



ANNUAL REPORT

2023





A MESSAGE FROM CHIEF **BRENDAN PARKER**

Fire Chief (May, 2023 - Present)

It really is an honor to be part of this amazing organization and to lead it as the newest Fire Chief. I have served in numerous capacities with the Woodstock Fire/Rescue District (WFRD) throughout my 25 years with the organization. As a third-generation firefighter, I'm proud to serve the residents in the community where I grew up and still call home. My first year has proven to be a busy one. The call volume for 2023 was a new record finishing at 5,566 incidents. This is a 4.5% increase from the year 2022. This makes WFRD the 4th busiest District in McHenry County.

Continuing our promise through the recent referendum, we have hired a part-time office assistant, created a daytime training officer position, and fulfilled several other promotions throughout 2023. We also updated our Station 1 kitchen and placed an order for a new ladder truck and ambulance. The lead time for both new vehicles will be 2-3 years. A yearly summary is necessary to reflect on our successes and bring awareness to what we can improve while we strive towards excellence.

I am excited about 2024 and the opportunities it will present. Our commitment to provide outstanding public safety remains steadfast and strong, and we are thankful for the opportunity to serve our community. Thank you for taking the time to review our 2023 Annual Report.

Brendan Parker

Fire Chief Brendan Parker



Board Of Trustees

The Woodstock Fire/Rescue District is governed by a five-member Board of Trustees. The Board serves as the District's policy-making body, and is responsible for providing financial oversight and strategic policy direction.



Fred Spitzer
President



Robert Kristensen
Secretary



Patrick Burke
Treasurer



Noel Baldwin
Trustee



Kim Mueller
Trustee

Board Of Fire Commissioners

Fire Commissioners are responsible for testing, appointing, and promoting sworn full-time personnel. The board also conducts disciplinary hearings.



Dennis Leard
Chairman



Brian Lopprino
Secretary



Steve Zimmerman
Commissioner

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION



Brendan Parker
Chief



Matt Hedges
Deputy Chief



Kalene Nebert
Administrative Assistant



Deann Miller
Office Assistant



Alexander Vucha
Communication Specialist



Michael Shannon
Fleet Mechanic



Chad Williams
Battalion Chief
Training Officer



Scott Nieman
Battalion Chief
Red Shift



Zachary Beatty
Battalion Chief
Gold Shift



Jeffrey Lesniak
Battalion Chief
Black Shift

PROMOTIONS



Brendan Parker
Chief
May, 2023



Matt Hedges
Deputy Chief
January, 2023



Zachary Beatty
Battalion Chief
January, 2023



Jeffrey Lesniak
Battalion Chief
November, 2023



Scott Wessel
Lieutenant
January, 2023



Eric Kristensen
Lieutenant
November, 2023



Sarah Papic
Career FF/PM
November, 2023



Maxwell Batton
Career FF/PM
November, 2023

NEW HIRES



Allison Goers
FF/EMT
January, 2023

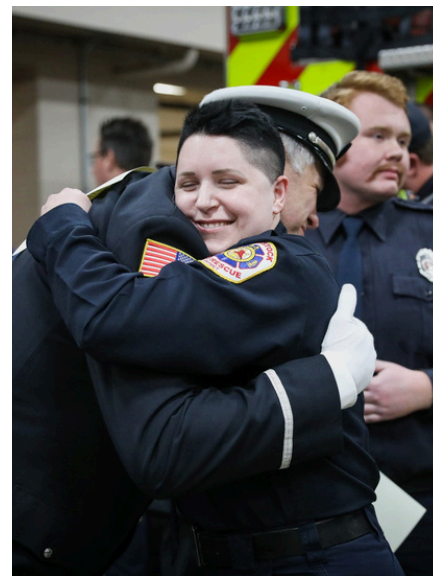


Gage Duszak
FF/EMT
February, 2023



Kim Mueller
Board of Trustee
May, 2023

Not Pictured: FF/EMT Lane Dinges, FF/EMT Jake Kazimour, FF/EMT Mason Riley, FF/EMT Trevor Nieman, FF/EMT Andrew Richardson, and FF/EMT Izair Romero



MEMBERS

The Woodstock Fire/Rescue District employs a variety of individuals; ranging from cadets just learning the ropes, to highly trained firefighter/paramedics. Pursuing a career in the fire service is one of the most challenging and competitive career paths in the United States. The responsibilities and expectations of a firefighter require ongoing training, commitment, and integrity. The Woodstock Fire/Rescue District seeks to identify and train candidates that portray the traits of a firefighter through an organized approach to career preparation and education.

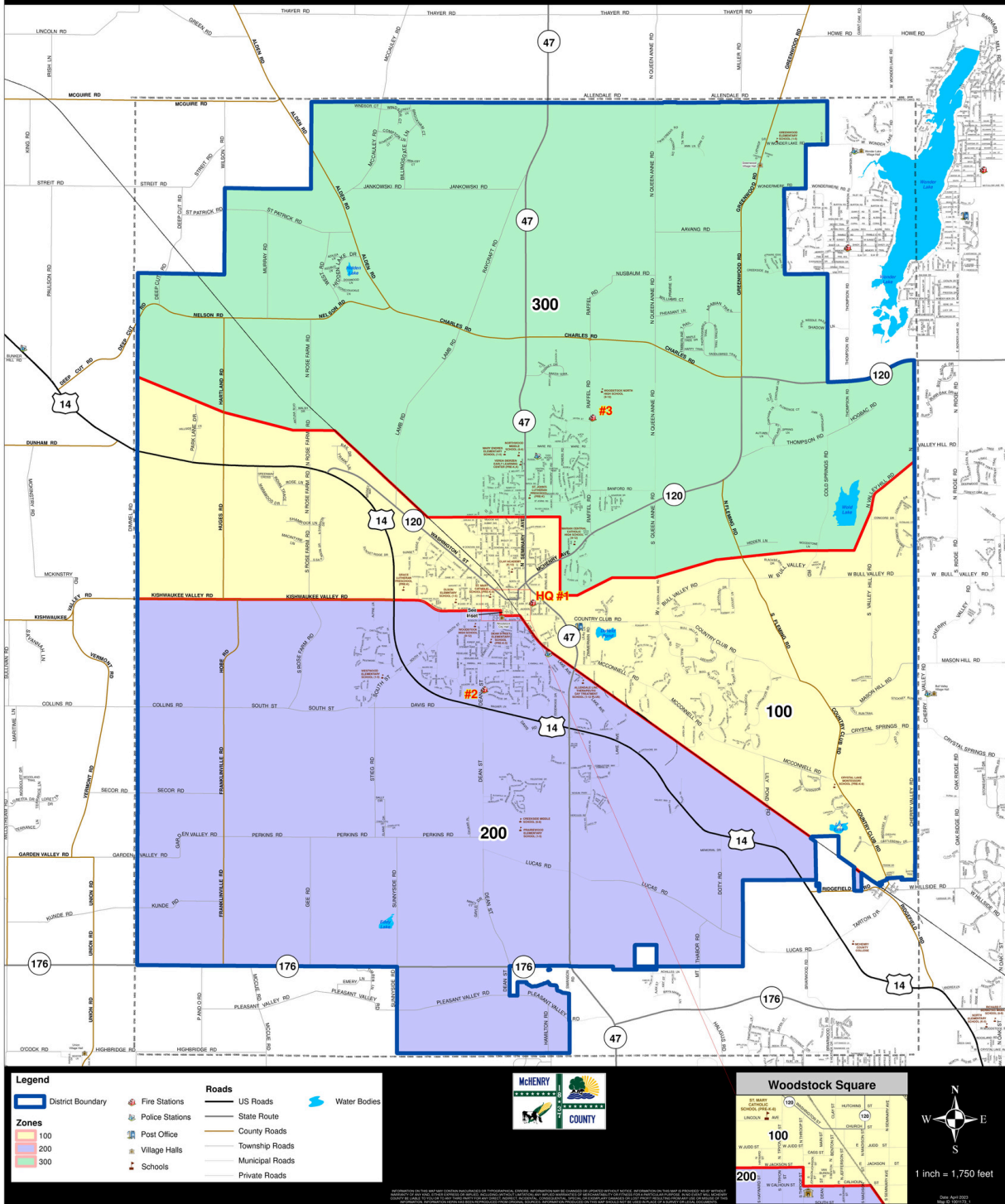
47 **Career Members**
Full-Time Employment

12 **Non-Career Members**
Part-Time Employment

9 **Cadet Members**
Non-Sworn Trainees



Woodstock Fire Rescue District Zones

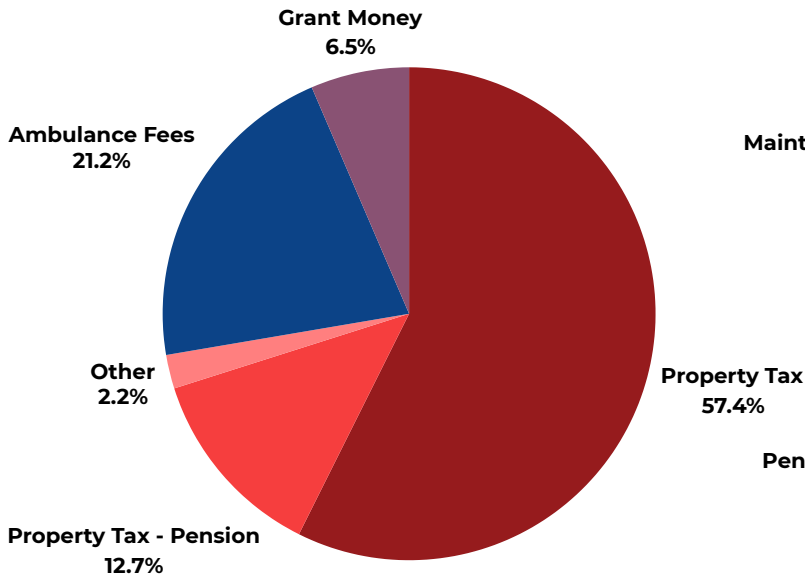


Across 82 square miles, WFRD proudly serves 32,000+ residents throughout the City of Woodstock, Village of Bull Valley, portions of the Village of Wonder Lake, as well as unincorporated portions Door, Seneca, Heartland, and Greenwood Townships.

FINANCIAL REPORT

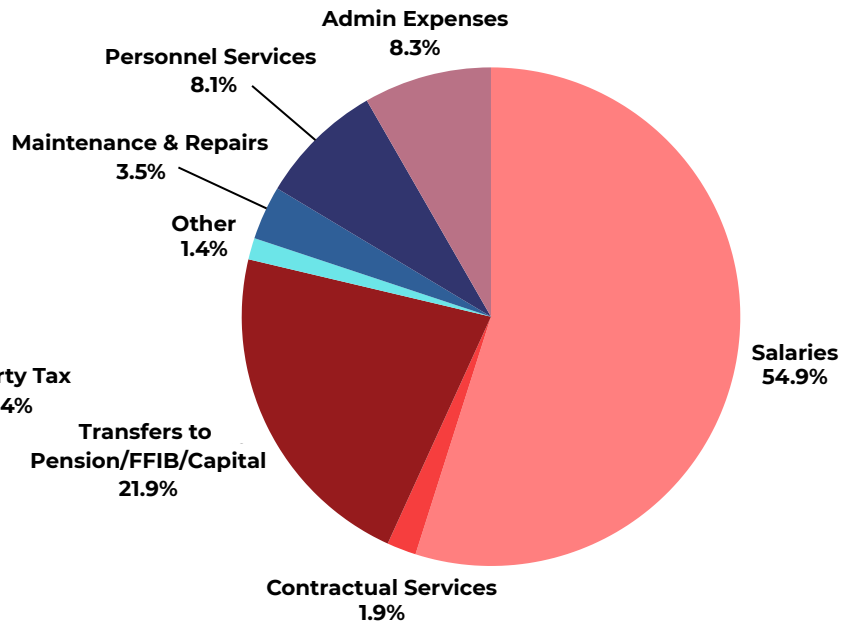
For the 12 Month(s) Ended April 30, 2023
Fiscal Year 2023

Revenue Distribution



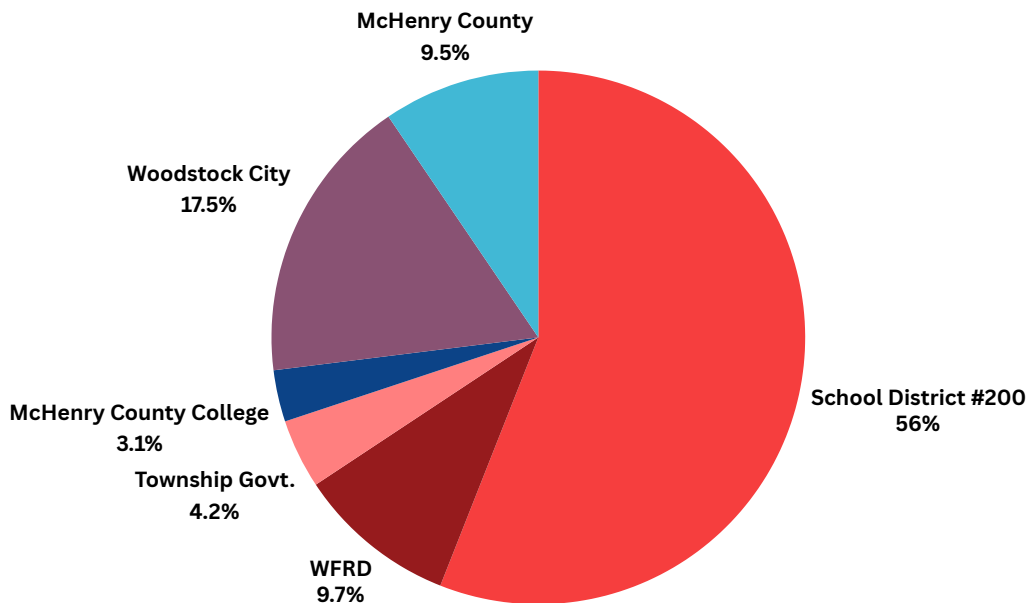
Actual Revenues \$12,559,236
Budgeted Revenues \$11,650,355

Operational Expenditure Distribution



Actual Expenditures \$10,957,191
Budgeted Expenditures \$10,949,200

Taxing Districts





150 Years Of Excellence



The year 2023 marked the 150th year of fire service in Woodstock and the 30th anniversary of the Woodstock Fire/Rescue District.

To celebrate the historic year, the District hosted an Open House on September 9th at our Station 3. The largely attended community event included a Touch-A-Truck, Children's Obstacle Course, a visit from LifeNet Helicopter, and a large display of historical pictures & artifacts.

SERVING AND PROTECTING THE COMMUNITY WE CALL HOME



PUBLIC OUTREACH & EDUCATION

From parades and trick-or-treating, to visits with senior citizens, our members attend numerous events in the community. The Woodstock Fire/Rescue District works diligently to improve the health and safety of our residents, their guests, and the community overall.



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Individuals CPR
Certified

1000+

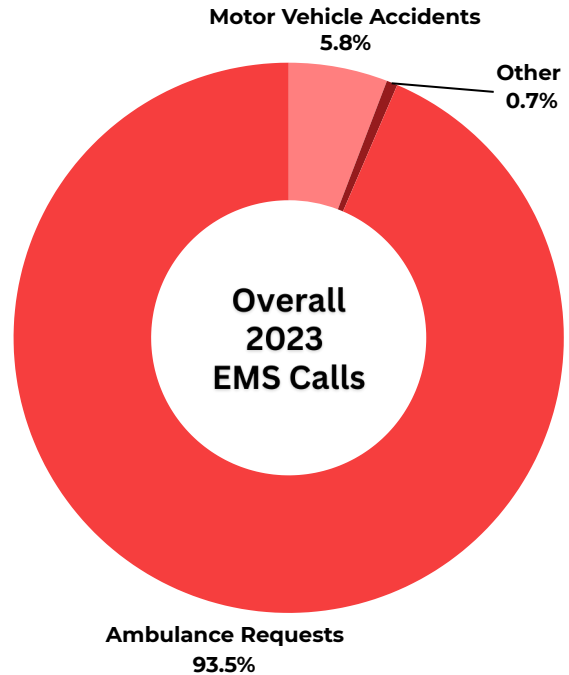
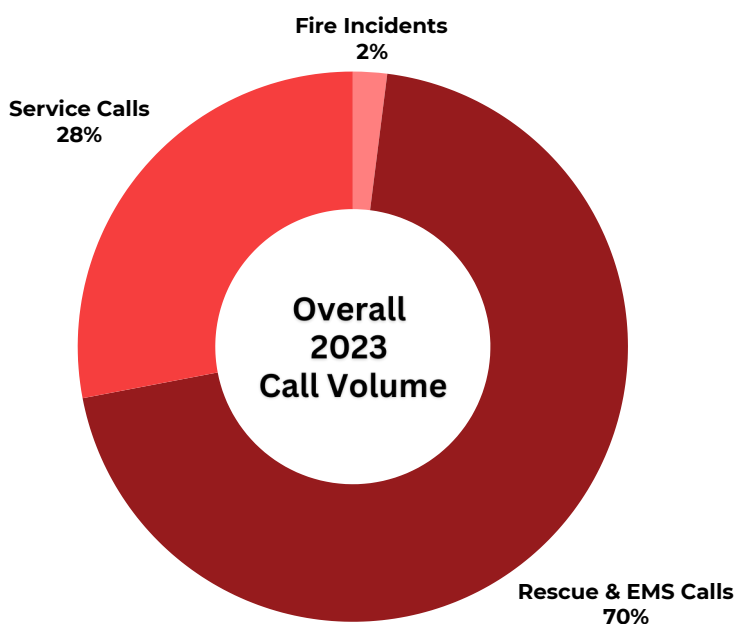
Young Students
Taught Fire
Safety

50+

High School
Students Taught
Opioids Safety

CALL VOLUME

The 2023 calendar year was a historic year bringing in **5566 calls for service**, the highest volume ever! This was a 4.5% increase over 2022.



Overall Fires In 2023



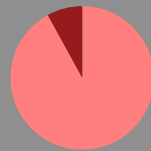
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Structures



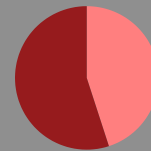
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Vehicles



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Appliances



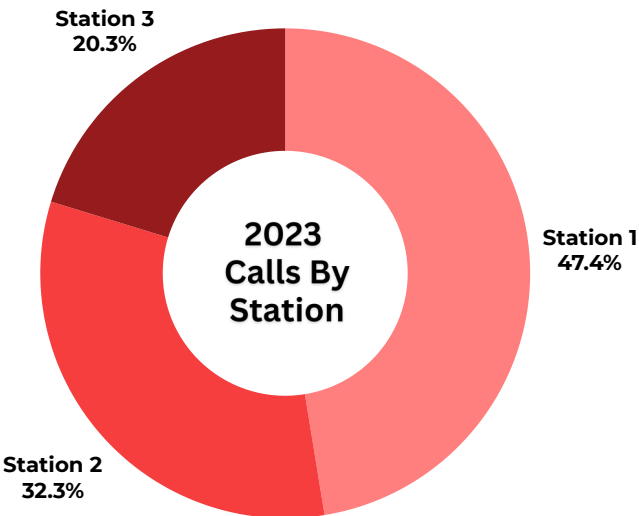
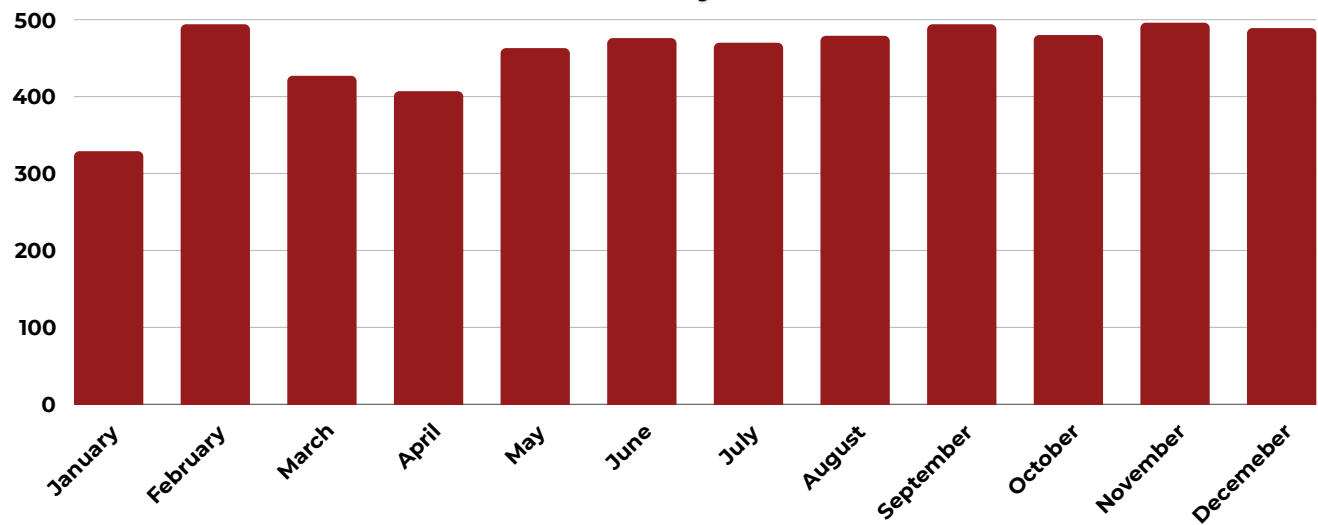
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Other

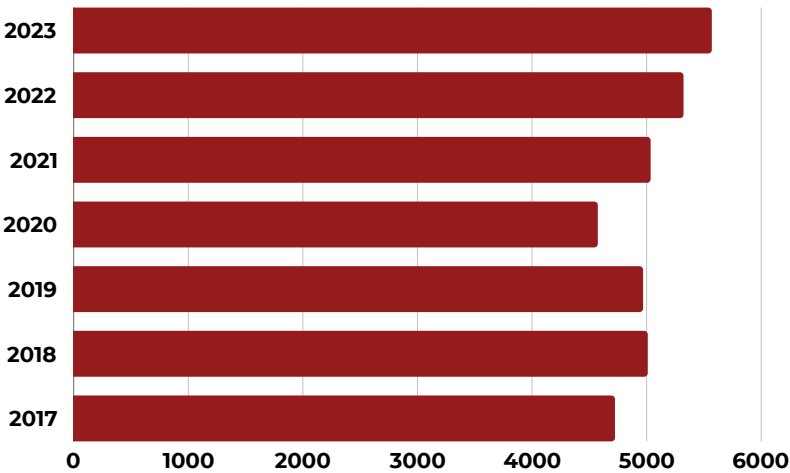


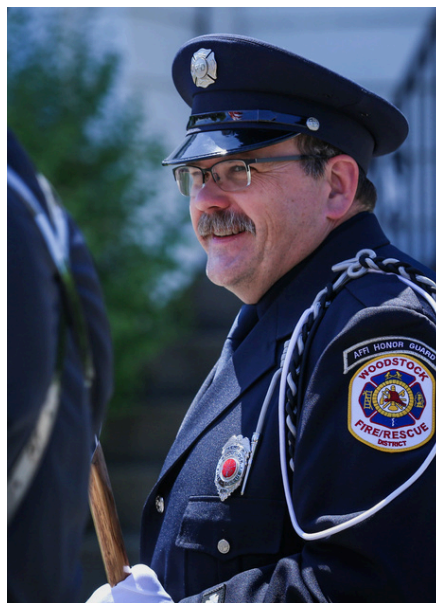
CALL VOLUME

2023 Calls By Month



7 Years Of Calls







MAJOR NEWS INCIDENTS



February 22, 2023 - Ice Storm

Woodstock firefighters responded to **109 calls in just 18 hours** throughout the District. Calls varied from wires down, wires arcing in trees, and reported structure fires. Over 30,000 ComEd customers were left without power following the wintry mix storm in Lake and McHenry counties.



April 21, 2023 - Residential Structure Fire

Firefighters rescued a victim after flames engulf a home in the 1900 block of Dean Street in Woodstock. The two-story home sustained heavy fire and smoke damage throughout, leaving it uninhabitable. The American Red Cross was requested to assist three residents displaced by the fire.

MAJOR NEWS INCIDENTS



Hazardous Materials Incident May 29, 2023

Employees were evacuated after an ammonia leak prompted the response of two dozen fire departments at a Kraft Heinz manufacturing plant in Woodstock. Firefighters responded around 9:21p.m. to 1300 Claussen Drive in Woodstock for an activated trouble alarm. A single fire company response arrived on the scene within six minutes and were told by plant personnel of a possible anhydrous ammonia leak inside the building. The call was upgraded and over a dozen employees were safely evacuated from the facility. HazMat technicians and other various resources responded from nearly two dozen agencies. HazMat technicians were able to locate and mitigate the anhydrous ammonia leak at approximately 2:15 a.m. No injuries were reported to firefighters, plant workers or any other people.



MAJOR NEWS INCIDENTS



July 21, 2023 - Residential Structure Fire

Two dozen fire departments responded to a second-alarm fire that left a home a total loss in unincorporated Woodstock. The home was unoccupied at the time of the fire. No injuries were reported to any firefighters or civilians.



December 13, 2023 - Motor Vehicle Accident

Two teenagers suffered life-threatening injuries and were flown to the hospital after being ejected in a crash near Woodstock. Both victims were unconscious and located nearby the rolled over pickup truck. Two helicopters landed on Route 47 and transported the two victims to Advocate Condell Medical Center in Libertyville and Mercyhealth Javon Bea – Riverside in Rockford.

MAJOR NEWS INCIDENTS

House Explosion October 9, 2023

A total of 22 residents were displaced and at least 20 buildings were damaged, three of which are a complete loss, in an explosion and fire that critically injured two dogs in Woodstock. The Woodstock City Manager's office was notified around 12:30 p.m. by a city employee of a gas leak in the area of Tryon Street and Lincoln Avenue. Firefighters and emergency crews were dispatched to assess the situation. While fire crews were standing by at the scene for Nicor to fix the leak, an explosion occurred on Lincoln Avenue and a fire broke out. A two-story house was completely destroyed by the explosion and a second adjacent house sustained significant damage from the fire. Two additional homes are structurally uninhabitable. Over 20 fire departments responded to the call. Two firefighters were transported to the hospital for non-life-threatening injuries. No fatalities were reported.

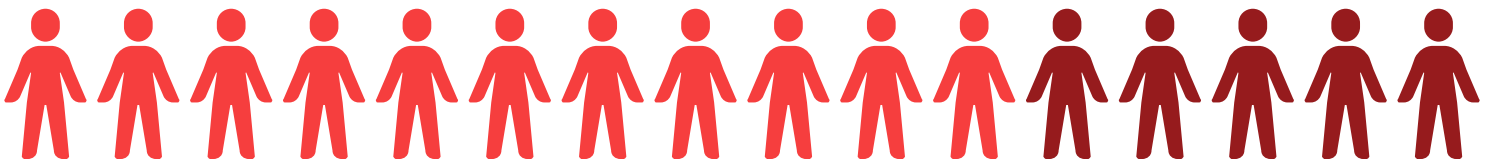


TRAINING DIVISION

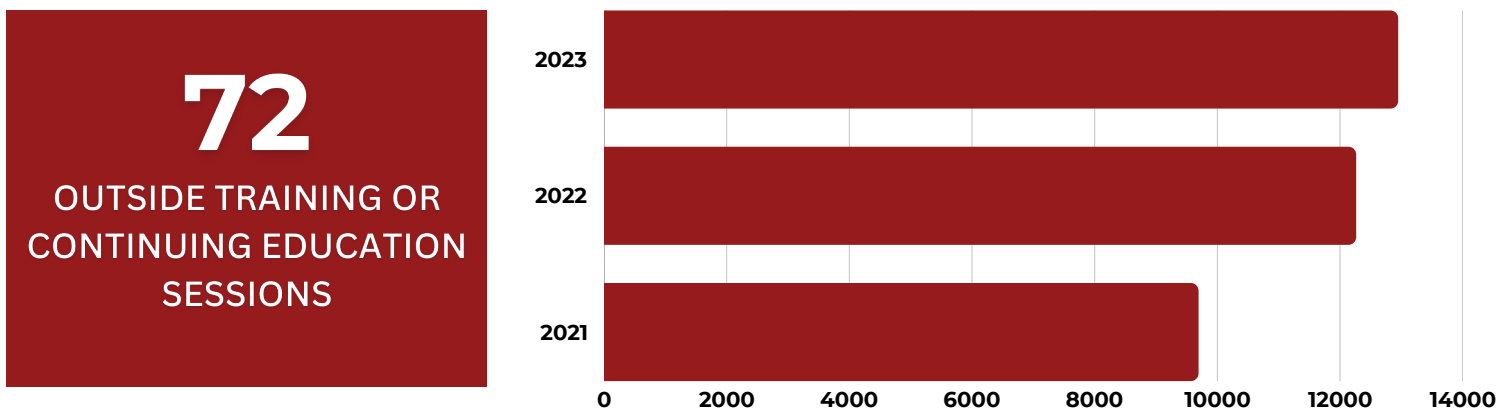


12,949
HOURS OF FIRE &
EMS TRAINING

244 HOURS/MEMBER & 20 HOURS/MONTH



3 Years Of Training Hours



72

OUTSIDE TRAINING OR
CONTINUING EDUCATION
SESSIONS



Office of the State Fire Marshal Certifications

Advanced Fire Officer

- Scott Wessel

Advanced Technician Firefighter

- Alex DuBrock
- Michael Klus
- Erik Bobula

Basic Operations Firefighter

- Andrew Richardson
- Ramiro Botello
- Trevor Nieman
- Izair Romero
- Jake Kazimour

Confined Space Technician

- Adam Mass
- Brandon Teresi
- Deangelo Cooke

Fire Apparatus Engineer

- Jordan Stark

Fire Department Incident Safety Officer

- Deangelo Cooke
- Scott Wessel

Fire Investigator

- Jeffery Randecker
- Alexander Vucha

Fire Service Instructor I

- Michael Klus
- Kyle Beres

Fire Service Instructor II

- Jose Flores

Fire Service Vehicle Operator

- Gage Duszak
- Trevor Nieman
- Andrew Richardson
- Izair Romero
- Jake Kazimour

Hazardous Materials Incident Command

- Alex Dubrock
- Scott Nieman

Hazardous Materials Operations

- Andrew Richardson
- Ramiro Botello
- Trevor Nieman
- Izair Romero
- Jake Kazimour

Structural Collapse Technician

- Adam Mass

Trench Technician

- Brandon Teresi

Vehicle and Machinery Operations

- Antonio Zamora
- Erik Bobula
- Gregory Antor

EMS DIVISION

In 2023, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) accounted for 70.3% or 3,887 emergency responses for our District. A significant component of overall activities involves continuing education aimed at cultivating medical judgment, problem-solving, decision-making, and practical skills. Our EMS Division strives to provide the highest level of out-of-hospital care to our community and visitors.



5 Cardiac Arrest Saves

Five cardiac arrest saves, which through the direct care provided our crews, the patients not only survived but returned to their normal way of living their lives.

72 Ride Time Sessions

Ride sessions provided to outside ECRN (Emergency Communications Registered Nurse), EMT's, and Medic students to complete their applicable certifications.



4 IV Pumps

We placed four new IV pumps into service which allows our paramedics to precisely dose lifesaving medications to adults through infants at the same efficacy as a hospital ICU.

4 Cardiac Monitors

We placed four new cardiac monitors in service to allow our paramedics to provide lifesaving treatment and monitoring during transport to one of four area hospitals.



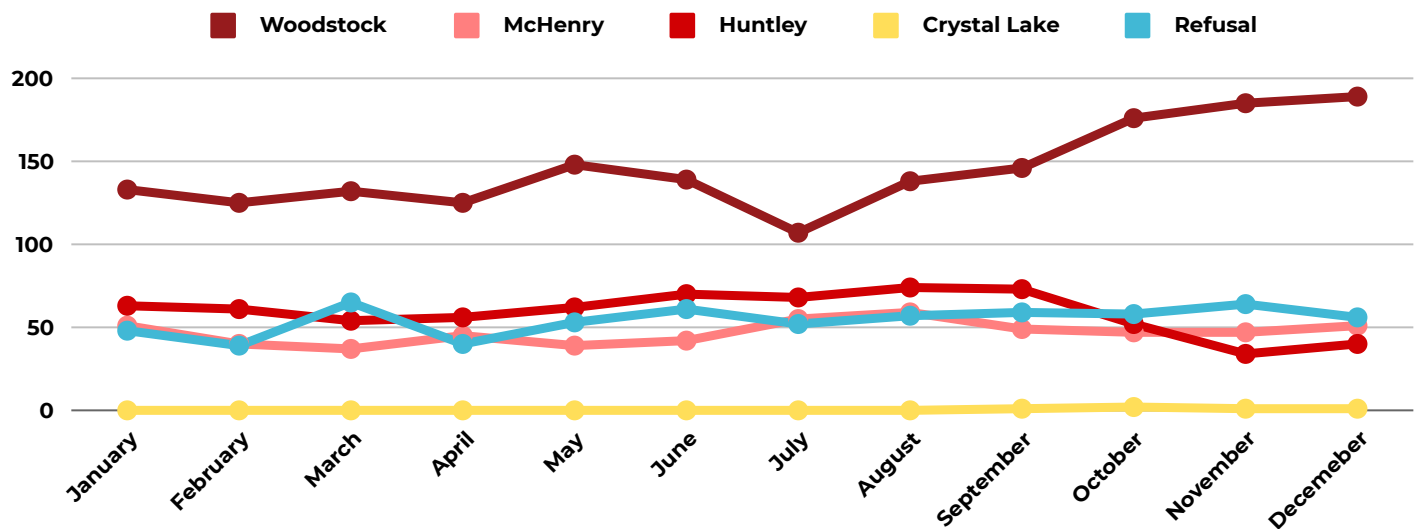


NOW TRANSPORTING

Mercyhealth Hospital – Crystal Lake

Transports began on August 18, 2023. A total of 5 transports were reported through the end of the year.

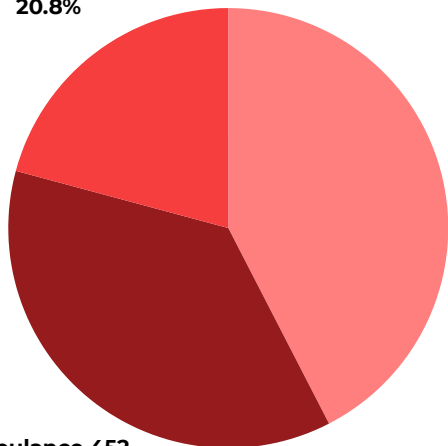
Transport Destinations



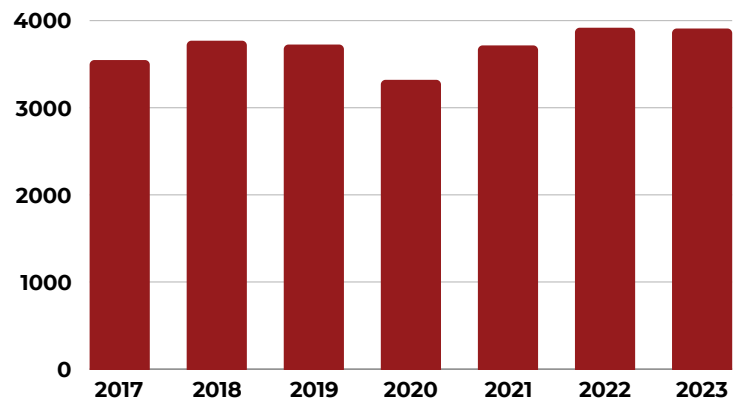
Ambulance 453
20.8%

Ambulance 451
42.4%

Ambulance 452
36.8%



EMS Calls Over 7 Years



10.2% Increase Since 2017

SPECIAL TEAMS

Fire Investigations

The Illinois Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) mandates all fires that occur within the State of Illinois be investigated for origin and cause. All the members of the WFRD team are Certified Fire Investigators (CFI) and have extensive training to investigate all fires in a professional and scientific manner. In 2023, the team welcomed two new members.



Honor Guard

The WFRD Honor Guard was established in 2010 and consists of 10 members devoted to properly displaying the pride and colors of the Woodstock Fire/Rescue District and our country. The Honor Guard projects a positive image of the District and its members by performing as a well-trained professional team at local, state, and national events.



Technical Rescue (TRT)

The Technical Rescue Team is comprised of three highly trained firefighters who perform rescues in special situations, including rope rescue, trench collapse, structure collapse, and confined space rescues. In 2023, WFRD added one new member to the TRT team. Team members are also subject to deployment through the MABAS Divisions 4 & 5 Specialized Response Teams.

SPECIAL TEAMS

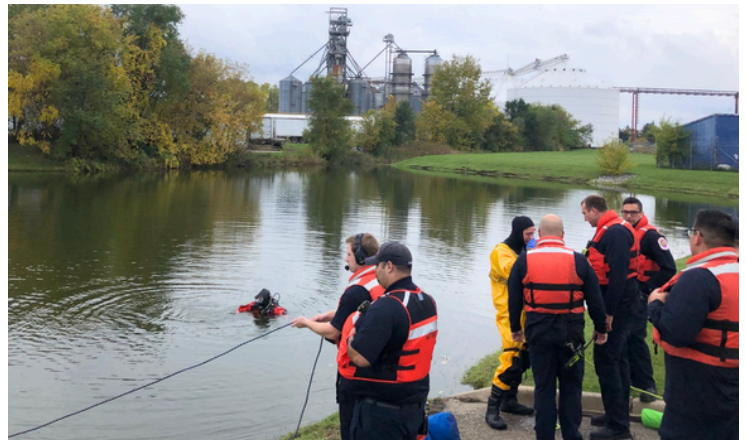


Tactical Emergency Medical Services (TEMS)

Through a cooperative effort a team of four WFRD paramedics have been integrated into the McHenry County SWAT team as tactical medics to assist law enforcement. TEMS unit members are deployed in situations where traditional EMS or firefighters cannot respond. In 2023, WFRD's team responded to 12 calls throughout the county.

Dive & Water Rescue

WFRD has a team of skilled personnel proficient in surface rescue, underwater rescue and recovery, boat operations, and line tending. The rescue divers are trained to be proficient in many environments, which include zero visibility and ice diving. The team also responds to other communities throughout northern Illinois through MABAS (Mutual Aid Box Alarm System).



Hazardous Materials (HAZMAT)

WFRD certified technicians are specially trained to handle emergencies involving hazardous materials or dangerous goods. The team is ready to assist with tasks like product identification, risk assessment, plugging or patching, and decontamination. WFRD technicians responded to one major incident in-District and three additional incidents throughout Lake and McHenry Counties.

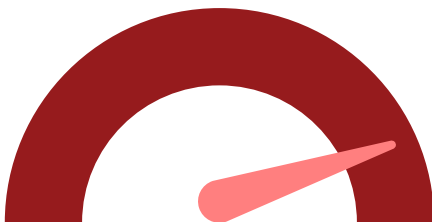
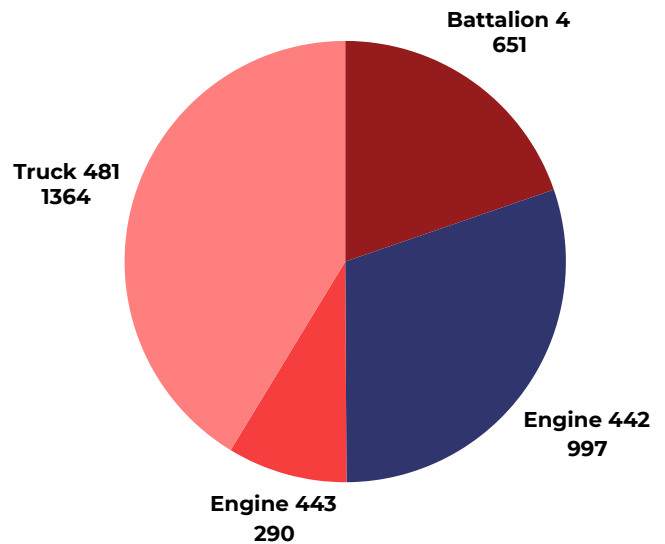
APPARATUS

The Woodstock Fire/Rescue District has a large fleet of vehicles. Routine vehicle maintenance is critical to ensure our fleet remains ready to serve the community. Nearly all maintenance and alterations are conducted by in-house Mechanic Michael Shannon. The most important aspect of vehicle maintenance is preventative maintenance which includes regular oil changes, filter replacement, and regular inspections of electrical and charging systems. Every day our crews are perform inspections, checks of equipment, and cleaning. Having an in-house mechanic not only keeps our fleet in top shape, but it is also cost effective for our taxpayers. In 2023, a total of 1327 work orders were performed. This total is comprised of both preventive maintenance and repairs.

NEW
NEW
NEW
NEW



2023 Calls By Frontline Fire Apparatus



1327

Vehicle Work Orders
Performed In-House

OUT WITH THE OLD, IN WITH THE NEW



Truck 481

Station 1 Frontline

A replacement for our current 2009 Pierce, 105' Aerial Ladder has been ordered! The Board of Trustees approved the purchase of a new Pierce Enforcer, 107' Aerial Ladder (specifications in-progress). The replacement for the 15-year-old apparatus will be designed very similarly, while utilizing the newest state of the art technology. Truck 481 responds to nearly 1,000 calls annually. The new custom apparatus has a current lead production time of about three years.



New Kitchen

Station 1 - Headquarters

Like your homes, our station is where we spend time, eat meals, workout, and sleep. Nearly 30 years of heavy use had taken its toll on our Station 1 kitchen. In 2023, the kitchen, dayroom and two restrooms were given a well needed floor-to-ceiling upgrade. The renovations took three months and we are very pleased with the final product.



WOODSTOCK FIRE/RESCUE DISTRICT

2023

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THE MISSION OF THE WOODSTOCK FIRE/RESCUE DISTRICT IS TO
PROTECT LIFE AND PROPERTY, THROUGH EFFICIENT AND
PROFESSIONAL SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY.