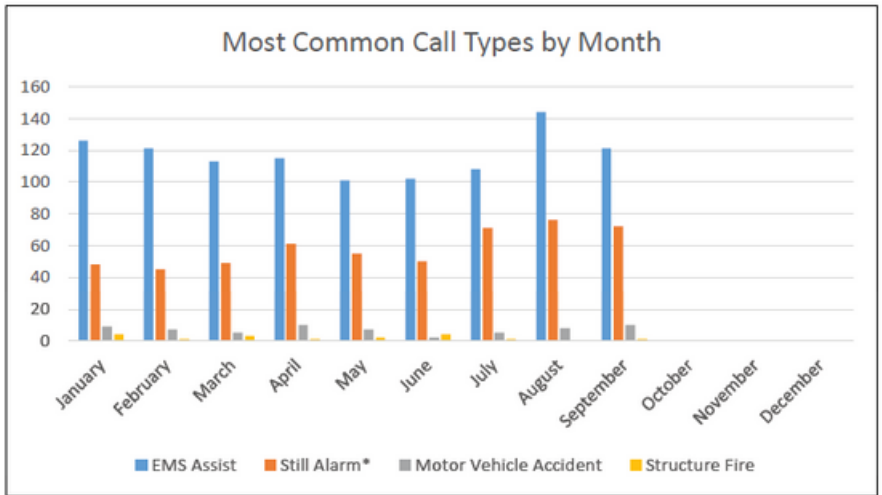
SEPTEMBER 2023 OPERATIONS



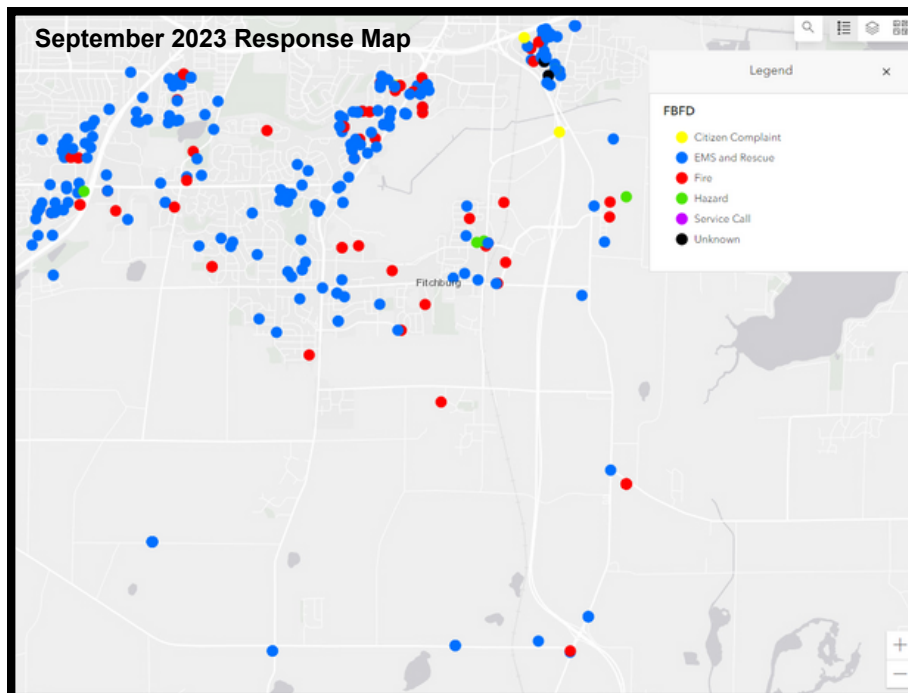
Calls for Service by Month				
Month	2021	2022	2023	Change
January	164	184	202	10%
February	140	137	190	39%
March	170	167	189	13%
April	217	179	200	12%
May	151	194	213	10%
June	193	192	222	16%
July	188	178	222	25%
August	203	158	254	61%
September	186	184	242	32%
October	161	167		
November	176	198		
December	179	217		
Total	2128	2155	1934	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	115	61	10	1
May	101	55	7	2
June	102	50	2	4
July	108	71	5	1
August	144	76	8	0
September	121	72	10	1
October				
November				
December				



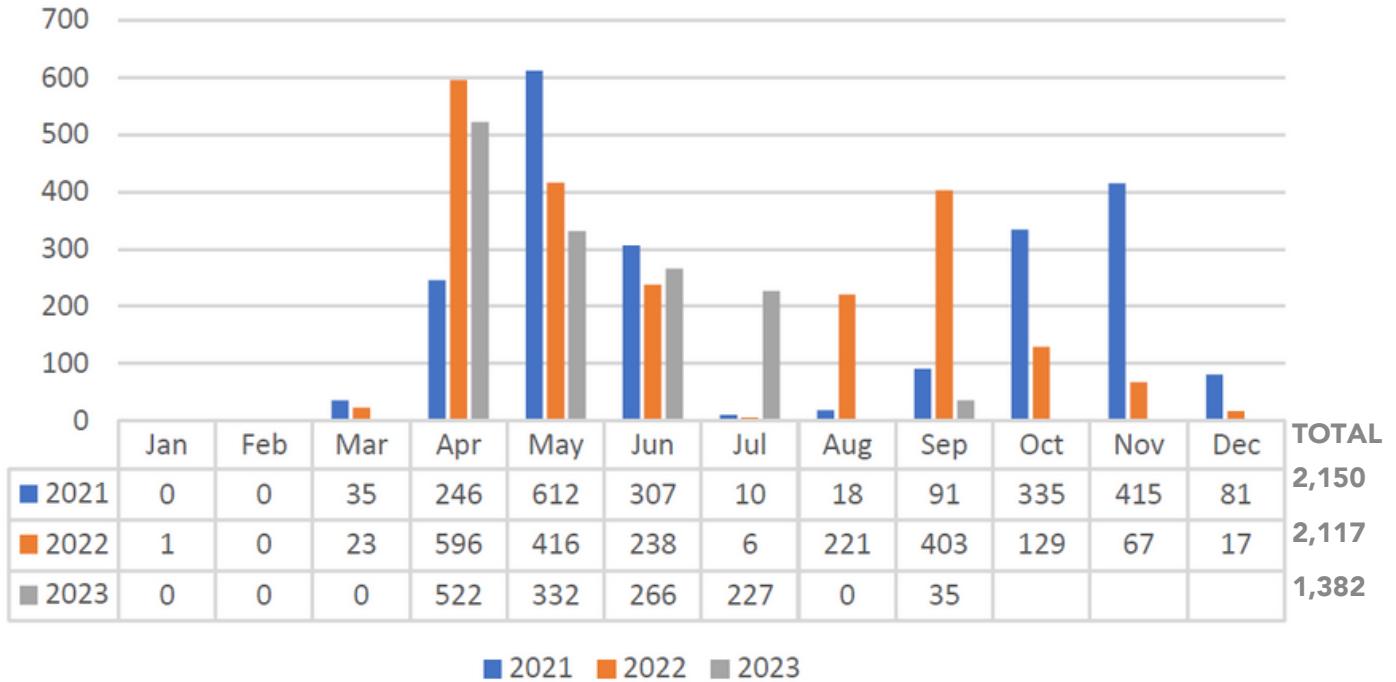
*Still Alarms include: Alarm Sounding, Car Fires, Odor Investigations



PREVENTION AND INSPECTION



INSPECTIONS COMPLETED BY MONTH:



1382
INSPECTIONS

30
CORRECTED
VIOLATIONS

35
RE-INSPECTIONS

UPCOMING EVENTS IN OCTOBER:

The Fitchburg Fire Department would like to remind everyone that October is Fire Prevention Month.

Please visit us at our Annual Open House at
Fire Station 1 (5791 Lacy Road)
Saturday, October 14, 2023, from 10 am – 2 pm.
You won't regret it!

Exactly what is the big deal about Fire Prevention Month?

Simply put, Fire Prevention Month is intended to help get the message out to YOU, our residents, about methods to be as fire-safe as possible. It's about teaching our residents how to prevent fires in their homes or workplaces.



STAFFING REPORT



STAFFING AS OF OCTOBER 4, 2023

	Authorized Headcount	Current Number of Members	Light Duty / On Leave	TOTAL	+/- Headcount
Career Staff	18			19	
Chiefs	4	4	0	4	0
Lieutenants	3	3	0	3	0
Firefighters	10	11	0	11	1
Support Staff	1	1	0	1	0
Part-Time Staff	66			43	
Chiefs	2	2	0	2	0
Lieutenants	3	0	0	0	-3
Firefighters	45	26	1	27	-18
Intern Staff	6	6	0	6	0
Support Staff	10	8	0	8	-2
Total	84	61	1	62	-22

FIRE DEPARTMENT STAFFING DEMOGRAPHICS

	M/F	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Two or More
Career Staff					
Chiefs	4 / 0	0	0	0	0
Lieutenants	3 / 0	0	0	0	0
Firefighters	10 / 0	0	1	0	0
Support Staff	0 / 1	0	1	0	0
Part-Time Staff					
Chiefs	2 / 0	0	0	0	0
Lieutenants	0 / 0	0	0	0	0
Firefighters	25 / 4	0	0	0	1
Intern Staff	5 / 1	1	1	0	0
Support Staff	7 / 1	0	0	1	0
Total	56 / 7	1	3	1	1

PERSONNEL NOTES

- Leave of Absence: Stewart
- Resignation received from: Ruck

RECRUITMENT

- No new recruitment

PROMOTIONS

- Bryan Balzano was sworn in as Career Firefighter

OVERTIME BREAKDOWN



OPEN SHIFTS TAKEN VOLUNTARILY BY CAREER

Month	# of 10 hour shifts	# of 14 hour shifts	# of 24 hour shifts	Total # of shifts
Jan	22	4	4	30
Feb	37	1	8	46
Mar	34	3	3	40
Apr	44	1	5	50
May	41	17	29	87
Jun	37	6	27	70
Jul	27	6	34	67
Aug	23	5	17	45
Sep	39	6	13	58
Oct				
Nov				
Dec				

PAID ON CALL FIREFIGHTER OVERTIME

Month	Overtime Hours
Jan	282.5
Feb	581.75
Mar	199
Apr	530
May	422.25
Jun	508.75
Jul	434.25
Aug	407.75
Sep	271.5
Oct	
Nov	
Dec	

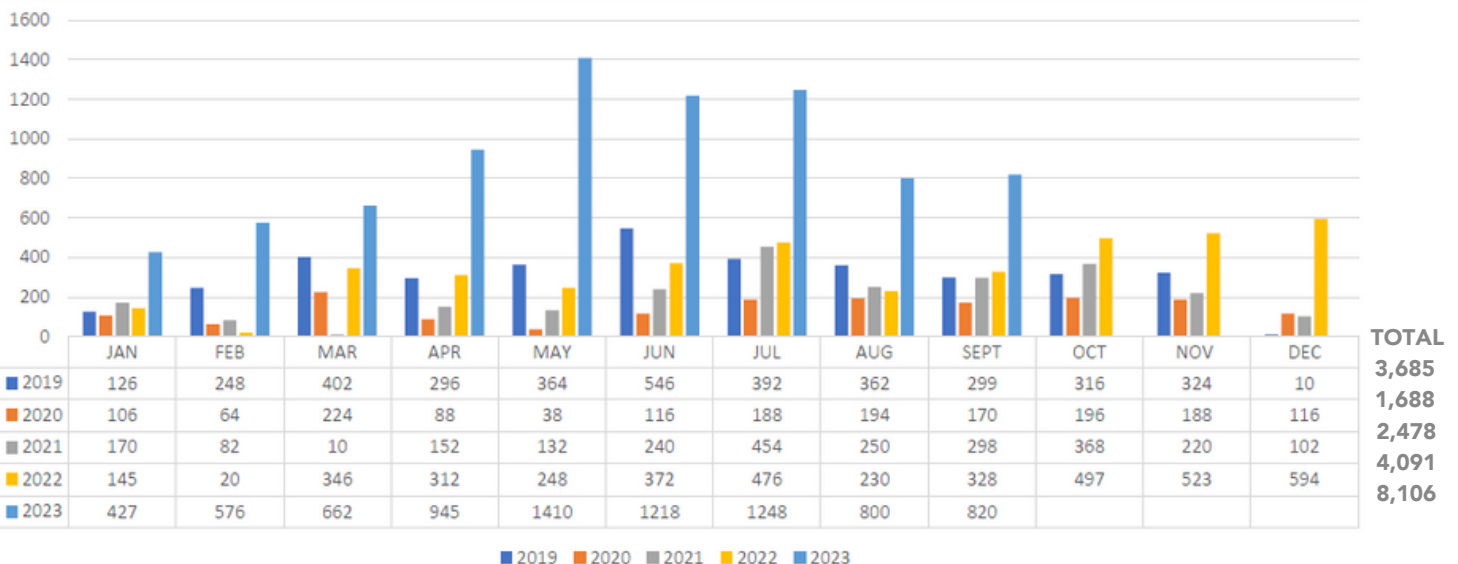
VOLUNTEER SHIFTS VS MANDATED SHIFTS FOR CAREER

Month	# of Voluntary Shifts	# of Mandated Shifts	Total # of shifts
Jan	23	2	25
Feb	45	0	45
Mar	40	3	43
Apr	50	8	58
May	87	3	90
Jun	70	6	76
Jul	67	6	73
Aug	45	6	51
Sep	58	2	60
Oct			
Nov			
Dec			

CAREER FIREFIGHTER OVERTIME (HOURS)

Month	Voluntary Hours	Mandated Hours	Total Hours
Jan	393	34	427
Feb	576	0	576
Mar	632	30	662
Apr	814	131	945
May	1358	52	1410
Jun	1102	116	1218
Jul	1170	78	1248
Aug	708	92	800
Sep	786	34	820
Oct			
Nov			
Dec			

OVERTIME, BY MONTH AND YEAR



OCTOBER 2023 PERSONNEL



BIRTHDAYS IN OCTOBER:



**Jeremy Bruggemann,
October 23**



**Austin Doberstein,
October 18**



**Anthony Edge,
October 11**



**Robert Gessler,
October 12**



**John McHugh,
October 26**



**AJ Miller,
October 11**



**Andrew Ott,
October 5**



**Matt Sitte,
October 1**



**Michael Urben,
October 13**

ANNIVERSARIES IN OCTOBER:



**Megan Meyers,
October 2nd (5 years)**

OTHER ITEMS



As a part of our September drill night, the department had the opportunity for some hands on training which consisted of cutting concrete and rebar.



Members of FFD were requested by Brooklyn Fire and EMS to assist with the coordination, fire prevention, and emergency stand-by operations of the Luke Bryan concert.

Months of event planning went into this effort. Happy to be a part of a team that considered the safety of those who came to enjoy themselves.

