

Wausau Fire Department 2012 Annual Report



ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2012

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WAUSAU FIRE DEPARTMENT MISSION STATEMENT

It is the mission of the Wausau Fire Department to provide rapid, professional emergency services.

WAUSAU FIRE DEPARTMENT GOALS

- **Emergency Services Goal:** Provide rapid, effective, and professional response to emergency situations.
- **Fire Prevention/Public Education Goal:** Promote a safe environment in the Community by educating the public and identifying hazards.
- **Public Relations and Support Goal:** Gain the support of the public and city government to provide sufficient funds for personnel, equipment, and programs.
- **Workplace and Human Relations Goal:** Provide a physically and mentally healthy workplace based on trust, good communications, training, and teamwork.

CITY OF WAUSAU CORE VALUES

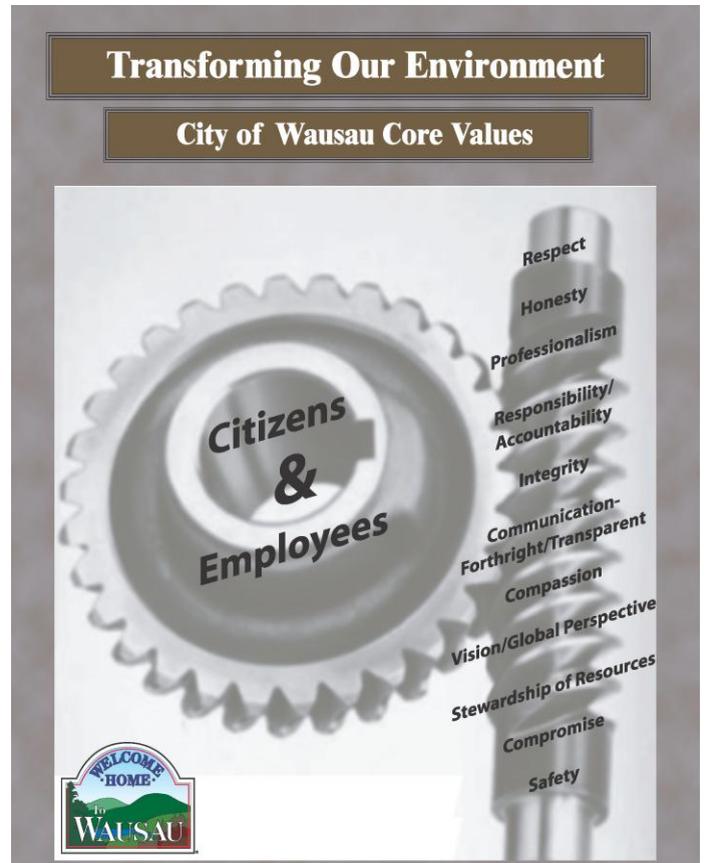
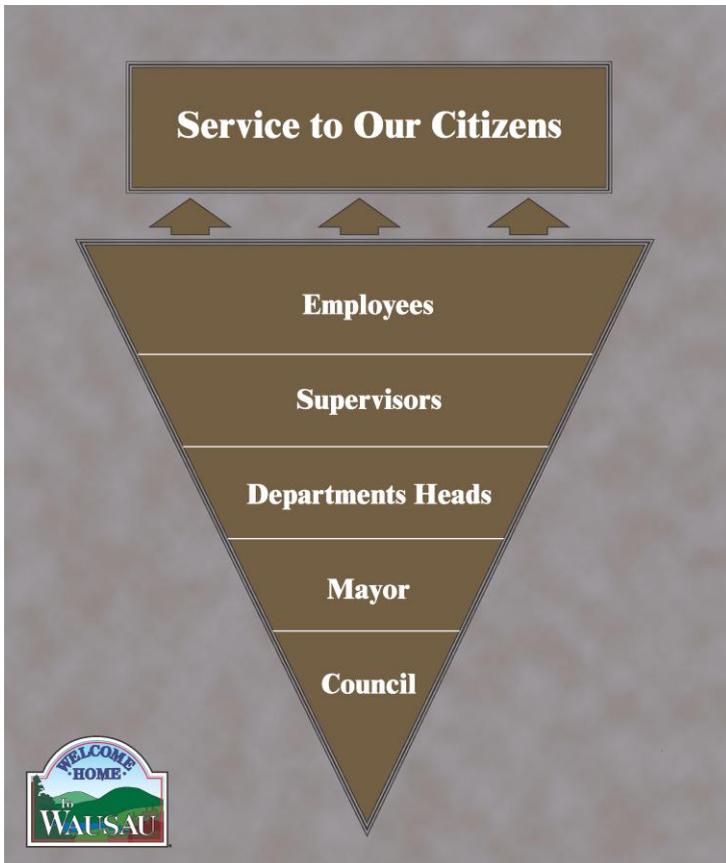


MISSION STATEMENT OF THE CITY OF WAUSAU

**In response to our citizens, we will provide services
in the most effective and efficient manner
in order to promote and enhance
our living environment.**

Plan and encourage positive growth.

**Promote a positive community image
by encouraging citizen involvement
and civic pride.**



FOR THE GOOD OF ALL



WAUSAU FIRE & EMS PEER FOCUS GROUP

PURPOSE:

To improve our work environment through use of our core values.

VISION:

To be the place where:

All new recruits want to work.

All employees enjoy coming to work.

All are proud of their careers.

All strive to leave a positive legacy.

SCOPE:

Be open to discuss all issues without actual bargaining.

GROUP GUIDELINES:

Will not supercede contract.

Turn over to labor/management those issues that are appropriate for them to negotiate.

Be positive and maintain enthusiasm.

Post meeting summary and provide direct feedback to the individual (s) involved.

Respect, listen, work collectively, be forthright and transparent on all issues.

Encourage those who need help beyond our scope, to seek out the appropriate services, i.e. E.A.S. (Employee Assistance Services.)

Include our personnel and other departments, in our Peer Focus Group meeting, when necessary.

Learn to trust each other and maintain the confidentiality of the group.

ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES:

Must have a minimum of 6 members to conduct a meeting; one must be a manager.

Initial term of members is at least two years, but this is open for review at anytime.

Keep minutes of each meeting. After review by group members, post on "O" drive and distribute to all fire department employees via email.

Post list of Peer Focus Group members.

APPROACH / PROCESS:

Identify issues.

Prioritize.

Determine solutions and/or identify options.

Communicate.



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December 31, 2012

The Honorable Mayor of Wausau
Members of the Common Council
Members of the Police and Fire Commission
Citizens of Wausau

Re: The Wausau Fire Department's 2012 Annual Report

I am pleased to present the Wausau Fire Departments' 2012 Annual Report. It will provide you with information concerning the department's many services and accomplishments during the past year.

I also wish to take this opportunity to thank the men and women of our department who continually strive to provide this highly important and critically necessary service to the residents of our city 24 hours per day/7 days per week. I hope our citizens appreciate and value their dedication, professionalism and hard work as much as I do.

I believe you will find the following pages informative and enlightening.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary Buchberger, Chief
Wausau Fire Department



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RE: 2012 Training Annual Letter

The members of the Wausau Fire Department strive to provide the citizens of the City of Wausau and surrounding communities with the best all-hazard response possible. Our responses to emergency calls are provided professionally and safely. Providing a high level of service such as this is only possible through extensive, ongoing training, passion, and a commitment to excellence.

For highlights in 2012, we ran two certifications courses - Fire Instructor and Driver/Operator-Aerial. We sent members to a certified Driver/Operator-Pumper course as well. We completed several live structure fires training events over the course of the year. This type of "hands-on training" is extremely beneficial.

Our environment is changing. We have noticed a trend in fires within the City and must refocus our efforts in fire prevention and fire investigations. For 2013, we will deliver public fire education, fire prevention, and basic fire investigation training to our fire operations members. For our command staff, we continue to move into Emergency Operations Center and Incident Management Team development.

We have a quality training program. Our members have been given the opportunity to develop their skills and further progress within the department, while offering the highest level of service in the area and providing excellent emergency response to the citizens and visitors of the Wausau metro area.

Respectfully Submitted,

Philip Rentmeester, Deputy Chief
Wausau Fire Department

TRAINING ANALYSIS BY CATEGORY

Category	# of Classes	% of Classes	Attendees	% of Attendees	Hours	% of Hours
Admin						
Computer	6	.62%	53	.99%	51:15	.41%
Documentation	2	.20%	16	.29%	8:15	.06%
Administrative Training – other	2	.20%	16	.29%	30:49	.24%
Policies & Procedures	8	.83%	31	.57%	48:30	.38%
Curriculum						
Acquired Structure Prep	7	.72%	52	.97%	200:10	1.60%
Driver Operator	2	.20%	2	.03%	2:15	.01%
Training Program – other	3	.31%	3	.05%	10:45	.08%
Recruit Program	1	.10%	3	.05%	6:00	.04%
Rope/High angle Rescue	1	.10%	4	.07%	6:51	.05%
Driver						
Aerial Operations	109	11.35%	714	13.33%	2224:00	17.81%
Ambulance Operations	2	.20%	3	.05%	2:05	.01%
Engine Operations	46	4.79%	117	2.18%	214:52	1.72%
Haz Mat Vehicles	3	.31%	8	.14%	10:00	.08%
Hydraulics	1	.10%	1	.01%	1:00	.00%
Rescue 1 Operations	4	.41%	13	.24%	18:00	.14%
Tanker Operations	3	.31%	15	.28%	22:30	.18%
Vehicle Familiarization	24	2.50%	72	1.34%	80:20	.64%
EMS						
Adult Cardiology	6	.62%	62	1.15%	74:00	.59%
12 Lead Interpretation	5	.52%	58	1.08%	72:15	.57%
Adult Medical	16	1.66%	108	2.01%	124:00	.99%
Adult Pharmacology	7	.72%	56	1.04%	76:18	.61%
Adult Respiratory	10	1.04%	66	1.23%	109:45	.87%
Adult Trauma	37	3.85%	156	2.91%	206:54	1.65%
Airway & Breathing	7	.72%	66	1.23%	65:00	.52%
Documentation	7	.72%	64	1.19%	82:00	.65%
Infection Control	4	.41%	39	.72%	39:43	.31%
Intermediate – Patient Assessment	5	.52%	26	.48%	56:00	.44%
IV Access & Medication Administration	3	.31%	14	.26%	11:30	.09%

TRAINING ANALYSIS BY CATEGORY

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Category	# of Classes	% of Classes	Attendees	% of Attendees	Hours	% of Hours
EMS continued						
Obstetrics	7	.72%	54	1.00%	58:27	.46%
EMS Operations	14	1.45%	65	1.21%	54:47	.43%
EMS Other	10	1.04%	96	1.79%	80:54	.64%
Pediatric Cardiology	4	.41%	15	.28%	11:15	.09%
Pediatric Medical	11	1.14%	67	1.25%	249:00	1.99%
Pediatric Pharmacology	1	.10%	1	.01%	1:30	.01%
Pediatric Respiratory	4	.41%	43	.80%	39:30	.31%
Pediatric Trauma	4	.41%	5	.09%	8:00	.06%
EMS Supplemental Reading	5	.52%	5	.09%	6:15	.05%
EMS Run Review	1	.10%	11	.20%	5:30	.04%
EMS Scenario (s)	2	.20%	18	.33%	20:00	.16%
EMS Skill Testing	3	.31%	51	.95%	102:00	.81%
Skill & Equipment Review	8	.83%	63	1.17%	111:42	.89%
EMS WMD Preparedness	1	.10%	1	.01%	2:00	.01%
ACLS	8	.83%	42	.78%	213:30	1.71%
EMS Conferences	6	.62%	15	.28%	98:50	.79%
CPR Refresher	12	1.25%	73	1.36%	146:00	1.16%
HIPAA	1	.10%	21	.39%	21:00	.16%
PALS	4	.41%	37	.69%	12:30	.10%
Basic Refresher	3	.31%	26	.48%	151:00	1.20%
Paramedic Refresher	2	.20%	2	.03%	13:00	.10%
Fire						
Fire Behavior	7	.72%	28	.52%	34:30	.27%
Building Construction	9	.93%	37	.69%	38:51	.31%
Certification Course	3	.31%	5	.09%	19:00	.15%
Communications	1	.10%	1	.01%	8:00	.06%
Fire Incident Review (Critique)	8	.83%	123	2.29%	118:30	.94%
Extinguishers	1	.10%	4	.07%	00:00	.00%
Forcible Entry	5	.52%	24	.44%	29:45	.23%
Hose & Fire Streams	23	2.39%	101	1.88%	194:00	1.55%
Ladders	10	1.04%	50	.93%	76:45	.61%
Live Fire Training	7	.72%	120	2.24%	1017:00	8.14%

TRAINING ANALYSIS BY CATEGORY

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Category	# of Classes	% of Classes	Attendees	% of Attendees	Hours	% of Hours
Mayday	5	.52%	24	.44%	20:55	.16%
Fire other	11	1.14%	34	.63%	128:15	1.02%
Power Equipment on Vehicles	2	.20%	5	.09%	04:30	.03%
RIT	14	1.45%	80	1.49%	136:00	1.08%
Ropes & Knots	3	.31%	13	.24%	16:00	.12%
Salvage & Overhaul	3	.31%	9	.16%	11:00	.08%
Save Our Own/Fireground Survival	15	1.56%	59	1.10%	110:39	.88%
Fire Scenarios	10	1.04%	54	1.00%	113:31	.90%
Search & Rescue	13	1.35%	62	1.15%	88:39	.71%
Sprinklers & Systems	3	.31%	10	.18%	15:15	.12%
Tactics	15	1.56%	56	1.04%	127:40	1.02%
Ventilation	15	1.56%	70	1.30%	96:30	.77%
Water Supply	2	.20%	2	.03%	5:30	.04%
Maps and Street Review	21	2.18%	21	.39%	45:45	.36%
NIOSH Report of the Month	23	2.39%	52	.97%	55:40	.44%
Preplans	5	.52%	19	.35%	24:00	.19%
Supplemental Reading	16	1.66%	21	.39%	26:45	.21%
Fire Officer						
Officer Development	4	.41%	8	.14%	37:30	.30%
Training & Instructional Techniques	19	1.97%	32	.59%	110:15	.88%
Fire Instructor Certification	22	2.29%	153	2.85%	1086:15	8.70%
Leadership	4	.41%	4	.07%	17:45	.14%
Management Training	3	.31%	3	.05%	13:30	.10%
Fire Officer, other	4	.41%	4	.07%	5:57	.04%
Risk Management/Safety Training	2	.20%	4	.07%	8:29	.06%
Supervisory Management Training	2	.20%	3	.05%	10:00	.08%
Hazardous Materials						
CAMEO	7	.72%	37	.69%	47:30	.38%
Characteristics of Haz Mat	3	.31%	8	.14%	6:00	.04%
Chemical Specific	1	.10%	1	.01%	2:00	.01%
Chemistry of Haz Mat	1	.10%	2	.03%	12:00	.09%
Conferences	2	.20%	6	.11%	45:00	.36%
Decontamination	3	.31%	43	.80%	80:00	.64%

TRAINING ANALYSIS BY CATEGORY

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Category	# of Classes	% of Classes	Attendees	% of Attendees	Hours	% of Hours
Hazardous Materials continued						
Equipment Set up & Usage	2	.20%	18	.33%	32:30	.26%
Fixed Facilities	1	.10%	6	.11%	00:00	0.00%
Information Resources	14	1.45%	72	1.34%	82:00	.65%
Instrumentation	19	1.97%	145	2.7%	140:36	1.12%
PPE	3	.31%	25	.46%	46:00	.36%
Refresher – Technician	3	.31%	50	.93%	398:00	3.18%
Spill & Leak Control	6	.62%	87	1.62%	142:15	1.13%
Transportation	3	.31%	49	.91%	332:00	2.65%
Weapons of Mass Destruction	1	.10%	1	.01%	2:00	.01%
Incident Management						
Incident Command	2	.20%	3	.05%	12:19	.09%
Incident Management	2	.20%	11	.20%	16:00	.12%
ICS 100 Intro to ICS	1	.10%	1	.01%	2:00	.01%
ICS 200 Single Resources/Initial Actions	2	.20%	2	.03%	5:30	.04%
NIMS 300 Intermediate ICS	1	.10%	2	.03%	16:00	.12%
NIMS 400 Advanced ICS	1	.10%	2	.03%	16:00	.12%
Inspections						
Code Training	2	.20%	18	.33%	75:00	.60%
Origin & Cause Investigation	14	1.45%	47	.87%	142:45	1.14%
Inspection Principles	4	.41%	44	.82%	101:30	.81%
UDC-HVAC	2	.20%	4	.07%	45:00	.36%
UST/AST Inspector	2	.20%	2	.03%	10:00	.08%
New						
New Equipment	17	1.77%	113	2.11%	139:52	1.12%
New Policy	7	.72%	67	1.25%	362:07	2.90%
Rescue						
Confined Space	7	.72%	45	.84%	69:30	.55%
Confined Space – Simulated Rescue	6	.62%	67	1.25%	143:00	1.14%
Extrication	6	.62%	54	1.00%	98:15	.78%
Ice & Water Rescue	6	.62%	56	1.04%	97:00	.77%

TRAINING ANALYSIS BY CATEGORY

...Continued

Category	# of Classes	% of Classes	Attendees	% of Attendees	Hours	% of Hours
Rescue continued						
High Angle/High Level Rescue	24	2.50%	167	3.11%	337:01	2.69%
Other	2	.20%	10	.18%	20:00	.16%
Respiratory SCBA						
Donning/Doffing	1	.10%	7	.13%	10:30	.08%
Recharging Cylinders/ Cascade System	1	.10%	7	.13%	3:30	.02%
Inspection, Care, Maintenance	3	.31%	3	.05%	3:30	.02%
Other Training	5	.52%	13	.24%	29:45	.23%
Safety						
Firefighter Safety & Survival	12	1.25%	95	1.77%	126:15	1.01%
Safety Training – other	2	.20%	16	.29%	00:30	.00%
Special						
Electricity	3	.31%	43	.80%	75:30	.60%
Severe Weather	1	.10%	15	.28%	22:30	.18%
Wellness						
Wellness Training	3	.31%	45	.84%	22:30	.18%
TOTAL	960		5,353		12,485:39	



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RE: 2012 Inspections Annual Letter

2012 has been an eventful year for the fire inspection division. Our department has increased interaction with the majority of the City Departments assisting and receiving assistance in regards to fire investigations, code concerns and special event activities. The majority of the commercial properties that are subject to fire code inspections are doing a great job maintaining a safe environment for their employees and the public. Most of the properties that had fire code violations completed the corrections within 30 days.

At year end, outstanding violations are those in court process, variances waiting for State approval, or properties in need of construction changes.

This past year we have experienced an increase in arson fires. We are working with the Wausau Police Department and the State Fire Marshal to solve these crimes.

Our fire investigation training has evolved this past year. We were able to set up over 20 different fire scenarios in tow homes. This training benefited multiple fire, police and sheriffs departments throughout the State of Wisconsin. We were able to provide this training through a collaborative effort with EFI Global Fire Investigation. This training benefited over 120 public and private fire investigators.

Our Fire Prevention Programs again this year were well received by the teachers and children. By spending the day at each school or education center, it gave the fire department personnel time to interact with the children and instill the fire prevention theme which gave the children knowledge, and homework, to take home and share with their parents and siblings.

When you continue reading this 2012 Annual Report, you will find a breakdown of the inspection activities and fire prevention programs on pages 30 and 42.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Wausau Fire Department



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RE: 2012 Emergency Medical Services Report

The emergency medical technicians and paramedics of the Wausau Fire Department strive to provide the citizens of the City of Wausau and surrounding communities with the highest level of pre-hospital care possible. Emergency medical providers make every effort to decrease response times while increasing the level of care delivered to each patient. A high level of service is only able to be provided by offering organized training, dependable equipment, and sufficient resources while remaining fiscally responsible.

In 2012 several important milestones were accomplished by emergency medical services of the Wausau Fire Department. We developed a new protocol for cardiac arrest patients; it delivered great success to the citizens of Wausau. Twenty patients were resuscitated from cardiac arrest in 2012 and fourteen of those patients were discharged from the hospital to lead the rest of their lives. The national average for cardiac arrest resuscitation is less than 10% our rate was for 2012 was 33%. Cardiac arrest statistics are monitored using 52 data points to continue to develop and improve this program.

Another initiative for 2012 was to decrease the time from dispatch to intervention for patients suffering a heart attack. The recommendation from the American Heart Association is ninety minutes from the time the patient arrives at the emergency department until they have an intervention performed in the catheterization lab. This was taken one step farther to include the time from 911 call until the patient has an intervention performed in the catheterization lab. Our average time for 2012 was just over sixty minutes. These two accomplishments are a product of dedication, training and cooperation with local health care facilities.

A new ambulance was ordered in late 2012 with delivery scheduled for spring of 2013. This ambulance has a new design to promote patient and crew safety. More aggressive patient care protocols were introduced and training was performed to improve patient care. Additional service area was obtained increasing call volume and revenue. A friends and family CPR class was offered to the public free of charge in the summer of 2012, this type of training will again be offered in 2013. A comprehensive quality assurance program has also been developed and assures increased quality in patient care. Several new initiatives are in process for 2013 to continue to move Wausau Fire Department Emergency Medical Services forward.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joshua J. Finke, EMS Division Chief
Wausau Fire Department

CITY OF WAUSAU

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Lisa Rasmussen, Council President

WAUSAU COMMON COUNCIL

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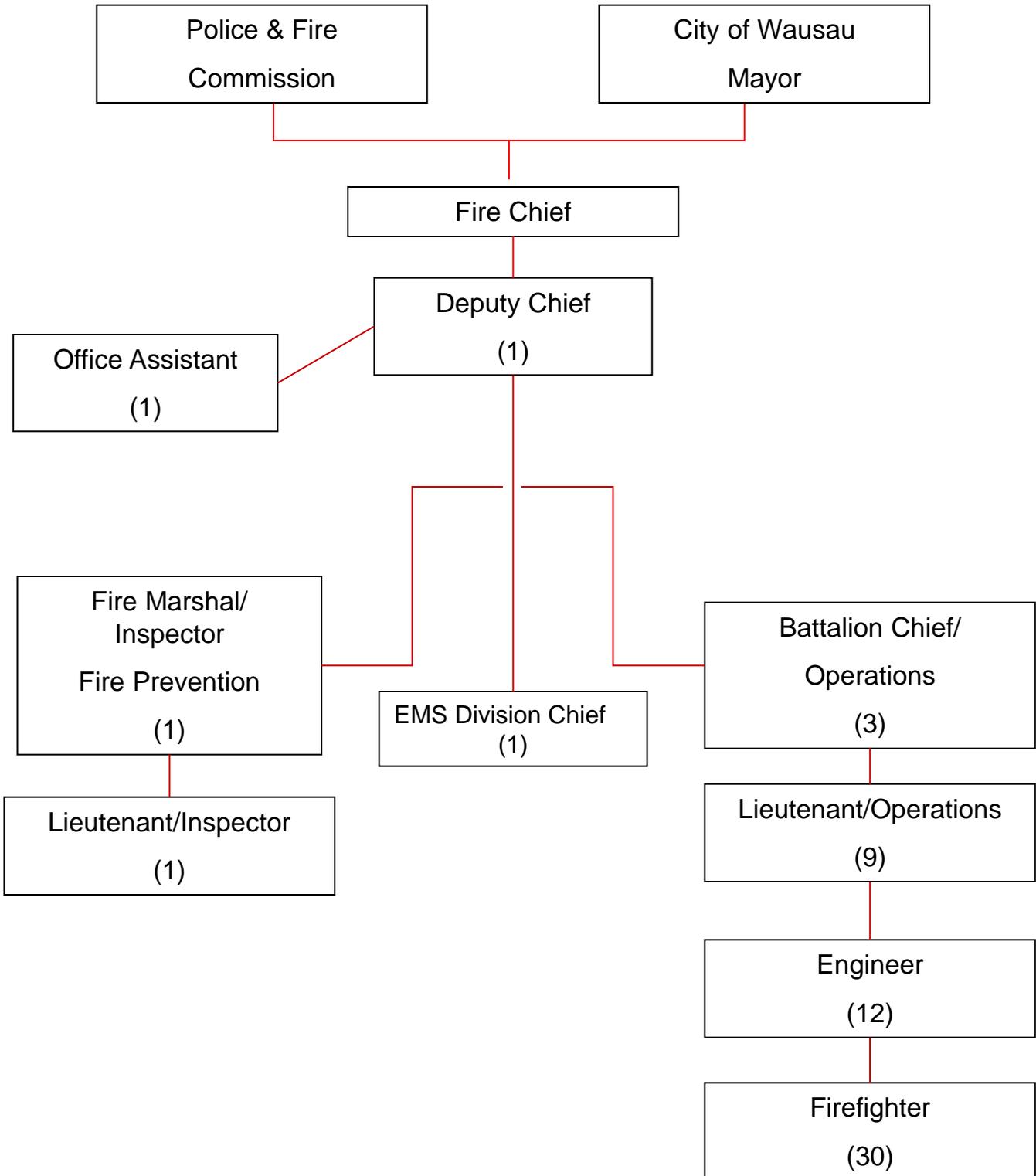
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Tony Patterson, Commissioner (4/16)



WAUSAU FIRE FIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION LOCAL 415

Jeremy Kopp, President
Charles Prinz, Vice-President
Steven Bahr, Secretary/Treasurer
Hyden Prausa, Member at Large

WAUSAU FIRE DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



FINANCIAL REPORT

2012

2012 Actual Budget

Organization	Personnel	Operating	Outlay	Total
Administration	\$603,517	\$96,710	\$0	\$700,227
Maintenance	\$0	\$107,850	\$0	\$107,850
Inspection	\$231,587	\$7,500	0	\$239,087
Firefighting	\$2,448,370	\$12,800	\$14,500	\$2,475,670
Ambulance	\$2,656,111	\$240,199	\$1,200	\$2,897,510
Training	\$128,046	\$12,250	\$0	\$140,296
Total	\$6,067,631	\$477,309	\$15,700	\$6,560,640

2012 Revenues Collected

Administration	\$ 96,928.69
Ambulance	\$1,393,930.80
Unaudited Balance as of 12/31/12	\$1,490,859.49



WAUSAU FIRE DEPARTMENT 2012 ROSTER

Dept. Employee	Rank	Yrs of Service	Training
Gary Buchberger	Fire Chief	14	A,C,D,F,P
Philip Rentmeester	Deputy Chief	14	A,C,F,H,J,P,T,U,Z
Douglas Beula	Battalion Chief	26	A,H,J,P,T,U,W,Z
Mark Krueger	Battalion Chief	23	A,H,K,M,N,O,P,T,Z
Paul Czarapata	Battalion Chief	24	K,P,T,Z,AA
Tammy Friedrich	Conf. Admin. Spec.	20	C,D
David DeSantis	Fire Marshal	13	E,H,K,P,V,X
Jeremy Kopp	Lieutenant/Inspector	8	E,J,X
Raymond Yeager	Lieutenant	24	J,P,T
Douglas Flory	Lieutenant	26	J,P,S,T,U
Steven Bahr	Lieutenant	17	K,M,N,P,T
David Sanft	Lieutenant	27	J,P,T
Wallace Olson	Lieutenant	23	H,K,N,P,T
Patrick Moucha	Lieutenant	22	H,J,P,T
Allan Antolik	Lieutenant	17	L,P,T
Jeffery Strouf	Engineer	27	J,P,S,T,U
Thomas Gipp	Engineer	26	J,P,T
Christopher Kainz	Engineer	23	J,P,T,AB
Clark Reetz	MPO	22	J,Q,T
Kevin Hicks	MPO	22	H,J,P,Q,T
Michael Tulisaari	Engineer	20	K,T,Z
Theodore Tautges	Engineer	19	I,L,P,S,T,Y
Keith Cortright	Engineer	19	H,L,P,T
Christopher Barber	Engineer	18	K,Q,T,S
Gary Lech	Engineer	18	K,P,S,T,Z
Andrew Adrian	Engineer	17	K,P,T
William Resch	Engineer	17	L,P,T
Guy Skidmore	Firefighter	16	J,P,T
James Whitehead	Firefighter	16	H,L,P,T
Robert Rode	Firefighter	16	J,T
Thomas Hanke	Firefighter	16	L,N,P,T
Steven Robers	Firefighter	15	L,P,T,U
Mark Tautges	Firefighter	15	H,I,L,P,T,Y
Kurt Riel	Firefighter	15	I,L,P,T,Y
Robert Buss	Firefighter	13	J,P,T
Michael Faehling	Firefighter	13	H,L,P,T

WAUSAU FIRE DEPARTMENT 2012 ROSTER

...Continued

Dept. Employee	Rank	Yrs of Service	Training
Michael Herdina	Firefighter	13	L,P,T
Scott Habeck	Firefighter	13	H,L,P,T
Brian Stahl	Firefighter	12	H,L,P,T
Chad Eberle	Firefighter	11	L,P,T
Brad Ludwig	Firefighter	9	L,N,P
Jared Thompson	Firefighter	9	L,P
Kraig Kruzan	Firefighter	9	L,P
Michael Becker	Firefighter	8	L,P
Hyden Prausa	Firefighter	7	L,P
Marlon Marks	Firefighter	7	L
Nicholas Gehring	Firefighter	6	L
Shawn Gehring	Firefighter	5	L
Charles Prinz	Firefighter	4	L
Jamie Geise	Firefighter	3	L
Derek Pionke	Firefighter	2	L
Timothy Bingham	Firefighter	2	L
Shahn Kariger	Firefighter	1	
Ruben Macias	Firefighter	1	
Shane Woller	Firefighter	1	
Quinn Ambrosius	Firefighter	1	
Travis Krueger	Firefighter	Probation	
Jake Patnode	Firefighter	Probation	
Matt Brockman	Firefighter	Probation	

Ambulance and Training: Personnel drawn from other organizations within the department

**=Indicates organizations where personnel serve in dual roles*

KEY

A = Administration / B = Training / C = Purchasing / D = Inventory / E = Fire & Arson Investigation /
 F = Contingency Planning / H = Cameo (Computer Assist. Mngt. Of Emergency Operations Specialist) /
 I = Emergency Medical Services Coordinator / J = Emergency Medical Technician - Basic /
 K = Emergency Medical Technician – IV Tech / L = Emergency Medical Technician – Paramedic /
 M = Emergency Medical Technician – Instructor / N = CPR Instructor / O = Hazardous Materials Team Coordinator /
 P = Hazardous Materials Team Member / Q = Air Quality & Breathing Apparatus / S = Rapid Water & Ice Rescue /
 T = Confined Space Rescue / U = High Level Rescue / V = Certified Underground Tank / W = Protective Clothing /
 X = Children's Fire Safety House / Y = EMS Quality Assurance Program / Z = Fire Service Instructor /
 AA = Hazardous Materials Instructor / AB = Hazardous Materials Instrumentation

WAUSAU FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL OCCURRENCES

Deaths - Active Firefighters:	0	Deaths - Retired Personnel:	0
Retirements:	Thomas Pooch		4/8/12
Resignations:	Jennifer Luther		5/15/12
	Tammy Friedrich		Transfer to DPW
New Employees:	Joshua Finke		1/9/12
	Travis Krueger		7/9/12
	Jake Patnode		7/9/12
	Matthew Brockman		7/9/12
Promotions:	Michael Tulisaari Eng to Lt		5/16/12
	James Whitehead FF to Eng		5/16/12
	Theodore Tautges Eng to Lt		5/20/12
	Guy Skidmore FF to Eng		5/20/12
Years of Service	Tammy Friedrich		20 years
	Steven Robers		15 years
	Mark Tautges		15 years
	Kurt Riel		15 years

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITIONS

Paul Czarapata received the Certificate in Management – Gold Award from CVMIC

Department recognized by Wausau Daily Herald for an outstanding partnership with Make A Difference Day

EMPLOYEE LEAVE

Time lost due to Family/Medical Leave – 2207.50 hours

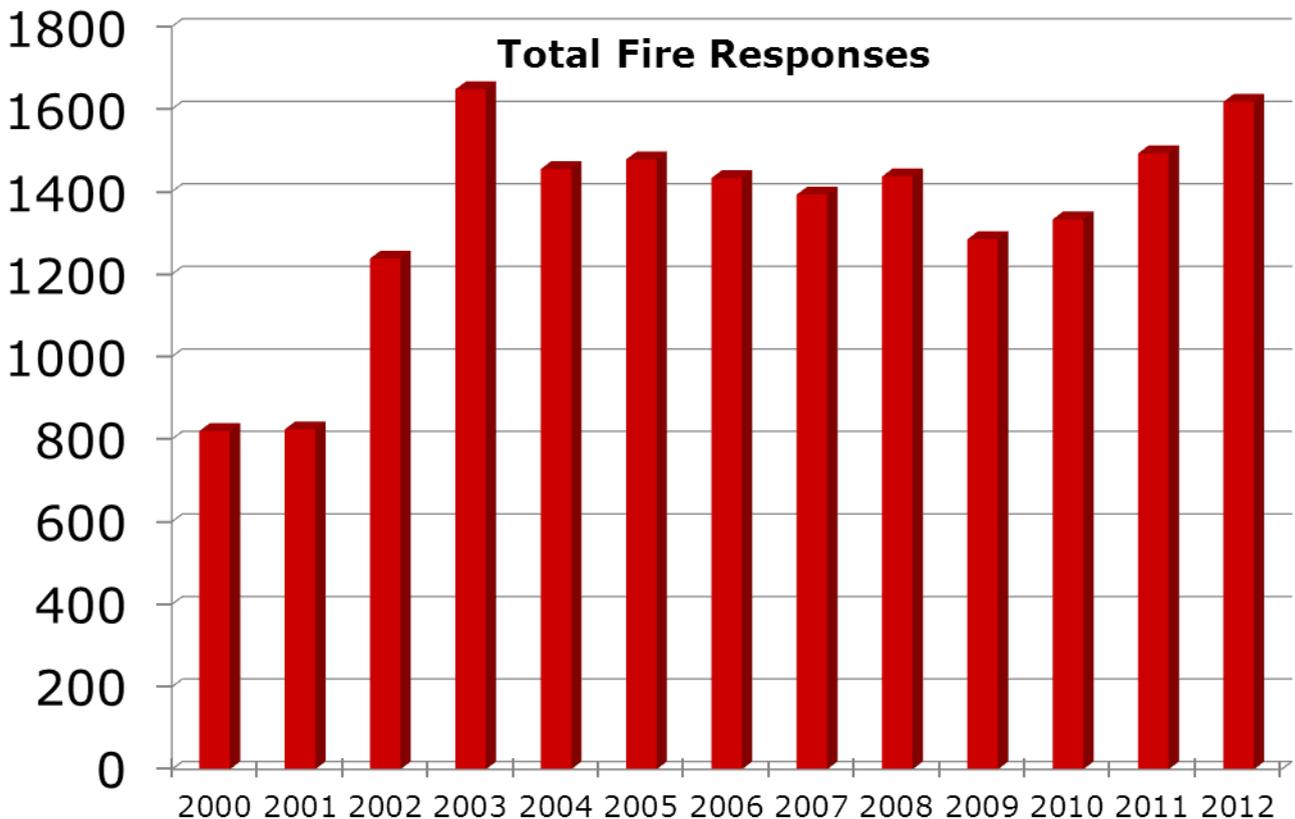
Time lost due to on-duty injuries – 1911.00 hours

Time lost due to sickness –2693.66 hours

Catastrophic leave – 0

**YEARLY FIRE RESPONSE
COMPARISON CHART
2000 - 2012**

Year	Total
2000	820
2001	824
2002	1,238
2003	1,648
2004	1,455
2005	1,478
2006	1,433
2007	1,393
2008	1,437
2009	1,285
2010	1,333
2011	1,493
2012	1,618



CITY OF WAUSAU FIRE RESPONSE BY INCIDENT TYPE

CODE	DESCRIPTION	FREQ.	FREQ. %	EXPs	TOTAL MAN HOURS	AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME (min)
100	Fire, other	2	0.12%	0	16.93	2
111	Building fires	27	1.67%	2	665.87	3.85
112	Fires in structures other than in a building	2	0.12%	0	27.73	4.5
113	Cooking fire, confined to container	12	0.74%	0	62.35	4
114	Chimney or flue fire, confined to chimney or flue	2	0.12%	0	10.02	5.5
116	Fuel burner/boiler malfunction, fire confined	1	0.06%	0	2	3
118	Trash or rubbish fire, contained	2	0.12%	0	21.2	7
121	Fire in mobile home used as fixed residence	1	0.06%	0	53.5	5
131	Passenger vehicle fire	9	0.56%	0	81.07	2.89
132	Road freight or transport vehicle fire	1	0.06%	0	7.67	3
137	Camper or recreational vehicle (RV) fire	1	0.06%	0	5.25	5
138	Off-road vehicle or heavy equipment fire	1	0.06%	0	1.2	6
140	Natural vegetation fire, other	4	0.25%	0	3.75	3.5
141	Forest, woods or wildland fire	3	0.19%	0	17.42	3.67
142	Brush, or brush and grass mixture fire	12	0.74%	0	30.55	4.83
143	Grass fire	3	0.19%	0	5.33	4.67
150	Outside rubbish fire, other	1	0.06%	0	0.67	4
151	Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire	7	0.43%	0	14.15	3.43
153	Construction or demolition landfill fire	1	0.06%	0	2.58	7
154	Dumpster or other outside trash receptacle fire	6	0.37%	0	9.97	5.5
160	Special outside fire, other	5	0.31%	0	8.12	4.4
162	Outside equipment fire	3	0.19%	0	13.45	3.33

CITY OF WAUSAU FIRE RESPONSE BY INCIDENT TYPE

CODE	DESCRIPTION	FREQ.	FREQ. %	EXPs	TOTAL MAN HOURS	AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME (min)
163	Outside gas or vapor combustion explosion	2	0.12%	0	13.45	3.5
251	Excessive heat, scorch burns with no ignition	5	0.31%	0	30.6	3.4
300	Rescue, emergency medical call (EMS) call, other	9	0.56%	0	11.27	5.89
311	Medical assist, assist EMS crew	873	53.96%	0	820.97	3.75
320	Emergency medical service, other	5	0.31%	0	3.05	3
321	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	5	0.31%	0	5.12	4
322	Vehicle accident with injuries	47	2.90%	0	93.58	3.64
323	Motor vehicle/pedestrian accident (MV Ped)	7	0.43%	0	5.3	2.71
324	Motor vehicle accident with no injuries	25	1.55%	0	33.37	3.56
331	Lock-in (if lock out , use 511)	1	0.06%	0	1.6	5
342	Search for person in water	1	0.06%	0	3.37	1
352	Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle	5	0.31%	0	18	3.2
353	Removal of victim(s) from stalled elevator	2	0.12%	0	1.52	5.5
360	Water & ice related rescue, other	1	0.06%	0	1.75	2
361	Swimming/recreational water areas rescue	1	0.06%	0	12.65	4
365	Watercraft rescue	2	0.12%	0	19.7	3
381	Rescue or EMS standby	59	3.65%	0	380.35	0.36
411	Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill	9	0.56%	0	13.47	3.89
412	Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	21	1.30%	0	32.73	4.52
413	Oil or other combustible liquid spill	2	0.12%	0	0.7	1.5
422	Chemical spill or leak	1	0.06%	0	8.6	5
424	Carbon monoxide incident	35	2.16%	0	50.35	5.6
440	Electrical wiring/equipment problem, other	4	0.25%	0	15.6	4.25
442	Overheated motor	3	0.19%	0	16.38	1.67

CITY OF WAUSAU FIRE RESPONSE BY INCIDENT TYPE

CODE	DESCRIPTION	FREQ.	FREQ. %	EXPs	TOTAL MAN HOURS	AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME (min)
443	Light ballast breakdown	1	0.06%	0	0.53	6
444	Power line down	9	0.56%	0	14.82	5.33
445	Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	7	0.43%	0	28.62	4
460	Accident, potential accident, other	1	0.06%	0	1.27	3
461	Building or structure weakened or collapsed	3	0.19%	0	12.03	6.33
463	Vehicle accident, general cleanup	4	0.25%	0	7.53	4
500	Service Call, other	7	0.43%	0	6.83	5.14
510	Person in distress, other	4	0.25%	0	4.15	5
511	Lock-out	29	1.79%	0	15.7	5.03
520	Water problem, other	2	0.12%	0	2.07	10.5
522	Water or steam leak	2	0.12%	0	1.17	2.5
531	Smoke or odor removal	6	0.37%	0	15.98	4.17
541	Animal problem	2	0.12%	0	1.5	4.5
542	Animal rescue	5	0.31%	0	4.48	2
550	Public service assistance, other	1	0.06%	0	1.07	2
551	Assist police or other governmental agency	8	0.49%	0	4.57	6.88
553	Public service	1	0.06%	0	1.33	0
554	Assist invalid	3	0.19%	0	2.07	3
555	Defective elevator, no occupants	1	0.06%	0	1.1	2
561	Unauthorized burning	7	0.43%	0	9.67	3.14
571	Cover assignment, standby, moveup	1	0.06%	0	1.35	7
600	Good intent call, other	6	0.37%	0	19.88	3
611	Dispatched & canceled en route	73	4.51%	0	21.6	
622	No incident found at dispatch address	5	0.31%	0	2.15	2.6
631	Authorized controlled burning	4	0.25%	0	1.4	3.5

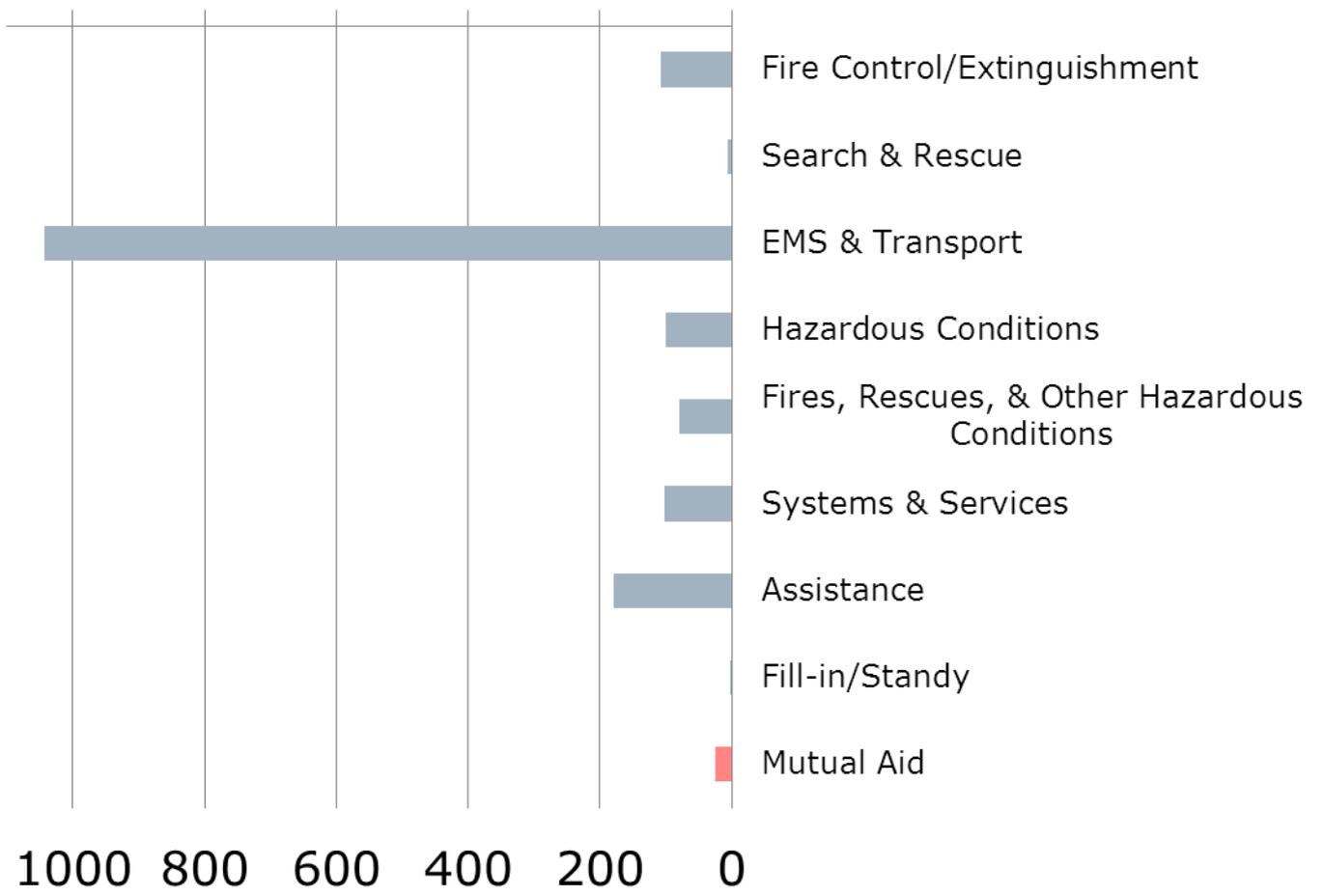
CITY OF WAUSAU FIRE RESPONSE BY INCIDENT TYPE

CODE	DESCRIPTION	FREQ.	FREQ. %	EXPs	TOTAL MAN HOURS	AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME (min)
651	Smoke scare, odor of smoke	11	0.68%	0	26.62	3.27
652	Steam, vapor, fog or dust thought to be smoke	2	0.12%	0	7.32	6.5
671	Hazmat release investigation w/ no hazmat	1	0.06%	0	1.03	8
700	False alarm or false call, other	4	0.25%	0	16.77	4
710	Malicious, mischievous false call, other	13	0.80%	0	29.6	4.69
711	Municipal alarm system, malicious false alarm	2	0.12%	0	5.93	5
714	Central station, malicious false alarm	1	0.06%	0	3.9	4
715	Local alarm system, malicious false alarm	7	0.43%	0	10.77	5.57
730	System malfunction, other	2	0.12%	0	4.88	4
733	Smoke detector activation due to malfunction	5	0.31%	0	11.7	4.6
734	Heat detector activation due to malfunction	1	0.06%	0	3	8
735	Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	20	1.24%	0	86.17	3.45
736	CO detector activation due to malfunction	16	0.99%	0	16.57	6.5
740	Unintentional transmission of alarm, other	8	0.49%	0	11.58	3.75
741	Sprinkler activation, no fire - unintentional	5	0.31%	0	11.47	5.6
743	Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	28	1.73%	0	57.4	3.75
744	Detector activation, no fire - unintentional	5	0.31%	0	21.18	4.6
745	Alarm system sounded, no fire - unintentional	47	2.90%	0	129.55	4.64
746	Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO	15	0.93%	0	10.17	6.87
900	Special type of incident, other	1	0.06%	0	64.65	0
911	Citizen complaint	1	0.06%	0	0.4	2
Totals		1,618	100.00%	2	3,367.75	3.86

City of Wausau Response By Incident Type

Mutual Aid Given - Incident Type	Quantity
Building fire	4
Chimney or flue fire, confined to chimney	1
Medical assist, assist EMS crew	3
Motor vehicle accident with injuries	6
Extrication of victim from vehicle	3
Extrication of victim from machinery	1
Dispatched & cancelled en route	5
Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO	1
Wind storm, tornado/hurricane assessment	1
Total	25

of Incidents



TOWNSHIP FIRE RESPONSES

Township	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Athens	0	1	0	0	0	0
Berlin	2	5	1	2	1	2
Brokaw	3	4	0	1	1	0
Easton	0	0	1	0	0	0
Hamburg	0	0	0	2	0	0
Hatley	0	0	0	0	1	0
Hewitt	1	6	1	4	6	3
Kronenwetter	0	0	0	0	1	0
Maine	10	2	13	15	19	11
Merrill	0	0	0	0	1	0
Rib Mountain	2	2	0	1	1	0
Schofield	0	1	0	0	0	0
Stettin	2	13	3	0	2	0
Texas	10	10	6	6	6	5
Wausau, Town	9	10	11	0	3	2
Weston, Town	0	0	1	4	2	1
Weston, Village	38	32	12	16	18	1
Total	77	86	49	51	62	25

WAUSAU AREA TANKER RESPONSES

Township	Date	Address	Description
Hewitt	2/7/12	Cty. Rd Q & Landing Road	Tanker dispatched and cancelled en route
Hewitt	5/25/12	21045 Cty. Rd. G	Tanker dispatched and cancelled en route
Texas	3/11/12	298 Pine Bluff Road	Responded but not needed for structure fire
Texas	6/19/12	1172 Pine Bluff Road	Tanker dispatched and cleared
Wausau	12/27/12	7404 State Highway 52	Tanker dispatched but not needed

MUTUAL AID GIVEN

Hewitt Volunteer Fire Department	3	Maine Township Fire Department	11
Weston Fire Department	2	Texas Volunteer Fire Department	5
Wausau Township Fire Department	2	Berlin Fire Department	2

MUTUAL AID RECEIVED

Rib Mountain Fire Department	5	Weston Fire Department	1
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2012 INVESTIGATED FIRES



1022 S. 11th Ave., September 30, 2012



1105 Prospect Ave., July 2, 2012



1006 N. 6th St., August 26, 2012



1005 N. 10th Ave., April 27, 2012



529 S. 2nd Ave., June 25, 2012

2012 INVESTIGATED FIRES

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Additional investigated fires with no pictures...

219 N. 2nd Avenue – December 10, 2012
515 Fulton Street – December 2, 2012
Elm Street & N. 9th Avenue – November 1, 2012
1403 Brown Street – October 14, 2012
1501 Grand Avenue – October 11, 2012
2200 Northwestern Avenue – October 8, 2012
Northwestern Avenue & Townline Road – October 8, 2012
211 Lavina Drive – October 7, 2012
210 River Drive – October 3, 2012
1210 Townline Road – October 1, 2012
122 S. 4th Avenue – September 27, 2012
300 Block of N. 9th Avenue – September 14, 2012
1811 Badger Avenue – September 8, 2012
110 S. 17th Avenue – September 6, 2012
1006 N. 1st Street – September 4, 2012
2305 Talon Lane – September 4, 2012
800 N. 1st Street – September 3, 2012
1140 Bridge Street – September 3, 2012
620 McIndoe Street – September 2, 2012
1006 N. 6th Street – August 26, 2012
707 Turner Street – August 3, 2012
1418 N. 1st Avenue – August 3, 2012
1115 Sherman Street – July 1, 2012
720 S. 6th Avenue – June 4, 2012
516 Adams Street – May 30, 2012
1137 S. 14th Avenue – May 18, 2012
1213 E. Union Ave. #12 – February 7, 2012
Lot 403 Lazy Acre Road – January 31, 2012

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FIRE INVESTIGATIONS

TOTAL # OF FIRE INVESTIGATIONS

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FIRE INSPECTIONS

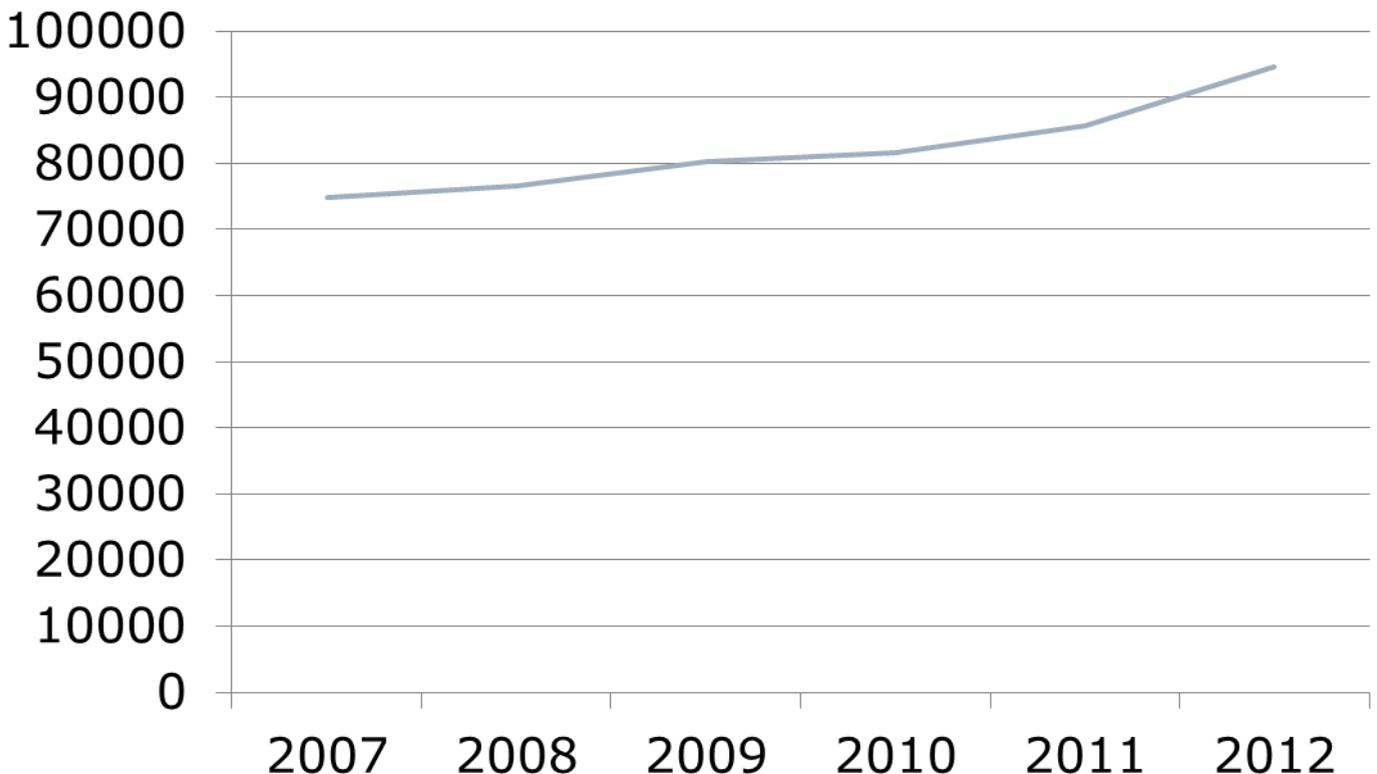
Inspection Type	# of Inspections
Initial Inspection No violations	2,263
Initial Inspection Violations	730
2 nd Inspection Violations Corrected	671
2 nd Inspections Not Corrected	49
3 rd Inspection Violations Corrected	40
3 rd Inspection Violations forward for Citation	4
Re-inspection for Compliance	4
Plan Review	1
Site Inspection*	137
Fire Alarm	1
Fire Protection	3
Sprinkler System	2
License	8
Other	1
Citizen's Complaint	2
Legal Type – Preparation	5
Legal Type – Other	1
Total Inspections	3,922

*Site Inspections for Special Events

FIRE INSURANCE PREMIUM DUES

The State of Wisconsin Department of Commerce pays the City of Wausau 2% of insurance premiums paid for fire insurance. These payments help reimburse the City of commercial inspections completed which are mandated by the State of Wisconsin.

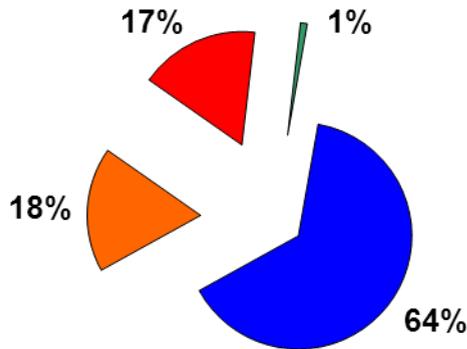
Year	Amount
2007	\$74,885.26
2008	\$76,630.00
2009	\$80,251.63
2010	\$81,670.46
2011	\$85,662.19
2012	\$94,695.64



WAUSAU FIRE DEPARTMENT EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE ACTIVITY SUMMARY

Request for E. M. S.	4,311
Total Patient Transports	3,533
City of Wausau Runs	4,136
Township Runs	175
Emergency-Lights & Siren	2,604
Non-Emergency-No Lights & Siren	1,654
Initial Emergency-Downgraded	37
Initial Non-Emergency-Upgraded	8
Not Applicable/Recorded	8
WFD Mutual Aid Ambulance Requests (Rib Mountain = 3)	13

EMS LEVEL OF CARE

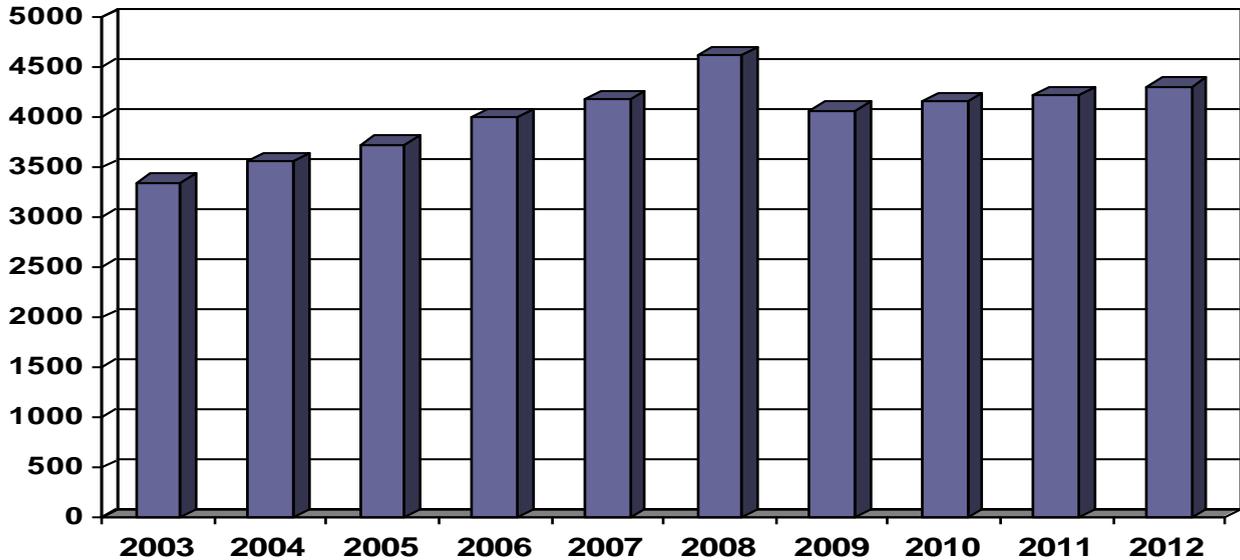


■ ALS Ground
 ■ BLS Ground
 ■ Non Transport
 ■ Other Transport

Level of Care	# of Runs	Percentage
ALS Ground Transport	2,767	64.18%
BLS Ground Transport	766	17.77%
Non Transport	737	17.09%
Other Transport	41	.95%

**WAUSAU FIRE DEPARTMENT
AMBULANCE CALLS FOR SERVICE
2003 THROUGH 2012**

Year	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Responses	3,350	3,565	3,734	4,003	4,185	4,617	4,074	4,161	4,224	4,311



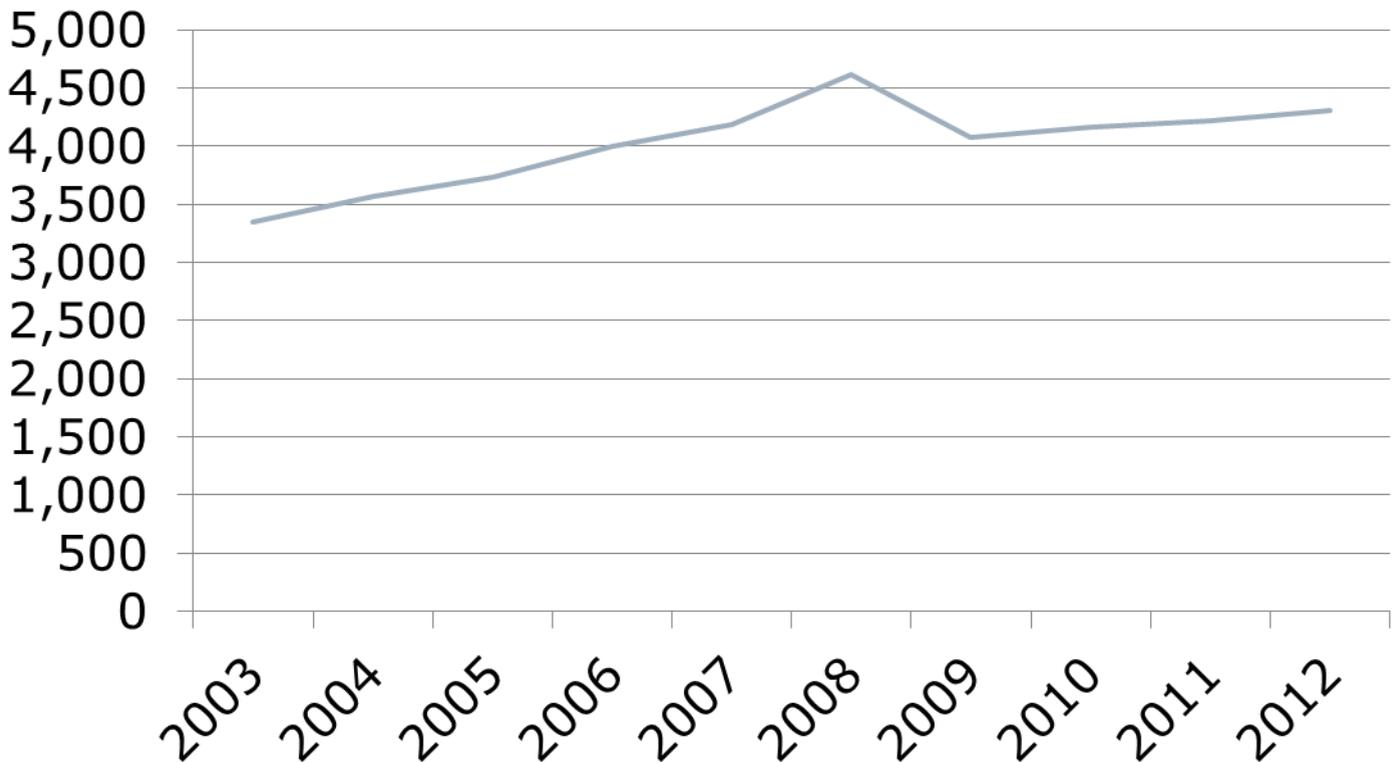
**CONTRACTED RESPONSE TERRITORY
AND POPULATION**

City of Wausau	19.2 square miles	39,106
Berlin, Town of	34.7 square miles	976
Brokaw, Village of	1.2 square miles	229
Hewitt, Town of	43.5 square miles	624
Maine, Town of	42.6 square miles	2,466
Texas, Town of	44.9 square miles	1,763

10 YEAR AMBULANCE SERVICE CALLS

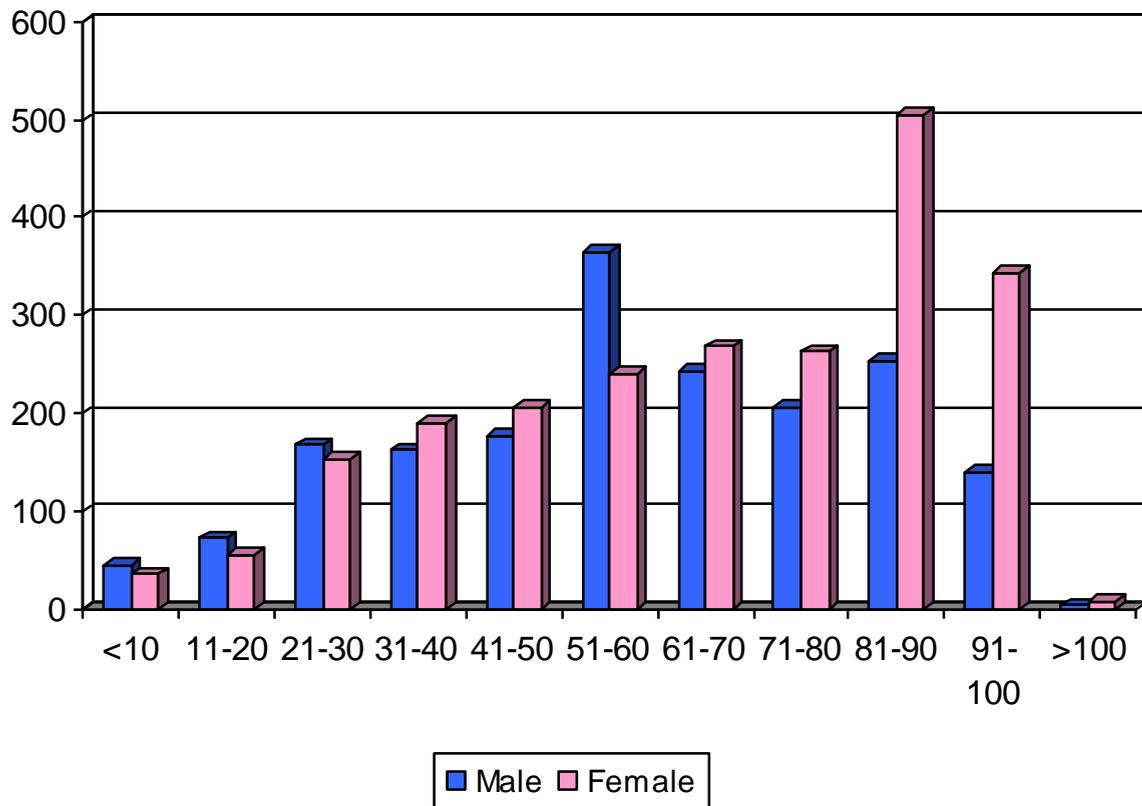
(by month)

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Tot	% of Chg
2003	279	256	301	269	264	301	284	282	271	258	265	320	3,350	+ .63
2004	305	252	294	276	285	281	306	280	340	334	297	315	3,565	+6.03
2005	330	287	316	284	277	309	331	348	282	339	294	337	3,734	+4.53
2006	320	316	292	302	348	358	331	358	336	332	332	378	4,003	+6.72
2007	376	314	381	342	359	337	384	348	338	327	317	362	4,185	+4.35
2008	390	404	418	387	406	407	361	380	350	384	352	378	4,617	+9.36
2009	377	329	356	291	324	336	317	397	343	353	319	331	4,073	-13.36
2010	344	324	308	327	360	373	352	399	338	325	338	373	4,161	+2.11
2011	362	346	360	313	357	337	362	349	399	343	337	359	4,224	+1.49
2012	349	329	348	333	361	376	431	393	365	384	292	350	4,311	+2.02
Total	3,432	3,157	3,374	3,124	3,341	3,415	3,459	3,534	3,362	3,379	3,143	3,503	40,223	



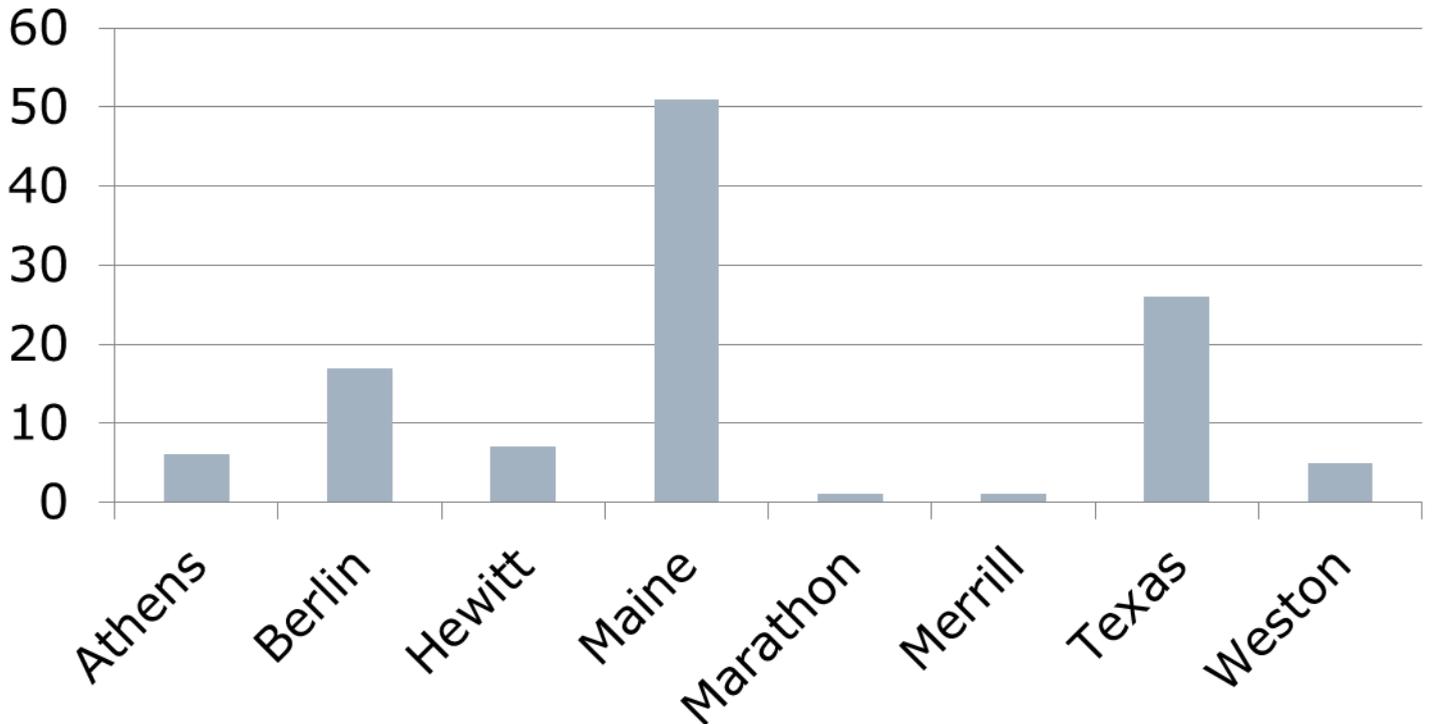
AMBULANCE PATIENT CONTACT RESPONSES BY AGE

Age	<10	11-20	21-30	31-40	41-50	51-60	61-70	71-80	81-90	91-100	>100	Total
Male	45	73	168	163	177	365	243	206	254	140	4	1,838
Female	36	56	153	191	207	240	268	263	505	344	8	2,271
Unk	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Total	83	129	321	354	384	605	511	469	759	484	12	4,111

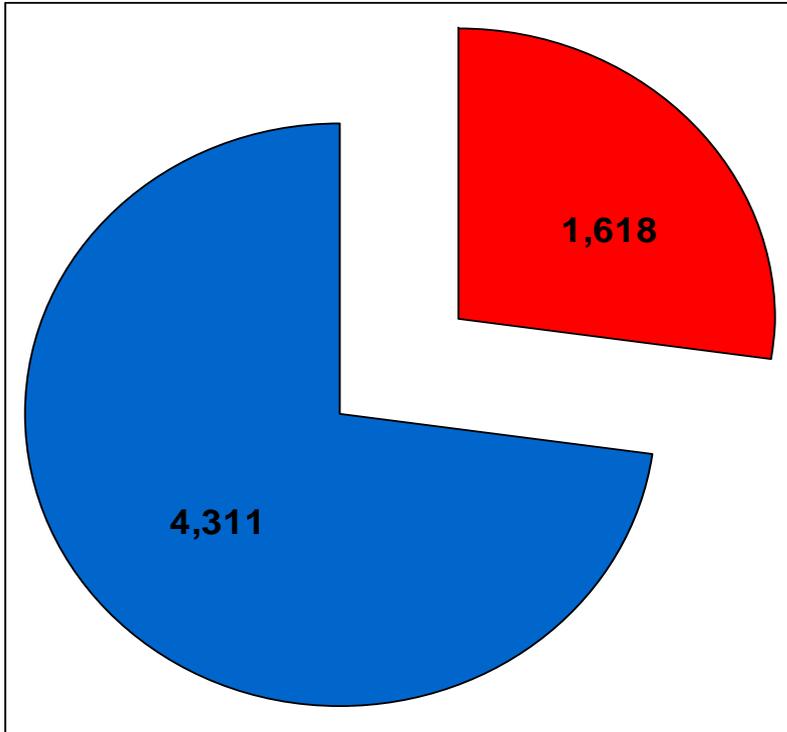


TOWNSHIP AMBULANCE RESPONSES 2002 THROUGH 2011

Township	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Athens										6
Berlin	14	19	15	21	18	37	14	24	16	17
Brokaw	11	10	10	2	5	41	11	9	7	
Easton	2	3		2	2		1	1		
Hewitt	14	9	5	12	19	23	19	16	24	7
Maine	56	79	85	92	68	60	72	82	80	51
Marathon	1									1
Merrill							1			1
Rib Mountain	5	7		3	2	6	1	1	2	
Stettin	6				2	3			1	
Texas	11	48	34	41	48	60	69	51	32	26
Wausau, Twn	66	67	42	54	53	74	57	2	12	
Weston	2	3		7		6	1	1	2	5
Total	235	274	191	246	229	313	247	187	176	114



DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY FIRE vs AMBULANCE CALLS



Fire Calls	1,618
Ambulance Calls	4,311



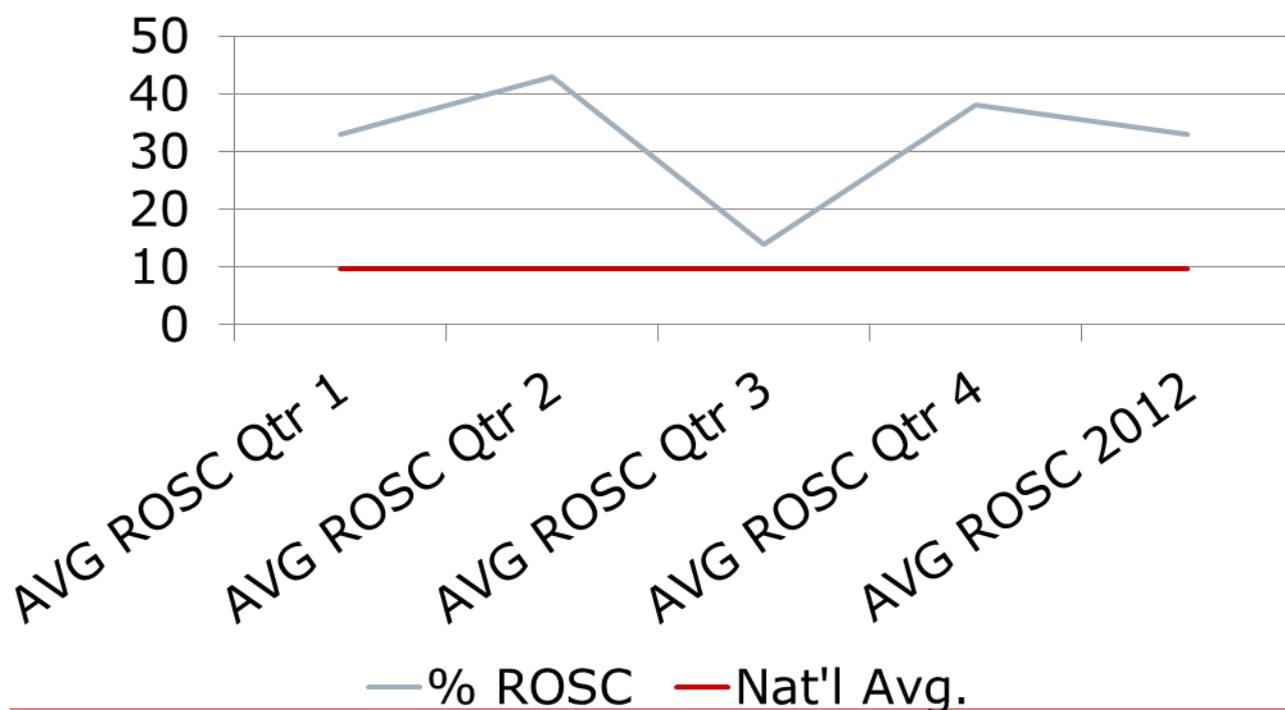
TOP 5 AMBULANCE REQUESTS

Provider Impression	Quantity	%
Traumatic Injury	520	12.06%
Other Illness/Injury	353	8.19%
No Apparent Illness/Injury	338	7.84%
Pain	327	7.59%
Weakness	252	5.85%

CARDIAC ARREST DATA

Average ROSC Qtr 1	33%
Average ROSC Qtr 2	43%
Average ROSC Qtr 3	14%
Average ROSC Qtr 4	38%
Average ROSC 2012	33%
National Average	9.60%

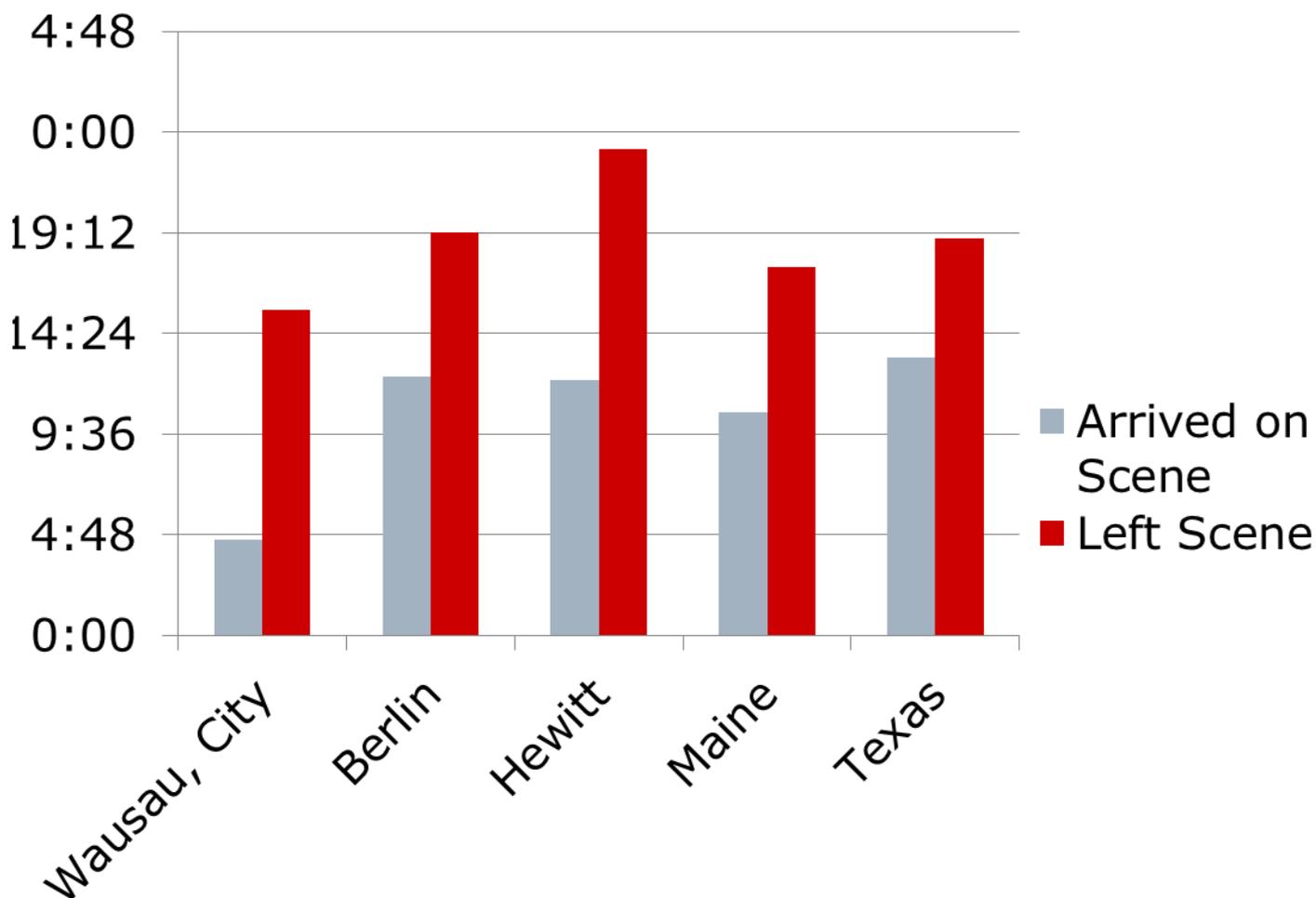
**ROSC = Return of Spontaneous Circulation



2012 EMS RESPONSE TIMES

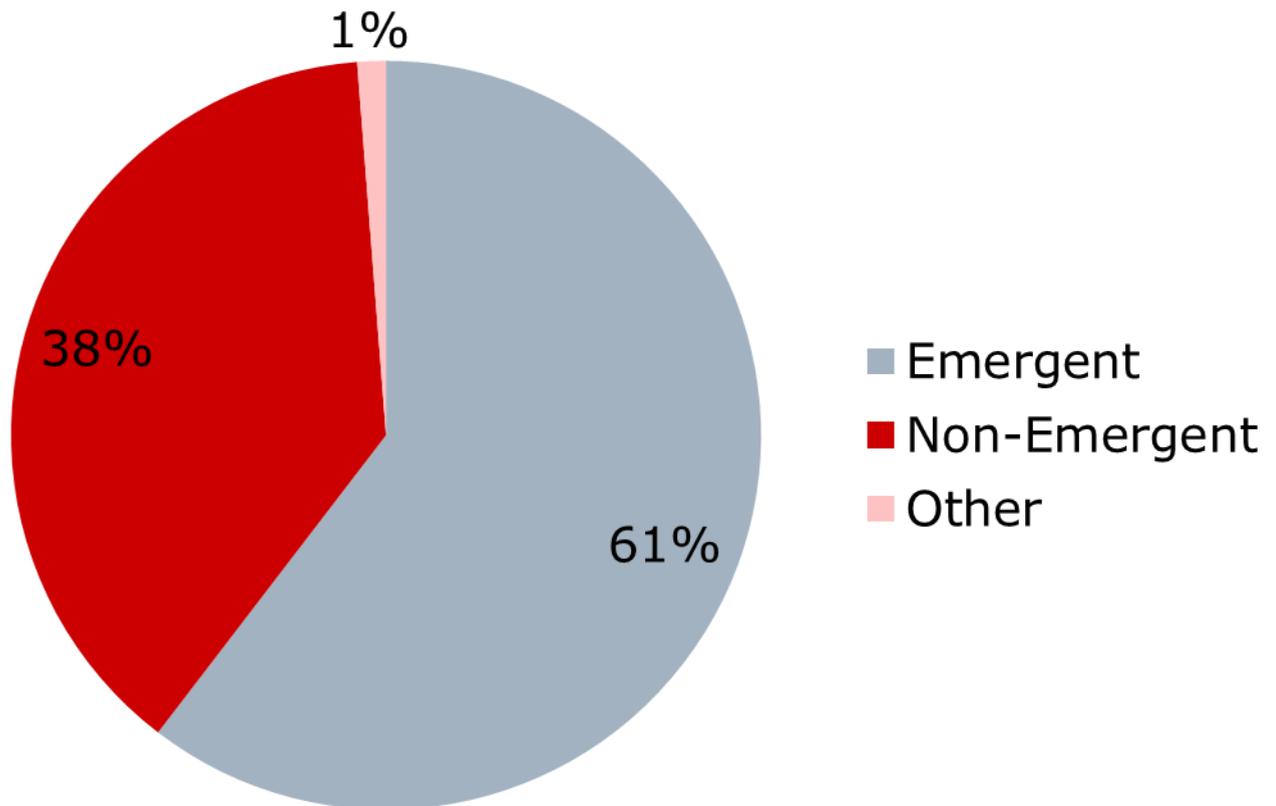


Township	Unit Notified until Arrived at Scene (Average)	Unit at Patient until Left Scene (Average)
Wausau, City	4:35	15:30
Berlin	12:21	19:14
Hewitt	12:10	23:10
Maine	10:38	17:34
Texas	13:14	18:55



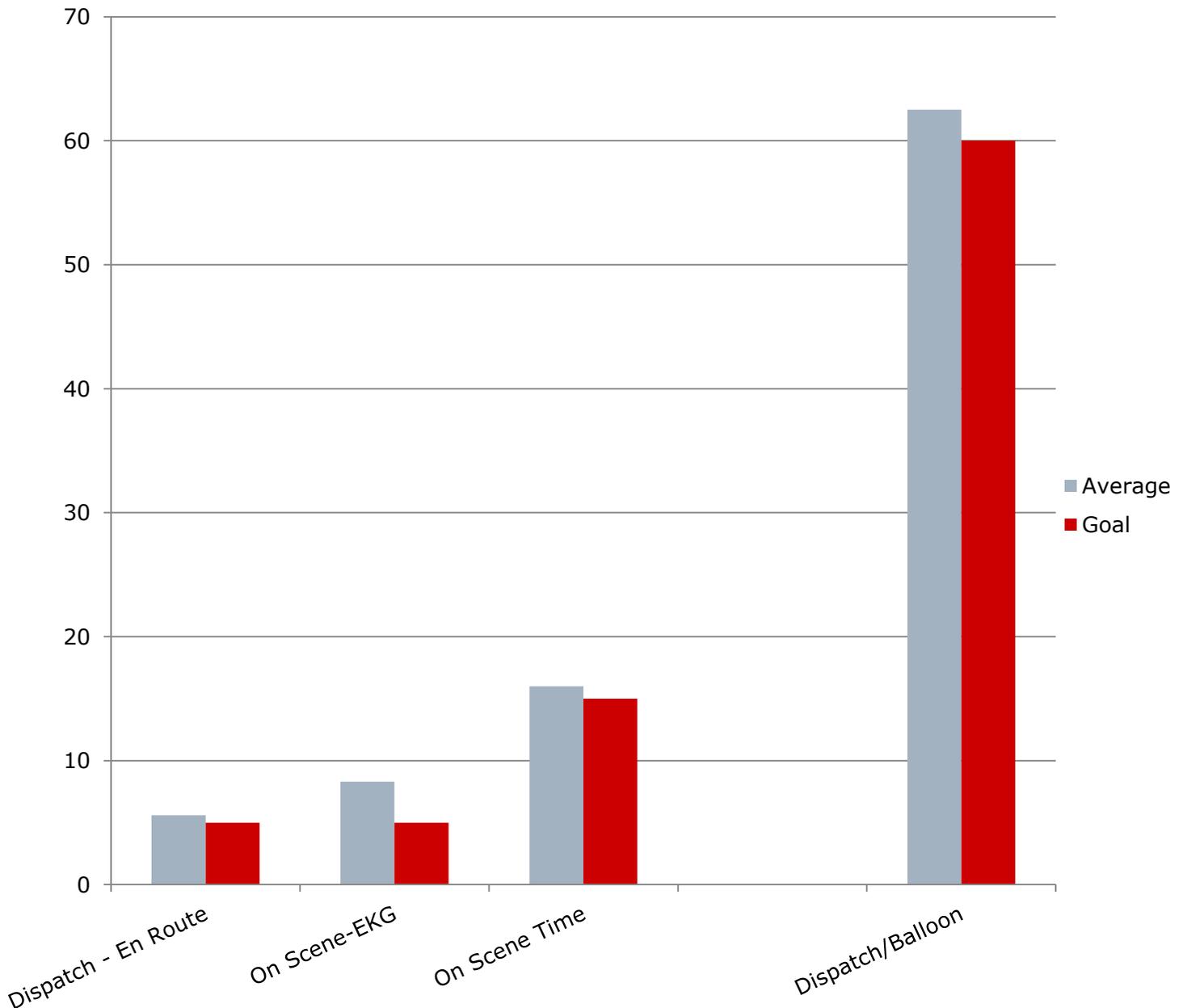
EMS RESPONSE MODES

Response Mode to Scene	# of times	% of Times
Emergent	2604	60.40%
Non-Emergent	1654	38.37%
Other	53	1.23%
Total	4,311	100%



ACUTE CARDIAC TRANSPORT TIMES

The American Heart Association recommends that patients having a heart attack reach a catheterization lab within 90 minutes after requesting assistance from an emergency department. We have developed a program to deliver a high level of pre-hospital care to prepare patients for the catheterization lab and reduce the time to reopen occluded coronary vessels which reduces morbidity and mortality. This graph shows the time from when the patient calls 911 until the occluded vessel is opened, with our goal being 60 minutes.



FIRE PREVENTION PROGRAMS

The Wausau Fire Department dedicated the month of October for Fire Prevention by spending an entire day going into each school to present Fire Prevention Programs to every classroom. With the help of department personnel we were able to reach 3,203 children and 342 adults from area schools and child care centers. Programs distributed were:

“Sparky” for the pre-kindergarten and kindergarten

“Be Cool About Fire Safety” for 1st Grade

“Sparky’s Greatest Escape” for 2nd Grade

“How to Prevent Home Fires” for 3rd Grade

“Fire Power” for 4th Grade

“Survive! Fire in Your Home” for 5th Grade

The Fire Safety House Program was also presented to each 1st, 3rd, and 5th Grade class.

We were also able to educate and serve an additional 627 adults and 3,151 children through other public education and public relations programs.



WAUSAU FIRE DEPARTMENTAL EVENTS

The 2012 Firefighters Ride for MDA, held on May 18 and 19th, 2012, was again, a success. There were nearly 650 people registered for the event and over \$24,000 was donated to Muscular Dystrophy.

The event took place at Harley Davidson of Wausau. There was an organized motorcycle parade on Friday night and was escorted by the Wausau Police and Wausau Fire department. Following the parade was live entertainment by the band Oil Can Harry. Things started off Saturday morning under sunny skies. The live entertainment on Saturday night was the band Road Trip. The tent was filled with people enjoying the evening.

For the past few years, this event has become a very popular one for the Wausau community and **everyone** is welcome to attend. These motorcycle enthusiasts sure know how to throw a party.

Thank you to everyone that attended. If you missed the 2012 MDA ride, mark your calendar for May 17 and 18, 2013, or visit the web site at www.wausaufire.com



The City of Wausau Fire Department participated in numerous parades such as the Memorial Day Parade, Labor Day Parade and the United Way Parade.