

Hudson Fire Department



Annual Report

2023

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INTRODUCTION BY CHIEF SPIELMAN



It is my pleasure to present the 2023 Hudson Fire Department (HFD) Annual Report. The HFD proudly provides fire and rescue services to the City of Hudson, Village of North Hudson, Town of Hudson, and the Town of Troy.

2023 was a historic year for the Hudson Fire Department. The Department celebrated 150 years of service to our community. After several costly fires, on April 3rd, 1873, the Hudson Fire Department was officially established. Every day since, its members have proudly served our communities. Several celebrations and recognitions were held throughout the year to commemorate this significant event. I truly appreciate every member that has been a part of this great department.

In addition to honoring the Department's past, the year 2023 saw the highest call volume in its history. The Department responded to 618 calls for service in 2023, a 20% increase over the past year. The call volume continues to increase as the Hudson area remains a highly attractive area for people to live, work, and visit. As we move forward, we need to start the discussion on the hiring of more full-time staff, especially in our Fire Inspection office.

Throughout the report you will see charts and graphs, facts and figures that tell the story of what our members have accomplished over the past year. But what you cannot put into a report is the dedication and time our members put in and the time spent away from their families.

We want to thank our citizens and local governments for their continued support. We are extremely fortunate to live and work in an area that shows great appreciation for the services we provide.

I look forward to continuing to serve the City of Hudson and the surrounding communities and I am extremely grateful to all our members for their commitment to providing excellent service to our citizens.

Sincerely,

Drew Spielman

Fire Chief



MISSION STATEMENT

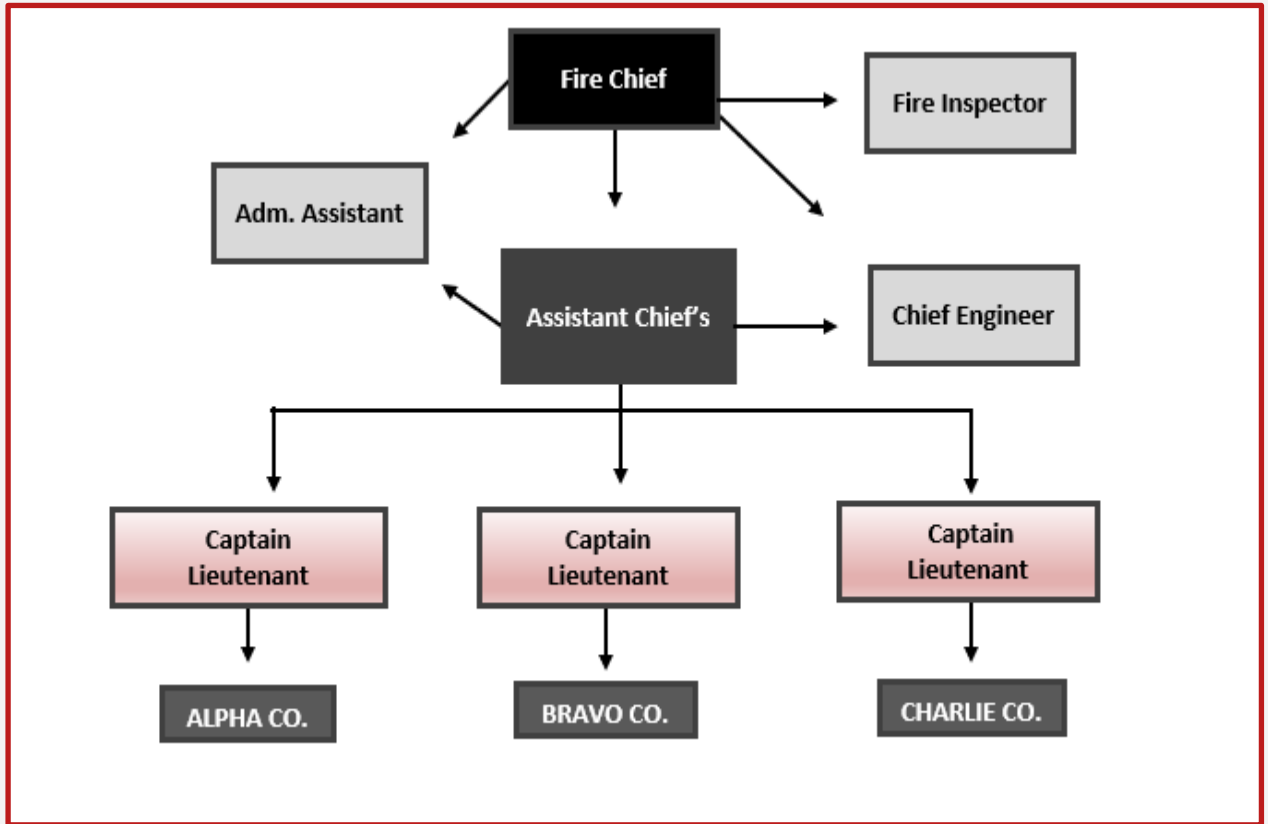
To effectively and efficiently
provide a wide range of services
to the community,
that are designed to save lives,
property and stabilize incidents.

MOTTO



"WE SERVE TO SAVE"

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



Hudson Fire Department is a combination department consisting of 2 career fire personnel, 38 volunteer paid-on-call firefighters, along with a full-time administrative assistant.

PERSONNEL UPDATES

FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR

Asst. Chief James Perucca

In recognition of your dedication and organization of the 150th Anniversary Celebration events that occurred this year. We cannot express enough gratitude for all the meetings, phone calls, emails, brainstorming ideas, and your continuous efforts to make sure our 150th Year of Service was a year to remember. Thank you for a job well done!



46 AVERAGE AGE OF OUR FFs

YEARS OF SERVICE

5 years – Chris Marzolf
Cameron Huntington
Cody Garbe
15 years – Steve Hering
Brent Johnson
Tyrrell Gaffer
Mike Perucca
45 years - Tom Zeuli

COMMUNITIES SERVED

CITY OF HUDSON population 15,264

Mayor: Rich O' Connor
Common Council: Randy Morrissette II
 Lynn Wakefield Mike Kennedy
 Joy Knudson Sarah Bruch
 Joyce Hall
City Administrator: Aaron Reeves
City Clerk: Becky Eggen

VILLAGE OF N. HUDSON population 3,889

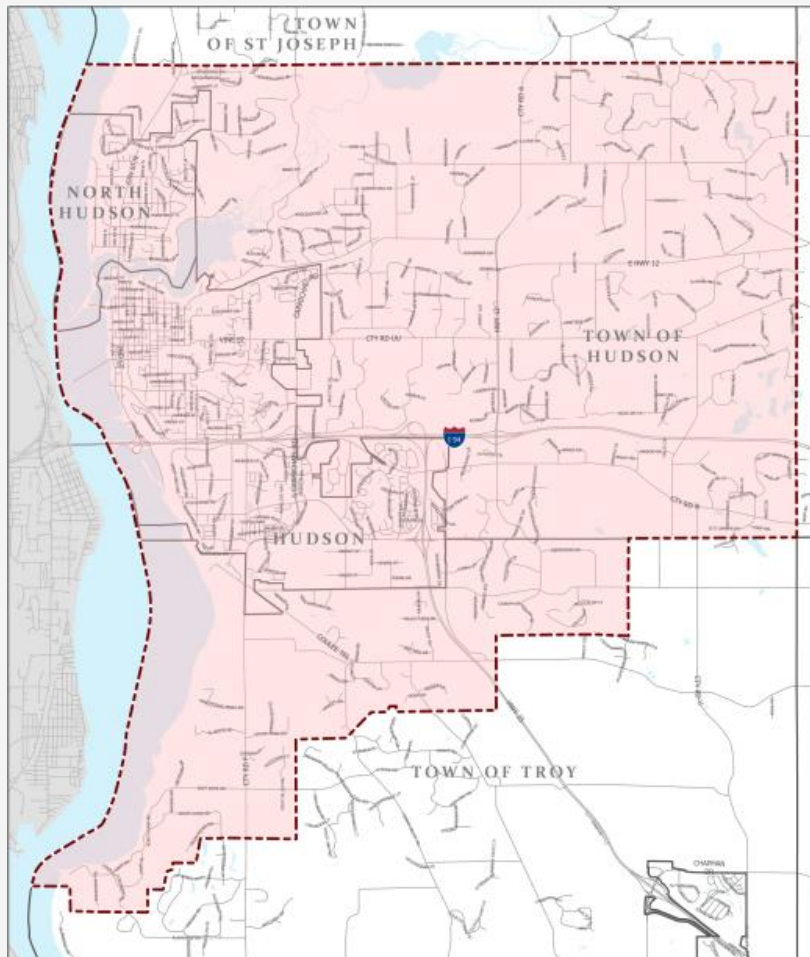
Village President: Stan Wekkin
Village Trustees: Mary McGurran
 Kirk Nelson Barb Olson
 Bryan Pike Tim Zais
Village Administrator: Gina Alberti
Village Deputy Clerk: Susanna Snyder

TOWN OF HUDSON population 8,671

Town Board Chair: Tim Foster
Town Supervisors: Ken Thill Rachel Lang
 Susan Blank Dan Fosterling
Town Clerk: Vickie Shaw

1/3 TOWN OF TROY population 1,839

Town Board Chair: Doug Rowen
Town Supervisors: Chris Gruber Jan Cuccia
 Lowell Enerson Ray Knapp
Town Clerk: Ben Jansen



YEAR IN REVIEW



618 CALLS FOR SERVICE



**5hrs
40 min.**

Longest call duration



84
CALLS

BUSIEST MONTH
JULY



29
CALLS

Most calls in one day



35
CALLS

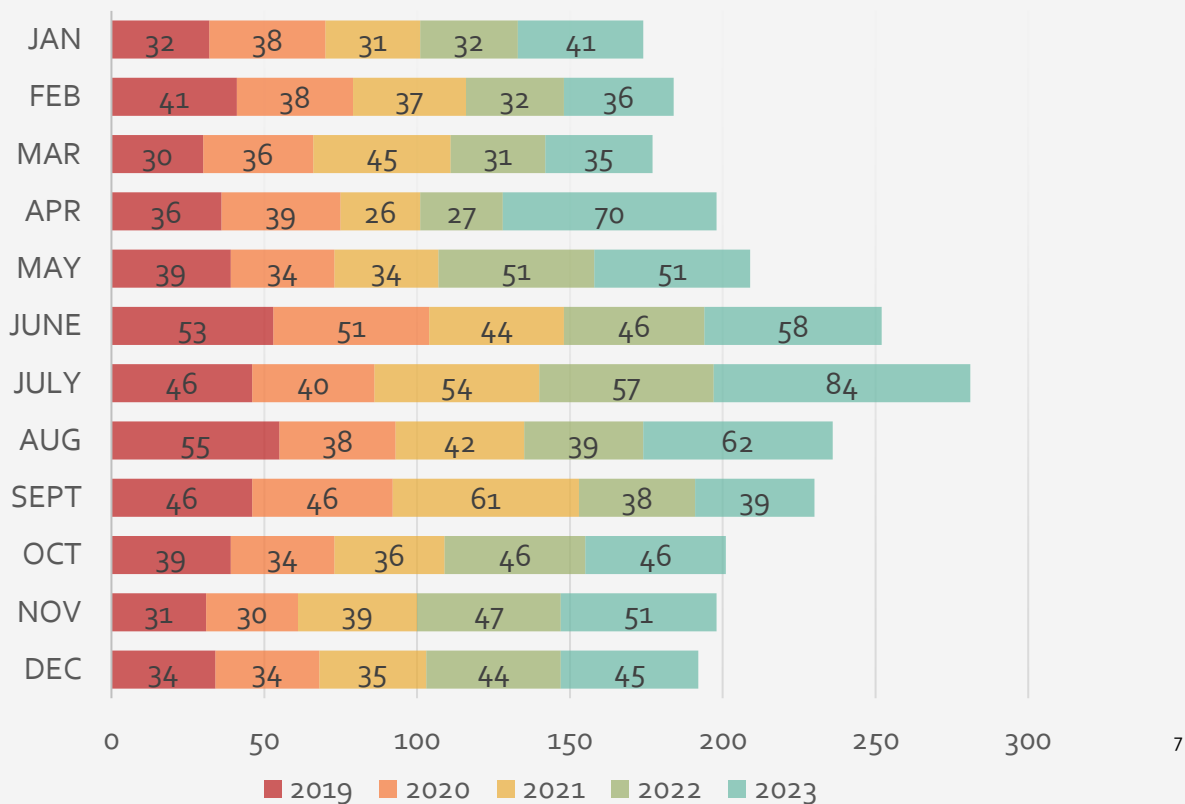
SLOWEST MONTH
MARCH



53
CALLS

Calls to I-94

CALLS BY MONTH 2019-2023



FIRE CALLS



23 structure fires



15 vehicle fires



13 grass fires



INCIDENT DATA



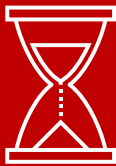
3 pm – 5 pm

Busiest time of day
144 calls



Saturday

Busiest day of the week
102 calls



Average Response Times

10 minutes 14 seconds

CITY OF HUDSON

14 minutes 25 seconds

VILLAGE OF
NORTH HUDSON

12 minutes 45 seconds

TOWN OF HUDSON

12 minutes 17 seconds

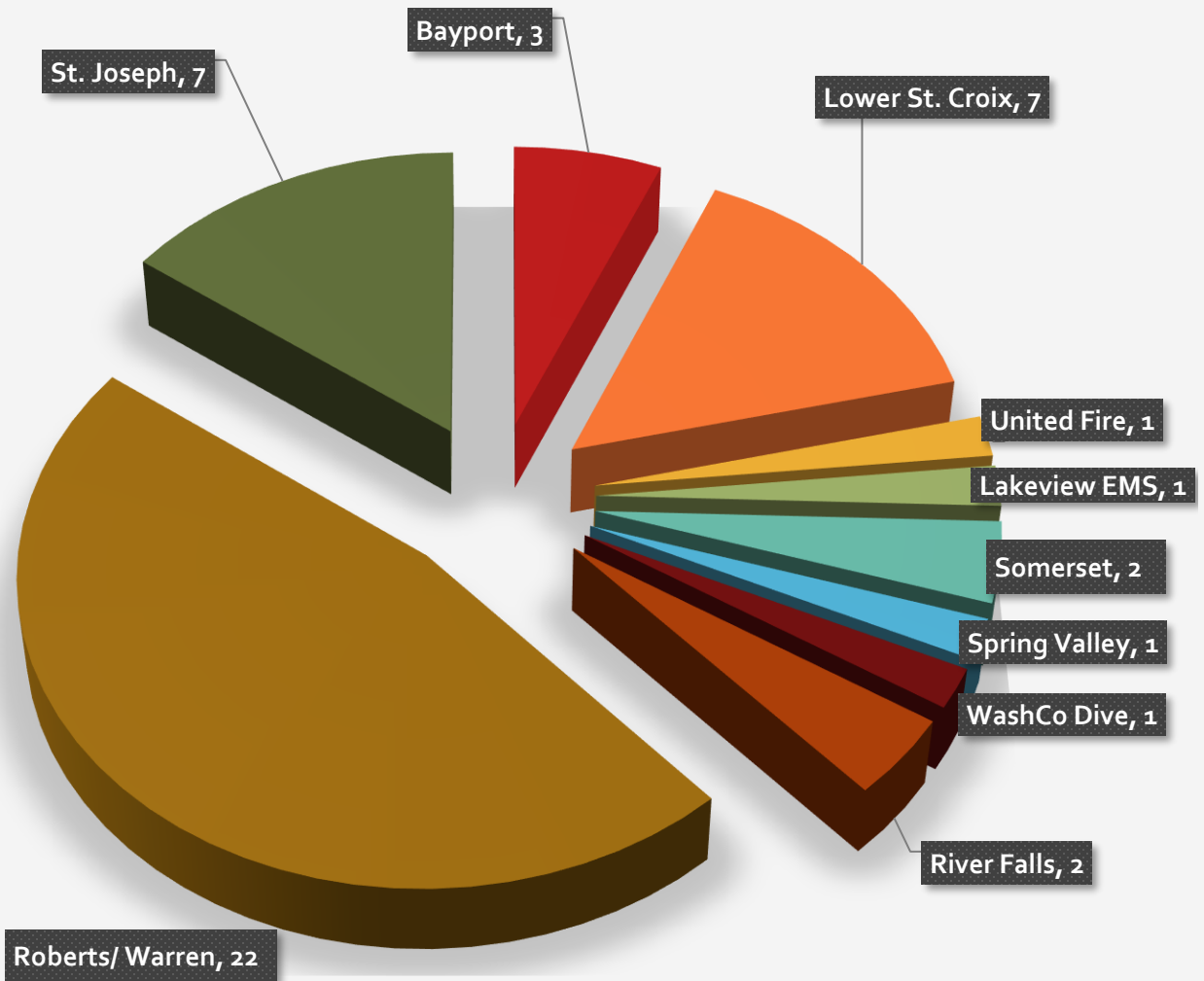
TOWN OF TROY

CALLS FOR SERVICE

TYPES OF INCIDENTS	City of Hudson	Village of North Hudson	Town of Hudson	Town of Troy	Total Fire District
Building fire	15	2	4	2	23
Cooking, trash, outside fires	8	0	1	0	9
Vehicle fires	11	1	3	0	15
Brush or brush-and-grass fire	9	1	2	1	13
Medical assist, assist EMS crew	25	7	13	4	49
Motor vehicle accidents	47	0	28	3	78
Search for person, ice rescue, elevator rescue, etc.	8	2	0	1	11
Gas leaks and flammable liquid spills	15	4	7	0	26
Carbon monoxide alarm or incident	18	5	9	1	33
Electrical problems, power lines	31	11	8	0	50
Smoke scare, odor of smoke	8	4	4	3	19
Public Assistance, good intent calls	64	6	10	1	81
Dispatched & canceled en-route	62	3	25	0	90
Alarm/sprinkler activation, smoke alarms	88	4	14	3	109
Windstorm, tornado assessment	4	8	0	0	12
TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE	413	58	128	19	618

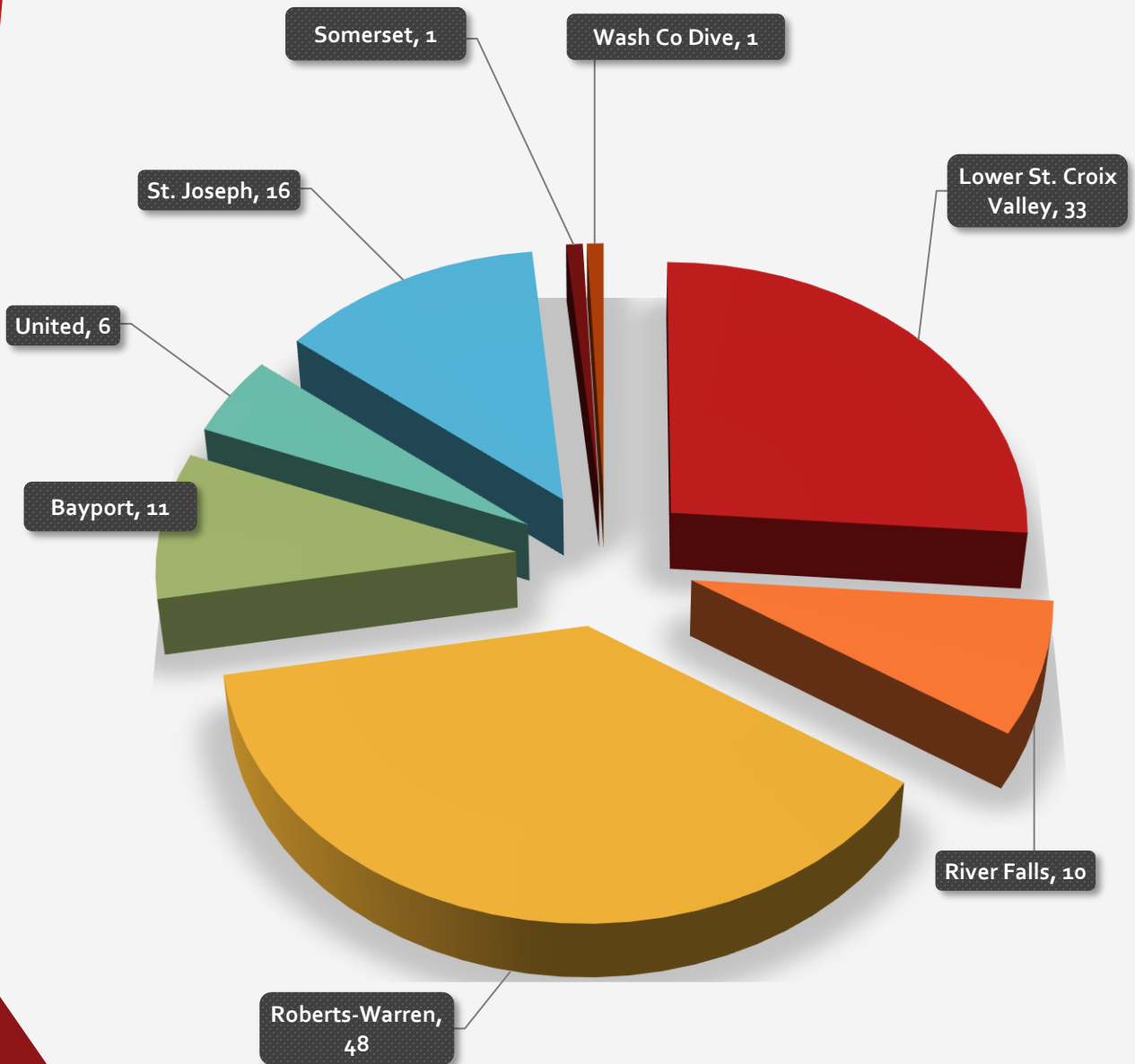
MUTUAL/AUTO AID GIVEN

2023 – Mutual/Auto Aid Given
47 incidents



MUTUAL/AUTO AID RECEIVED

2023 – Mutual/Auto Aid Received
88 incidents



YEAR IN REVIEW



413 CALLS FOR SERVICE



963 Inspections completed




48 CALLS
BUSIEST MONTH
APRIL



43 FIRES
15 – structure
8 – cooking/trash
11 – vehicle
4 – grass

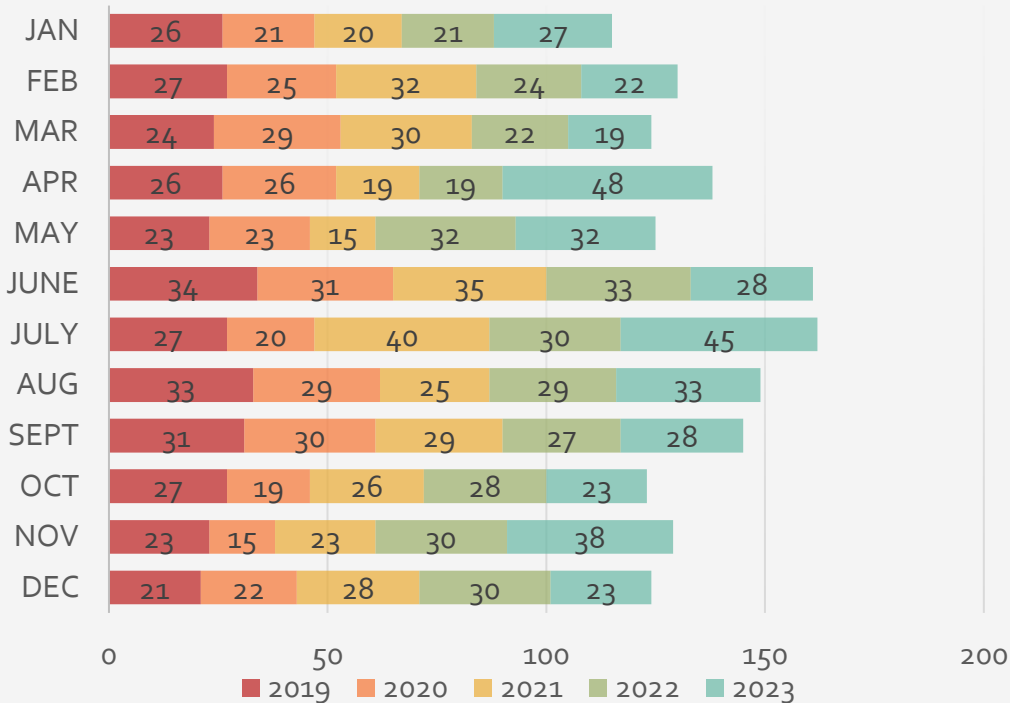


19 CALLS
SLOWEST MONTH
MARCH



47 Car accidents

CALLS BY MONTH 2019-2023





58 CALLS FOR SERVICE



108 Inspections completed



13 CALLS
BUSIEST MONTH
JULY



4 FIRES
2 – structure
0 – cooking/trash
1 – vehicle
1 – grass

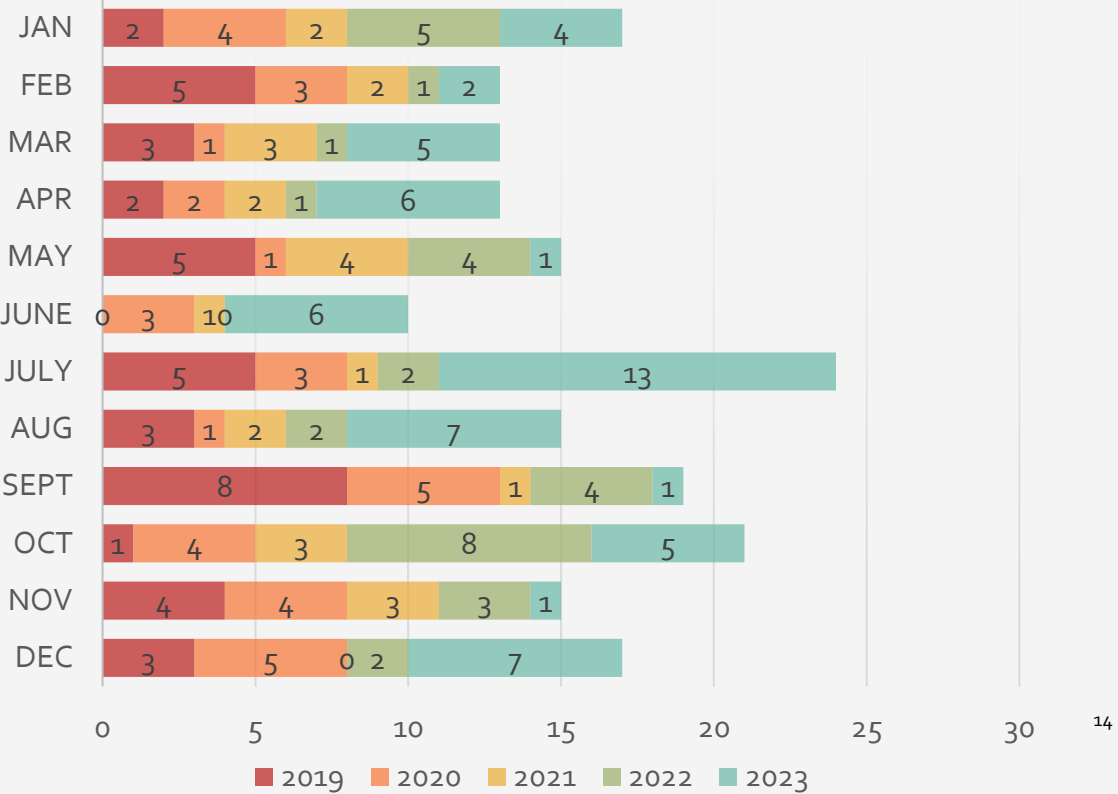


1 CALL
SLOWEST MONTH
MAY, SEPT, NOV



0 Car accidents

CALLS BY MONTH 2019-2023



YEAR IN REVIEW



128 CALLS FOR SERVICE



155 Inspections completed



18 CALLS
BUSIEST MONTH
JUNE



10 FIRES
4 – structure
1 – cooking/trash
3 – vehicle
2 – grass

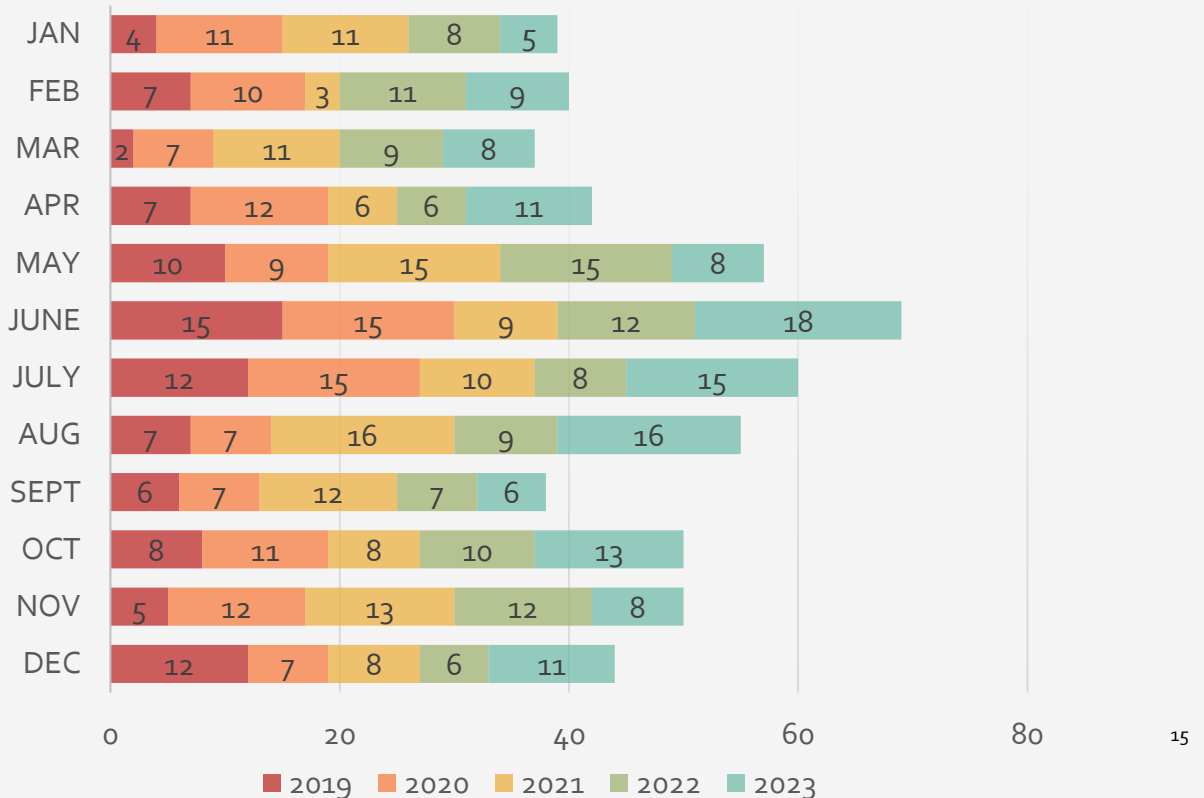


5 CALLS
SLOWEST MONTH
JANUARY



28 Car accidents

CALLS BY MONTH 2019-2023



YEAR IN REVIEW



19 CALLS FOR SERVICE



4 Inspections completed



3 CALLS
BUSIEST MONTH
May, July, Nov



3 FIRES
2 – structure
0 – cooking/trash
0 – vehicle
1 – grass

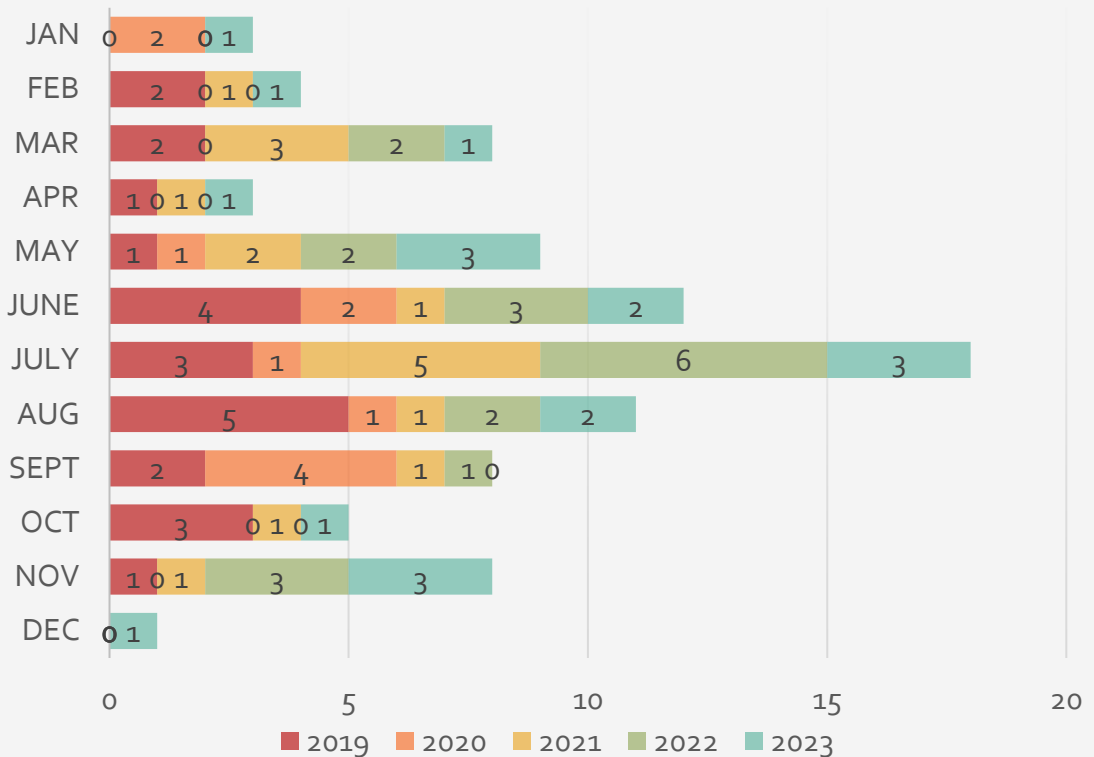


0 CALLS
SLOWEST MONTH
SEPTEMBER



3 Car accidents

CALLS BY MONTH 2019-2023



TRAINING

2,707.75 combined
hours of
training

67 average hours of
training per
firefighter



Areas of training include:

Fireground Operations

- Hose Lines
- Ladders
- Engine Operations
- Tender Operations
- Rapid Intervention Team
- Ventilation

Driver/Operator

- Driver/Operator- Pumper

Emergency Medical Services

- Emergency Medical First Responder
- EMS Continuing Education

Fire Officer

- Fire Officer 1
- Incident Command
- Managing an MCI

Special Operations

- Dive Team
- Ice/Water Rescue
- Rope Rescue
- Vehicle Extrication

COMMUNITY OUTREACH FIRE PREVENTION



50 Public Education
events attended

17 Times we were in the
schools with our fire
prevention message

1000+ Kids that heard our
fire prevention
messages

33 Community
events attended

National Night Out

YMCA – Youth Day Activities

Hudson EXPO

Protect Our Children Bike Ride

Fleet Farm – Touch A Truck

Veteran's Day Ceremonies

Farmers Markets

Hurrah for Booyah

Patriot's Day



Hot Air Affair

Hilltop Pumpkin Party

Spooktacular Event

Light Up Night

Santa and His Reindeer

Candlelight Stroll

CODE COMPLIANCE INSPECTIONS



988

INITIAL FIRE
INSPECTIONS



127

RE-INSPECTIONS



66

FIRE ALARM/
SPRINKLER INSPECTIONS



6

CONSTRUCTION
INSPECTIONS



26

SHORT TERM RENTAL
INSTPECTIONS



17

COMPLAINTS
AT INSPECTABLE PROPERTIES



1,230

TOTAL
INSPECTIONS

UPGRADES & IMPROVEMENTS

New Rescue apparatus to replace dive truck



Implemented a new records management system

Replaced all frontline nozzles



Became a State of Wisconsin Licensed First Responder Agency

150TH YEAR EVENTS

1873 - 2023

Pancake Breakfast

April 3rd Inception Ceremony

September 9th Open House

Parades

Fun Run

Bean Bag Tournament

Drop Tank Fishing Expedition

Coloring Contest

Fire Truck Show

Pipe and Drum Bands

Military Flyovers

Life Link Display

Sprinkler Demo

Rollover Seatbelt Convincer

WI Dept. of Transportation

