



2013 Annual Report

Wausau Fire Department



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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.



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 supersede 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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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 2013 Annual Report

I am pleased to present the fire department's 2013 annual report. The following pages will provide you with a great deal of information concerning the department's activities and accomplishments during 2013.

As always, our goal is to provide the best service we can in accordance with the wishes of those we serve. The accomplishments you read of here are the accomplishment of the men and women of the Wausau Fire Department. It is through their continuous dedication and efforts that our accomplishments are achieved. But it is through the leaders and citizens of this community that we are provided with the foundation, guidance and direction on which we build those services.

The department is looking forward to 2014. We have planned a very ambitious year and will be addressing some important issues such as MABAS, (the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System) and advanced EMS services. But whatever the issues, we are confident in our ability to address the community's needs and to provide the quality services they have come to expect.

This will be my last annual report as Fire Chief for the City of Wausau. In closing I would like to extend my personal thanks to all the members of this department who have helped assemble this report and who made this department so successful, not just this last year but for all the years I have been Chief of Department. No one could ask for better people. Their names are too numerous to list individually but I wish to thank all of them for their efforts, support, and dedication. They are true professionals and I will always remember and appreciate their efforts and hard work. For those who will read on I hope you will find the information contained within this report useful and enlightening.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary Buchberger, Chief
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RE: 2013 Training Annual Letter

All organizations train their staff, yet few have the responsibilities that we have and the value that we place on training. Early in 2013, we revised the department's training program Standard Operating Procedure to include identifying our training priorities. They are: fire suppression, emergency medical services, and technical rescue. With the priorities identified, the following goals have been identified:

- No deaths from structure fires
- Limit property damage from structure fires to the area of origin

We met our goals. Over the past three years, the City of Wausau did not have a fatality from a fire and has saved almost \$30 million in property while losing about \$2.6 million from structure fires during the this time. While early notification and rapid response certainly play a large role in achieving these goals, having a well-trained professional fire department service delivery provides an invaluable resource to the community.

We aggressively spent many training hours in 2013 honing our fire suppression skills with numerous live fire attack evolutions through acquired structures (including a joint effort with the United States Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms bureau) and the purchase and implementation of a new firefighter accountability system.

Also of note, our Firefighter Recruit program continued to improve and gave all of our members the opportunity to grow in their position. We hired five Firefighter/Paramedics this year and provided extensive orientation training to them that included fire suppression, fire prevention, hazardous materials response, and Emergency Medical Services. This training gave our recruits the knowledge they need to be safe and successful in our department. It also provided opportunities for our members to increase their knowledge and build upon their leadership skills. We had several department members step-up and perform as instructors during the training evolutions.

This commitment to training ensures that Wausau Fire Department not only continues to provide a high-quality service, but is also the premier fire department in north-central Wisconsin.

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	20	2.36%	98	1.96%	193:09	1.66%
Administrative Conference	1	.11%	2	.04%	14:00	.12%
Documentation	2	.23%	3	.06%	12:00	.10%
Administrative Training – other	5	.59%	6	.12%	17:00	.14%
Policies & Procedures	15	1.77%	36	.72%	62:00	.53%
Honor Guard	2	.23%	16	.32%	198:00	1.70%
Respiratory Protection						
SCBA Annual Training	7	.82%	53	1.06%	91:15	.78%
Donning/Doffing	4	.47%	19	.38%	38:15	.32%
SCBA – Recharging	1	.11%	7	.14%	3:30	.03%
SCBA – Inspection, Care & Maint.	2	.23%	14	.28%	11:30	.09%
SCBA – Training Scenarios	1	.11%	12	.24%	39:00	.33%
Curriculum						
Acquired Structure Prep	11	1.30%	48	.96%	155:00	1.33%
Training Program – Other	5	.59%	48	.96%	77:55	.67%
Recruit Program	3	.35%	6	.12%	16:45	.14%
Driver						
Aerial Operations	15	1.77%	72	1.44%	208:15	1.79%
Ambulance Operations	3	.35%	9	.18%	9:30	.08%
ATV Operations	1	.11%	5	.10%	7:30	.06%
Brush Truck Operations	1	.11%	13	.26%	19:30	.16%
Certification Course	16	1.89%	44	.88%	109:30	.94%
Engine Operations	30	3.54%	142	2.84%	266:15	2.28%
EVOC & Defensive Driving	2	.23%	28	.56%	71:00	.61%
Haz Mat Vehicles	2	.23%	5	.10%	7:30	.06%
Rescue 1 Operations	8	.94%	33	.66%	49:00	.42%
Tanker Operations	3	.35%	15	.30%	26:45	.23%
Vehicle Familiarization	16	1.89%	72	1.44%	158:45	1.36%
Emergency Medical Services						
Adult Cardiology	19	2.24%	83	1.66%	175:00	1.50%
12 Lead Interpretation	4	.47%	19	.38%	29:15	.25%

TRAINING ANALYSIS BY CATEGORY

Category	# of Classes	% of Classes	Attendees	% of Attendees	Hours	% of Hours
Adult Medical	20	2.36%	195	3.90%	308:06	2.64%
Adult Pharmacology	5	.59%	19	.38%	16:45	.14%
Adult Respiratory	14	1.65%	149	2.98%	246:30	2.11%
Adult Trauma	14	1.65%	110	2.20%	193:45	1.66%
Airway & Breathing	11	1.30%	61	1.22%	31:03	.26%
Documentation	5	.59%	37	.74%	54:30	.46%
Infection Control	4	.47%	61	1.22%	117:15	1.00%
Intermediate – Patient Assessment	1	.11%	3	.06%	3:00	.02%
Intubation Hands On	9	1.06%	13	.26%	31:30	.27%
MED IV Access & Med Admin	8	.94%	51	1.02%	60:00	51%
Obstetrics	5	.59%	50	1.00%	54:45	.47%
EMS Operations	13	1.53%	80	1.60%	105:15	.90%
EMS Other	13	1.53%	81	1.62%	256:28	2.20%
Pediatric Medical	14	1.65%	77	1.54%	144:30	1.24%
Pediatric Respiratory	1	.11%	1	.02%	2:00	.01%
Pediatric Trauma	10	1.18%	95	1.90%	156:00	1.34%
EMS Supplemental Reading	2	.23%	6	.12%	6:45	.05%
EMS Run Review	1	.11%	17	.34%	25:30	.21%
EMS Scenario (s)	6	.70%	43	.86%	46:00	.39%
EMS Skill Testing	4	.47%	51	1.02%	108:30	.93%
Skill & Equipment Review	30	3.54%	164	3.28%	177:03	1.52%
EMS WMD Preparedness	4	.47%	9	.18%	18:00	.15%
ACLS	3	.35%	6	.12%	6:30	.05%
EMS Conferences	5	.59%	7	.14%	16:45	.14%
CPR Refresher	2	.23%	4	.08%	5:30	.04%
CPR Instructor	2	.23%	7	.14%	8:48	.07%
EMS Instructor	2	.23%	2	.04%	8:45	.07%
Mass Casualty Drill	1	.11%	13	.26%	65:00	.55%
TEMS Training	5	.59%	10	.20%	79:00	.67%
Fire						
Fire Behavior	4	.47%	9	.18%	28:45	.24%
Building Construction	2	.23%	11	.22%	22:00	.18%

TRAINING ANALYSIS BY CATEGORY

Category	# of Classes	% of Classes	Attendees	% of Attendees	Hours	% of Hours
Certification Course	2	.23%	6	.12%	18:00	.15%
Communications	4	.47%	18	.36%	22:00	.18%
Forcible Entry	9	1.06%	32	.64%	41:45	.35%
High Rise	10	1.18%	84	1.68%	171:15	1.47%
Hose & Fire Streams	10	1.18%	51	1.02%	91:15	.78%
Ladders	7	.82%	44	.88%	53:30	.46%
Live Fire Training	6	.70%	111	2.22%	929:00	7.98%
Mayday	6	.70%	28	.56%	22:00	.18%
Fire other	3	.35%	14	.28%	10:45	.09%
RIT	7	.82%	36	.72%	66:00	.56%
Ropes & Knots	9	1.06%	43	.86%	70:30	.60%
Salvage & Overhaul	1	.11%	4	.08%	3:19	.02%
Fire Scenarios	8	.94%	68	1.36%	491:45	4.22%
Search & Rescue	2	.23%	28	.56%	56:00	.48%
Fire Skill Checks	3	.35%	11	.22%	13:00	.11%
Sprinklers & Systems	1	.11%	2	.04%	2:00	.01%
Tactics	8	.94%	23	.46%	31:34	.27%
Ventilation	2	.23%	15	.30%	63:15	.54%
Water Supply	6	.70%	52	1.04%	68:00	.58%
Maps and Street Review	8	.94%	16	.32%	35:30	.30%
NIOSH Report of the Month	1	.11%	1	.02%	1:00	.00%
Protective Clothing & Equipment	1	.11%	7	.14%	7:00	.06%
Preplans	11	1.30%	74	1.48%	125:40	1.08%
Supplemental Reading	4	.47%	8	.16%	6:15	.05%
Fire Officer						
Officer Development	1	.11%	1	.02%	1:00	.00%
Leadership	1	.11%	1	.02%	9:00	.07%
Management Training	4	.47%	4	.08%	18:45	.16%
Fire Officer, other	1	.11%	1	.02%	4:00	.03%
NFIRS, First Due Reports	2	.23%	11	.22%	32:00	.27%
Risk Management/Safety Training	1	.11%	1	.02%	7:00	.06%
Supervisory Management Training	1	.11%	1	.02%	7:00	.06%

TRAINING ANALYSIS BY CATEGORY

Category	# of Classes	% of Classes	Attendees	% of Attendees	Hours	% of Hours
<i>Hazardous Materials</i>						
CAMEO	3	.35%	12	.24%	48:15	.41%
Certification Course	5	.59%	5	.10%	40:00	.34%
Chemistry of Haz Mat	5	.59%	46	.92%	90:45	.78%
Containers – Fixed Facilities	6	.70%	46	.92%	65:15	.56%
Containers – Transportation	6	.70%	51	1.02%	157:15	1.35%
Command & Control	15	1.77%	148	2.96%	712:15	6.12%
Conference	2	.23%	4	.08%	32:00	.27%
Decontamination	4	.47%	39	.78%	54:45	.47%
Monthly Equipment Check	7	.82%	63	1.26%	218:00	1.87%
Identification of Haz Mat	5	.59%	22	.44%	32:19	.27%
Information Resources	5	.59%	22	.44%	43:00	.36%
Monitoring	4	.47%	55	1.10%	90:00	.77%
PPE	11	1.30%	80	1.60%	105:30	.90%
Refresher – Technician	4	.47%	63	1.26%	331:45	2.85%
Scenario	1	.11%	1	.02%	4:30	.03%
Spill & Leak Control	4	.47%	43	.86%	81:30	.70%
Weapons of Mass Destruction	1	.11%	1	.02%	81:00	.69%
<i>Incident Management</i>						
Incident Management	6	.70%	7	.14%	43:00	.36%
ICS 100 Intro to ICS	3	.35%	3	.06%	5:40	.04%
NIMS 700 Introduction	1	.11%	1	.02%	1:30	.01%
NIMS 300 Intermediate ICS	2	.23%	4	.08%	26:00	.22%
NIMS 400 Advanced ICS	2	.23%	6	.12%	12:00	.10%
<i>Inspections</i>						
Origin & Cause Investigation	13	1.53%	78	1.56%	260:15	2.23%
Inspection Principles	20	2.36%	115	2.30%	217:45	1.87%
Public Education/Prevention	4	.47%	8	.16%	32:00	.27%
UDC-HVAC	1	.11%	2	.04%	16:00	.13%
UST/AST Inspector	4	.47%	7	.14%	13:30	.11%

TRAINING ANALYSIS BY CATEGORY

Category	# of Classes	% of Classes	Attendees	% of Attendees	Hours	% of Hours
New						
New Equipment	15	1.77%	85	1.70%	102:31	.88%
New Policy	2	.23%	14	.28%	10:30	.09%
New Procedure	10	1.18%	76	1.52%	251:31	2.16%
Rescue						
Confined Space	7	.82%	58	1.16%	113:00	.97%
Confined Space – Simulated	7	.82%	57	1.14%	102:45	.88%
Extrication	2	.23%	4	.08%	6:00	.05%
Ice & Water Rescue	14	1.65%	145	2.90%	319:46	2.74%
High Angle/High Level Rescue	43	5.08%	248	4.96%	616:00	5.29%
Other	2	.23%	11	.22%	16:00	.13%
Safety						
Firefighter Safety & Survival	1	.11%	1	.02%	48:00	.41%
Hazard Communication	15	1.77%	53	1.06%	32:11	.27%
Safety Training – other	1	.11%	3	.06%	15:00	.12%
Special						
Airport	4	.47%	42	.84%	40:00	.34%
Electricity	3	.35%	41	.82%	102:30	.88%
Hazard Training – other	1	.11%	4	.08%	4:00	.03%
Wellness						
Core Values/Peer Focus	1	.11%	17	.34%	34:00	.29%
Diversity/Harassment	14	1.65%	53	1.06%	51:49	.44%
EAP Training	1	.11%	1	.02%	00:45	.00%
TOTAL	846		4,991		11,632:26	

TRAINING BURN PHOTOS





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RE: 2013 Inspections Annual Letter

2013 brought about more changes for the Inspection Division. We continue to work with other City Departments in regards to fire investigations, code enforcement and special event activities. The majority of commercial properties that are subject to inspections have maintained a safe environment for their employees and the public. The majority of fire code violations were corrected within 30 days.

This year, we re-evaluated our inspection and fire reporting processes. Our Administrative Assistant has gone to great lengths to improve Firehouse, our fire and inspection data reporting system. We have implemented a paperless inspection process using Ipads that should assist us in streamlining our inspection process, which saves on labor of inputting inspections as well as printing and mailing fees.

We have continued to promote fire investigation training for both the public and private sector. Once again, we partnered with EFI Global Fire Investigations and were able to set up over 18 different fire scenarios in two homes this year. This training benefits multiple fire, police and Sheriff's departments throughout the State of Wisconsin, along with private sector investigators and adjusters from Wisconsin and Minnesota. This training benefited over 419 public and private fire investigators.

This past summer, we eliminated four blighted apartment buildings that had fire and building code violations dating back to the late 1970's and early 1980's. We partnered with the State Fire Marshall's office and the United States Department of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) to conduct research in "Ventilation Controlled Compartment Fires." This research is being presented nationally by ATF and the International Association of fire investigators. WE conducted 18 fire sets in the four apartment buildings, gathering data and improving our firefighting tactics and investigation skills. This allowed us to gain a vast amount of knowledge from four structures that were scheduled to be razed by the Department of Public Works with Community Development grant funding. This fire burn was a win-win situation for the entire community.

When you continue reading this 2013 Annual Report, you will find a breakdown of the inspection activities and fire prevention programs on pages 29-31 and 42.

Respectfully Submitted,

David DeSantis, Fire Marshal
Wausau Fire Department



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RE: 2013 Emergency Medical Services Report

Once again the past year has been a very successful one for emergency medical services. Our call volume has once again increased, part of a 20% increase in call volume over the past 10 years. Our growth did not only come in the number of emergencies we responded to, but also the overall growth and strength of our program.

In 2013 our cardiac arrest program continued to grow and see success. Eight patients were resuscitated and able to go back into the community and lead a normal life. Our overall survival rate was 27% which is nearly 3 times the national survival rate of 9.6%. The initial stages of the Respond Pump Shock (RPS) program have also begun. This multi step program is intended to continue to reduce the mortality of those who suffer cardiac arrest.

Grants from both FEMA and the BA Esther Greenheck Foundation totaling \$140,000 allowed the purchase of new defibrillators for all 4 ambulances and first line engines. All 3 first line engines are also equipped to respond as a paramedic engine when staffing allows. This gives us the ability to provide advanced life support in the event a neighboring ambulance responds during busy periods.

Another major accomplishment during 2013 was the combined efforts of Aspirus MedEvac, Marathon County Sheriffs Department and Wausau Fire Department to form a tactical medical team for the region, one of the first in the state. To date the team has responded to several calls and continues to perform monthly training with the SWAT team. One new ambulance was put into service at station 2 in mid summer; this took the place of an aging unit that has been removed from service. The new ambulance brings a new interior design to promote patient and crew safety, including a power load system to reduce the lifting required by paramedics reducing back injuries. An updated chassis allows our patients to enjoy a better ride and also gives paramedics the added option of four wheel drive for winter conditions. A new ambulance has also been ordered to replace an ambulance at Central Fire and is expected to be in service in early 2014.

Our medical direction continues to come from Aspirus Hospital, Dr. Alex Sommers has replaced Dr Chad Radke as the medical director. Dr Sommers has been an emergency physician for several years and was previously the medical director for Aspirus MedEvac. Multiple projects are already underway in what promises to be another productive year in 2014.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joshua J. Finke, EMS Division Chief
Wausau Fire Department

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Wausau City Council

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WAUSAU POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION

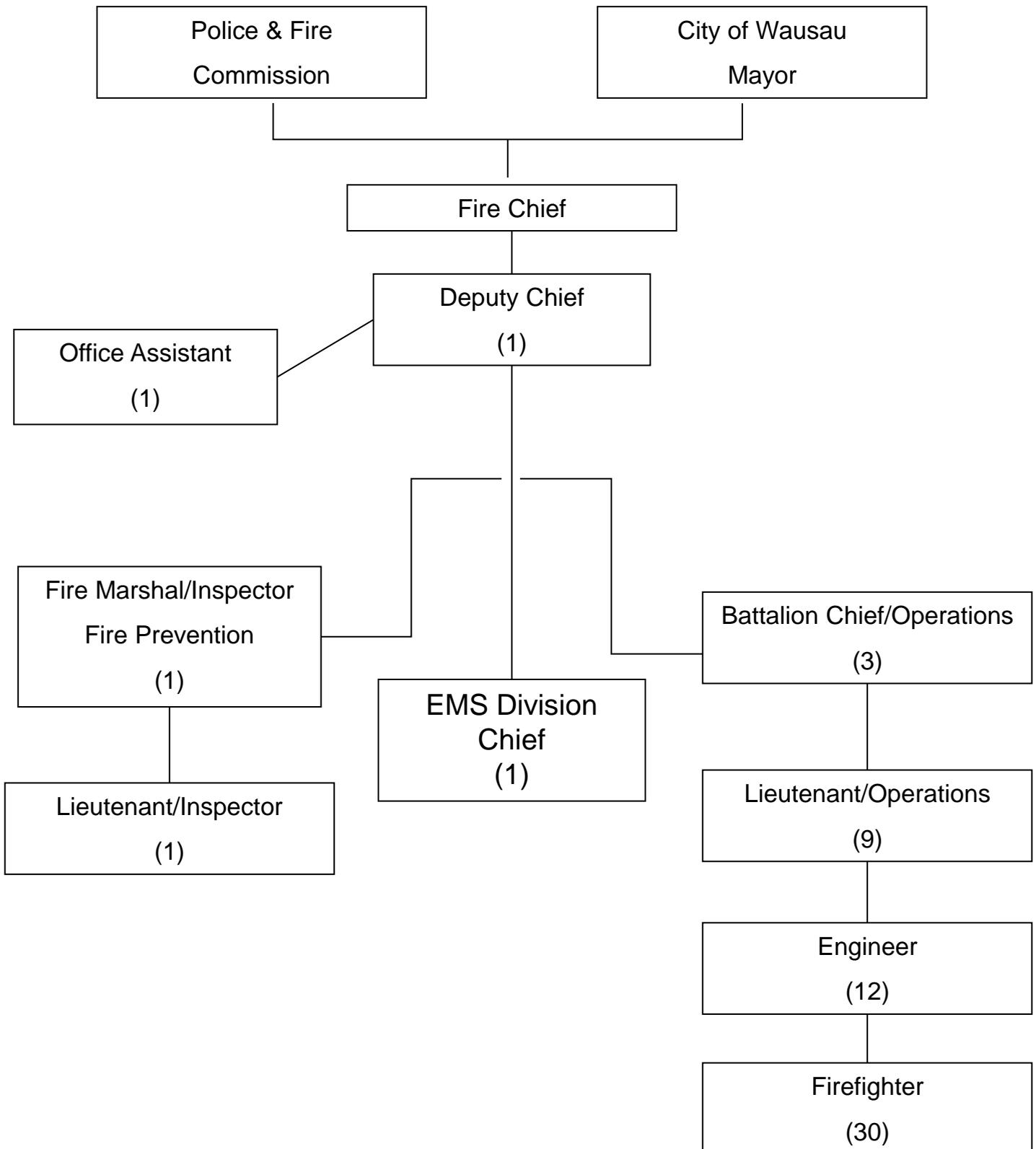
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**WAUSAU FIRE FIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION
LOCAL 415**

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Steven Bahr, Secretary/Treasurer
Hyden Prausa, Member at Large

Wausau Fire Department Organizational Chart



Financial Report 2013

2013 Actual Budget

Organization	Personnel	Operating	Outlay	Total
Administration	\$ 601,596.39	\$ 67,325.01	\$ 32,228.33	\$ 701,149.73
Maintenance	\$ 14,665.39	\$ 144,861.19	\$ 119.98	\$ 159,646.56
Inspection	\$ 220,229.63	\$ 6,928.46	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 229,158.09
Firefighting	\$ 2,178,492.27	\$ 12,337.24	\$ 13,254.83	\$ 2,204,084.34
Ambulance	\$ 2,673,910.24	\$ 120,738.94	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,796,149.18
Training	\$ 122,750.23	\$ 8,482.79	\$ -	\$ 131,233.02
Total	\$ 5,811,644.15	\$ 360,673.63	\$ 49,103.14	\$ 6,221,420.92

2013 Revenues Collected

Administration	\$123,933.37
Ambulance	\$1,375,055.97
Unaudited Balance as of 12/31/13	\$1,498,989.34



Wausau Fire Department - 2013 Roster

Dept. Employee	Rank	Years of Service	Training
Gary Buchberger	Fire Chief	15	A,C,D,F,P
Philip Rentmeester	Deputy Fire Chief	15	A,C,F,H,J,P,T,U,Z
David DeSantis	Fire Marshal	14	E,H,K,P,V,X
Douglas Beula	Battalion Chief	27	A,H,J,P,T,U,W,Z
Paul Czarapata	Battalion Chief	25	K,P,T,Z,AA
Mark Krueger	Battalion Chief	24	A,H,K,M,N,O,P,T,Z
Jeremy Kopp	Lieutenant/Inspector	9	E,J,X
Josh Finke	EMS Division Chief	1	A,B,C,D,I,L,M,N,P,Y
Mindy Walker	Office Assistant	1	A,C,D
Douglas Flory	Lieutenant	27	J,P,S,T,U
Steven Bahr	Lieutenant	18	K,M,N,P,T
David Sanft	Lieutenant	28	J,P,T
Wallace Olson	Lieutenant	24	H,K,N,P,T
Patrick Mocha	Lieutenant	23	H,J,P,T
Allan Antolik	Lieutenant	18	L,P,T
Jeffrey Strouf	Lieutenant	28	J,P,S,T,U
Christopher Kainz	Engineer	24	J,P,T,AB
Clark Reetz	MPO	23	J,Q,T
Kevin Hicks	MPO	23	H,J,P,Q,T
Michael Tulisaari	Engineer	22	K,T,Z
Theodore Tautges	Engineer	20	I,L,P,S,T,Y
Keith Cortright	Engineer	20	H,L,P,T
Christopher Barber	Engineer	19	K,Q,T,S
Gary Lech	Engineer	19	K,P,S,T,Z
Andrew Adrian	Engineer	18	K,P,T
William Resch	Engineer	18	L,P,T
Guy Skidmore	Firefighter	17	J,P,T
James Whitehead	Firefighter	17	H,L,P,T
Robert Rode	Firefighter	17	J,T,H,P
Thomas Hanke	Firefighter	17	L,N,P,T
Steven Robers	Firefighter	16	L,P,T,U
Mark Tautges	Firefighter	16	H,I,L,P,T,Y
Kurt Riel	Firefighter	16	I,L,P,T,Y
Robert Buss	Firefighter	14	J,P,T
Michael Faehling	Firefighter	14	H,L,P,T
Michael Herdina	Firefighter	14	L,P,T
Scott Habeck	Firefighter	14	H,L,P,T

Wausau Fire Department - 2013 Roster

Dept. Employee	Rank	Years of Service	Training
Brian Stahl	Firefighter	12	H,L,P,T
Chad Eberle	Firefighter	12	L,P,T
Brad Ludwig	Firefighter	10	L,N,P
Jared Thompson	Firefighter	10	L,P
Kraig Kruzan	Firefighter	10	L,P
Michael Becker	Firefighter	9	L,P
Hyden Prausa	Firefighter	8	L,P
Marlon Marks	Firefighter	8	L
Nicholas Gehring	Firefighter	7	L
Shawn Gehring	Firefighter	6	L
Charles Prinz	Firefighter	5	L
Derek Pionke	Firefighter	3	L
Timothy Bingham	Firefighter	3	L
Shahn Kariger	Firefighter	2	L
Shane Woller	Firefighter	2	L
Quinn Ambrosius	Firefighter	2	L
Travis Krueger	Firefighter	1	L
Matt Brockman	Firefighter	1	L
Chad Witmer	Firefighter	Probation	L
Cody Wiesman	Firefighter	Probation	L
Brian Bauknecht	Firefighter	Probation	L
Clifford Heiser	Firefighter	Probation	L
Jerrod Christensen	Firefighter	Probation	L

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

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

A = Administration / B = Training / C = Purchasing / D = Inventory / E = Fire & Arson Investigation /
 F = Contingency Planning / H – Cameo (Computer Assist. Mgmt. 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 = 1	
Retirements:	Raymond Yeager	02/15/2013
	Thomas Gipp	03/04/2013
Resignations:	Ruben Macias	02/08/2013
	Jamie Giese	03/18/2013
	Jake Patnode	03/23/2013
New Employees:	Mindy Walker	01/21/2013
	Chad Witmer	05/20/2013
	Cody Wiesman	05/20/2013
	Brian Bauknecht	05/20/2013
	Cliff Heiser	05/20/2013
	Jerrod Christensen	05/20/2013
Promotions:	Chris Barber – Eng to Lt.	09/21/2013
	Tom Hanke – FF/P to Eng.	03/21/2013
	Bob Rode – FF to Eng.	10/21/2013
Years of Service:	Paul Czarapata	25 Years
	Gary Buchberger	15 Years
	Philip Rentmeester	15 Years

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITIONS

David DeSantis – Wisconsin State Fire Inspector’s Association “2013 Fire Inspector of the Year”

EMPLOYEE LEAVE

Time lost due to Family/Medical Leave = 2,692 Hours

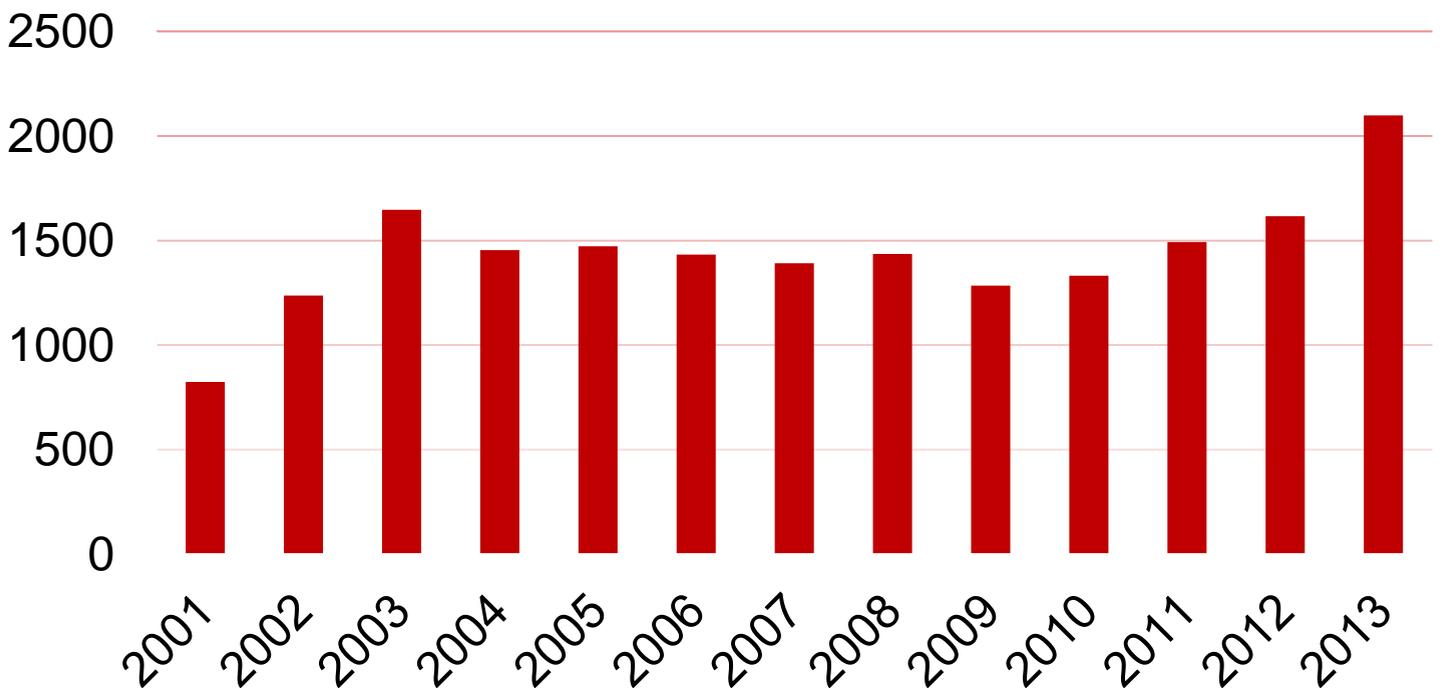
Time lost due to on-duty injuries = 1,697.50 Hours

Time lost due to sickness = 3,191.71 Hours

Catastrophic Leave = 1,056.69 Hours

Yearly Fire Response Comparison Chart 2001-2013

Year	Total
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
2013	2,100



City of Wausau Fire Response By Incident Type

CODE	DESCRIPTION	FREQ.	FREQ. %	EXPs	TOTAL MAN HOURS	AVG RESPONSE TIME (min)
100	Fire, other	1	0.05 %	0	19.27	5.00
111	Building fires	27	1.32 %	2	1,092.75	3.07
113	Cooking fire, confined to container	17	0.83 %	0	96.77	3.47
118	Trash or rubbish fire, contained	2	0.10 %	0	6.92	4.50
130	Mobile property (vehicle) fire, other	2	0.10 %	0	12.57	5.00
131	Passenger vehicle fire	7	0.34 %	0	27.22	2.57
132	Road freight or transport vehicle fire	1	0.05 %	0	7.17	5.00
140	Natural vegetation fire, other	1	0.05 %	0	0.87	5.00
141	Forest, woods or wildland fire	1	0.05 %	0	1.25	7.00
151	Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire	3	0.15 %	0	6.07	3.00
154	Dumpster or other outside trash receptacle fire	3	0.15 %	0	6.38	3.33
160	Special outside fire, other	1	0.05 %	0	2.57	1.00
162	Outside equipment fire	1	0.05 %	0	0.75	5.00
251	Excessive heat, scorch burns with no ignition	2	0.10 %	0	2.07	5.00
300	Rescue, emergency medical call (EMS) call, other	3	0.15 %	0	2.12	2.33
311	Medical assist, assist EMS crew	1,182	57.74 %	0	1,077.43	3.57
320	Emergency medical service, other	4	0.20 %	0	1.98	1.25
321	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	2	0.10 %	0	2.07	8.00
322	Vehicle accident with injuries	49	2.39 %	0	125.08	3.53
323	Motor vehicle/pedestrian accident (MV Ped)	9	0.44 %	0	9.93	2.44
324	Motor vehicle accident with no injuries	30	1.47 %	0	48.45	3.37
331	Lock-in (if lock out , use 511)	2	0.10 %	0	1.48	1.50
342	Search for person in water	2	0.10 %	0	10.02	7.00
350	Extrication, rescue, other	2	0.10 %	0	3.88	3.50
351	Extrication of victim(s) from building/structure	1	0.05 %	0	3.27	3.00
352	Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle	10	0.49 %	0	28.03	4.50
353	Removal of victim(s) from stalled elevator	8	0.39 %	0	12.80	4.62
357	Extrication of victim(s) from machinery	1	0.05 %	0	1.37	2.00
360	Water & ice related rescue, other	1	0.05 %	0	3.62	4.00
361	Swimming/recreational water areas rescue	1	0.05 %	0	1.60	2.00
363	Swift water rescue	2	0.10 %	0	12.85	3.00
365	Watercraft rescue	1	0.05 %	0	3.60	3.00

City of Wausau Fire Response By Incident Type

CODE	DESCRIPTION	FREQ.	FREQ. %	EXPs	TOTAL MAN HOURS	AVG RESPONSE TIME (min)
381	Rescue or EMS standby	52	2.54 %	0	96.18	0.37
400	Hazardous condition, other	2	0.10 %	0	9.77	5.50
410	Flammable gas or liquid condition, other	1	0.05 %	0	0.45	3.00
411	Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill	4	0.20 %	0	3.47	3.50
412	Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	20	0.98 %	0	40.55	5.20
413	Oil or other combustible liquid spill	5	0.24 %	0	3.85	4.40
422	Chemical spill or leak	1	0.05 %	0	0.70	7.00
424	Carbon monoxide incident	27	1.32 %	0	30.85	6.41
440	Electrical wiring/equipment problem, other	9	0.44 %	0	40.52	4.00
441	Heat from short circuit (wiring), defective/worn	2	0.10 %	0	12.42	2.50
442	Overheated motor	3	0.15 %	0	20.28	4.33
444	Power line down	1	0.05 %	0	1.63	4.00
445	Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	10	0.49 %	0	23.20	4.20
460	Accident, potential accident, other	1	0.05 %	0	6.00	0.00
463	Vehicle accident, general cleanup	9	0.44 %	0	8.62	3.67
500	Service Call, other	13	0.64 %	0	13.10	4.54
510	Person in distress, other	3	0.15 %	0	1.42	3.67
511	Lock-out	41	2.00 %	0	20.18	4.29
512	Ring or jewelry removal	3	0.15 %	0	1.25	0.00
520	Water problem, other	2	0.10 %	0	9.40	3.50
522	Water or steam leak	2	0.10 %	0	22.53	3.50
531	Smoke or odor removal	17	0.83 %	0	45.42	5.47
541	Animal problem	4	0.20 %	0	3.35	3.50
542	Animal rescue	3	0.15 %	0	4.72	3.00
551	Assist police or other governmental agency	6	0.29 %	0	8.80	3.17
553	Public service	2	0.10 %	0	0.87	2.00
555	Defective elevator, no occupants	1	0.05 %	0	2.27	6.00
561	Unauthorized burning	8	0.39 %	0	9.65	2.62
571	Cover assignment, standby, moveup	3	0.15 %	0	7.60	0.00
600	Good intent call, other	9	0.44 %	0	9.50	3.89
611	Dispatched & canceled en route	93	4.54 %	0	23.02	2.00
622	No incident found at dispatch address	11	0.54 %	0	31.22	6.00
631	Authorized controlled burning	6	0.29 %	0	8.20	7.67

City of Wausau Fire Response By Incident Type

CODE	DESCRIPTION	FREQ.	FREQ. %	EXPs	TOTAL MAN HOURS	AVG RESPONSE TIME (min)
650	Steam, other gas mistaken for smoke, other	1	0.05 %	0	4.00	6.00
651	Smoke scare, odor of smoke	15	0.73 %	0	53.87	3.47
652	Steam, vapor, fog or dust thought to be smoke	3	0.15 %	0	8.90	3.33
653	Barbecue, tar kettle	2	0.10 %	0	1.13	4.00
661	EMS call, party transported by non-fire agency	1	0.05 %	0	0.50	4.00
671	Hazmat release investigation w/ no hazmat	6	0.29 %	0	5.87	3.83
700	False alarm or false call, other	9	0.44 %	0	15.72	4.00
710	Malicious, mischievous false call, other	8	0.39 %	0	21.62	4.38
711	Municipal alarm system, malicious false alarm	1	0.05 %	0	0.27	2.00
714	Central station, malicious false alarm	4	0.20 %	0	9.10	5.75
715	Local alarm system, malicious false alarm	10	0.49 %	0	25.33	3.80
730	System malfunction, other	3	0.15 %	0	13.23	4.00
731	Sprinkler activation due to malfunction	5	0.24 %	0	31.98	4.60
733	Smoke detector activation due to malfunction	23	1.12 %	0	77.98	5.22
734	Heat detector activation due to malfunction	2	0.10 %	0	20.83	4.50
735	Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	24	1.17 %	0	308.25	4.00
736	CO detector activation due to malfunction	15	0.73 %	0	11.58	5.53
740	Unintentional transmission of alarm, other	9	0.44 %	0	29.27	4.44
741	Sprinkler activation, no fire - unintentional	3	0.15 %	0	8.80	3.33
743	Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	38	1.86 %	0	136.03	4.13
744	Detector activation, no fire - unintentional	23	1.12 %	0	74.33	4.00
745	Alarm system sounded, no fire - unintentional	64	3.13 %	0	124.30	4.41
746	Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO	16	0.78 %	0	15.58	5.38
814	Lightning strike (no fire)	4	0.20 %	0	24.05	4.25
900	Special type of incident, other	1	0.05 %	0	1.07	0.00
911	Citizen complaint	4	0.20 %	0	3.52	4.25
Total		2047	100%	2	4,180.27	3.71
Mutual Aid Given		51				

Summary by Incident Type

Calls By Incident Type	Freq.	% Of Total Calls	Mutual Aid None	Mutual Aid Given	Mutual Aid Rec'd	Exp.	Total Incidents
FIRES							
Structure Fires (110-118, 120-123)	46	2.25 %	44	3	2	2	51
Vehicle Fires (130-138)	10	0.49 %	10	0	0	0	10
Other Fires (100, 140-173)	11	0.54 %	11	2	0	0	13
Total Fires	67	3.27 %	65	5	2	2	74
Pressure Ruptures, Explosion, Overheat (200-251)	2	0.10 %	2	0	0	0	2
RESCUE CALLS							
Emergency Medical Treatment (300-323)	1,279	62.48 %	1,276	26	3	0	1,305
All Others (331-381)	83	4.05 %	82	5	1	0	88
Total Rescue Calls	1,362	66.54 %	1,358	31	4	0	1,393
Hazardous Condition Calls (400-482)	95	4.64 %	95	0	0	0	95
Service Calls (500-571)	108	5.28 %	107	2	1	0	110
Good Intent Calls (600-671)	147	7.18 %	146	13	1	0	160
Severe Weather or Natural Disaster Calls (800-815)	4	0.20 %	4	0	0	0	4
Special Incident Calls (900-911)	5	0.24 %	5	0	0	0	5
Unknown Incident Type (UUU)	0	0.00 %	0	0	0	0	0
FALSE CALLS							
Malicious Calls (710-715, 751)	23	1.12 %	23	0	0	0	23
Other False Calls (700, 721-746)	234	11.43 %	234	0	0	0	234
Total False Calls	257	12.55 %	257	0	0	0	257
TOTAL CALLS	2,047	100.00 %	2,039	51	8	2	2,100



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City of Wausau Fire Response By Incident Type

Mutual Aid Given – Incident Type	Quantity
Building Fire	3
Forest, woods or wildland fire	1
Brush or grass mixture fire	1
Rescue, EMS incident	1
Medical Assist	2
Motor vehicle accident w/injuries	22
Motor vehicle accident w/out injuries	1
Extrication of victim from vehicle	4
Extrication of victim from machinery	1
Animal rescue	1
Cover Assignment	1
Dispatched and cancelled en route	13
Total	51



Township Fire Responses

Township	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Athens	1	0	0	0	0	0
Berlin	5	1	2	1	2	2
Brokaw	4	0	1	1	0	0
Easton	0	1	0	0	0	1
Hamburg	0	0	2	0	0	1
Hatley	0	0	0	1	0	0
Hewitt	6	1	4	6	3	2
Kronenwetter	0	0	0	1	0	0
Maine	2	13	15	19	11	24
Merrill	0	0	0	1	0	0
Rib Mountain	2	0	1	1	0	3
Schofield	1	0	0	0	0	0
Stettin	13	3	0	2	0	0
Texas	10	6	6	6	5	8
Wausau, Town	10	11	0	3	2	10
Weston, Town	0	1	4	2	1	0
Weston, Village	32	12	16	18	1	0
Total	86	49	51	62	25	51



2013
New
Recruits

Wausau Area Tanker Responses

Township	Date	Address	Description
Easton	01/27/13	5883 State Highway 52	Building Fire – provided water
Texas	04/09/13	T11826 County Rd J	Building Fire – Standby unit only
Rib Mountain	9/14/13	6507 S. Mountain Rd	Grass Fire – provided water
Texas	10/09/13	T6819 County Rd W	Dispatched and cancelled en route

MUTUAL AID GIVEN

Easton Volunteer Fire Department	1	Hamburg Volunteer Fire Department	1
Rib Mountain Fire Department	3	Hewitt Volunteer Fire Department	2
Maine Township Fire Department	24	Texas Volunteer Fire Department	8
Wausau Township Fire Department	10	Berlin Fire Department	2

MUTUAL AID RECEIVED

Rib Mountain Fire Department	5	Weston Fire Department	4
Maine Township Fire Department	1	Texas Volunteer Fire Department	1

2013 Investigated Fires

- 3011 Wildwood Lane, Wausau
- 1331 N. 3rd Street, Wausau
- 112 S. 4th Avenue, Wausau
- 712 Park Avenue, Wausau
- 302 E. Randolph Street, Wausau
- 902 Washington Street, Wausau
- 610/612 E. Union Avenue, Wausau
- 1506 Golf Club Road, Wausau
- 116 S. 17th Avenue, Wausau



Fire Investigations

Total # of Fire Investigations	9
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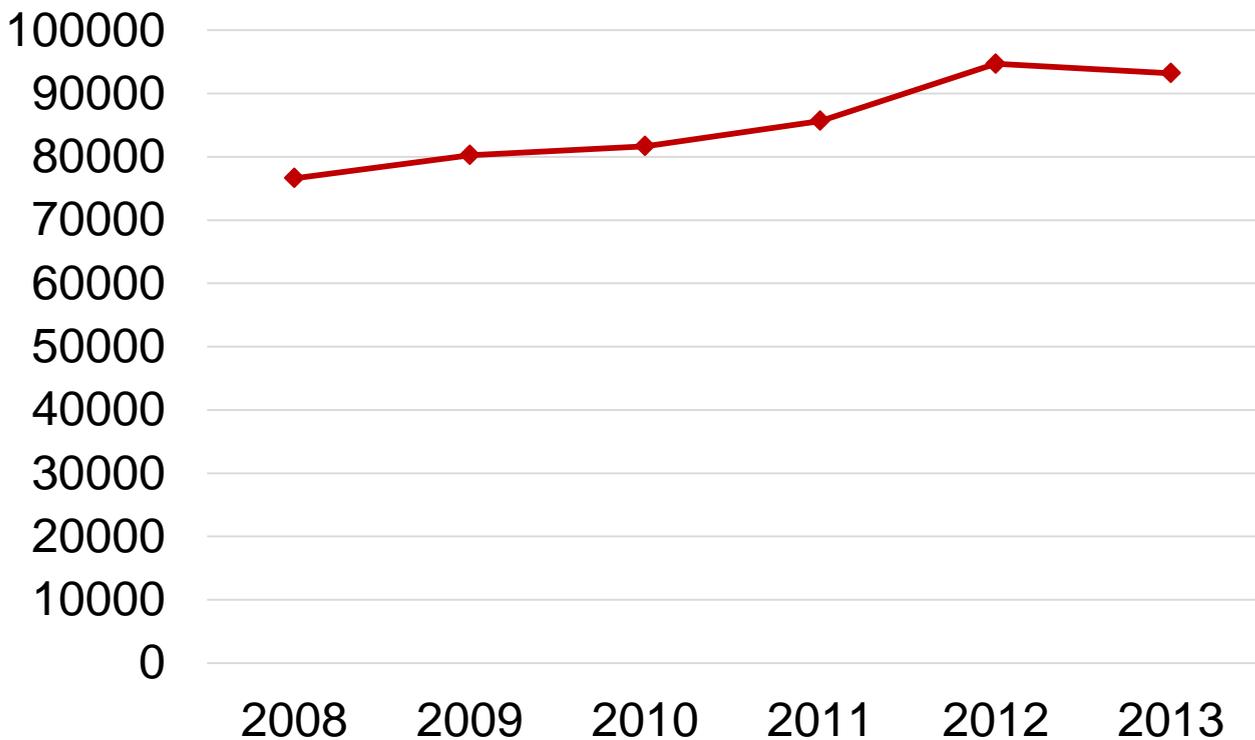
Fire Inspections

Inspection Type	# of Inspections
Initial Inspection No violations	2,636
Initial Inspection Violations	362
1 st Re-inspection	338
2 nd Re-inspection	46
3 rd Re-inspection	11
4 th Re-inspection	1
Re-inspection for Compliance	9
2 nd Inspection Violations Corrected	335
2 nd Inspections Not Corrected	29
3 rd Inspection Violations Corrected	18
3 rd Inspection Violations forward for Citation	13
Plan Review (General, Site, Sprinkler System, Architectural)	9
Inspection (Site, Fire Protection, Sprinkler System, Permit, License, Special Event, Tank)	162
Referral/Complaint (Citizen, Building)	5
Consultation (Site, Building, General, Fire Protection, Fire Alarm, Hazardous Operations, Sprinkler, Knox Box)	124
Legal Preparation	7
Total Inspections	4,105

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
2008	\$76,630.00
2009	\$80,251.63
2010	\$81,670.46
2011	\$85,662.19
2012	\$94,695.64
2013	\$93,215.81





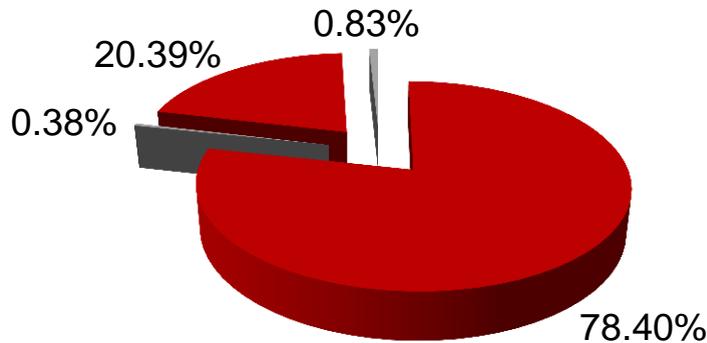
Contracted Response Territory and Population

City of Wausau	18.78 square miles	39,106
Town of Berlin	34.7 square miles	945
Village of Brokaw	1.2 square miles	251
Town of Hewitt	43.5 square miles	606
Town of Maine	42.6 square miles	2,337
Town of Texas	44.9 square miles	1,615

Emergency Medical Service Activity Summary

Request for EMS	4,436
Total Patient Transports	3,494
City of Wausau Runs	4,286
Township Runs	137
Emergency-Lights and Siren	3,005
Non-Emergency-No Lights and Siren	1,403
Initial Emergency-Downgraded	18
Initial Non-Emergency-Upgraded	6
Not Applicable/Recorded	4
Mutual Aid Ambulance Requests	13

EMS Level of Care

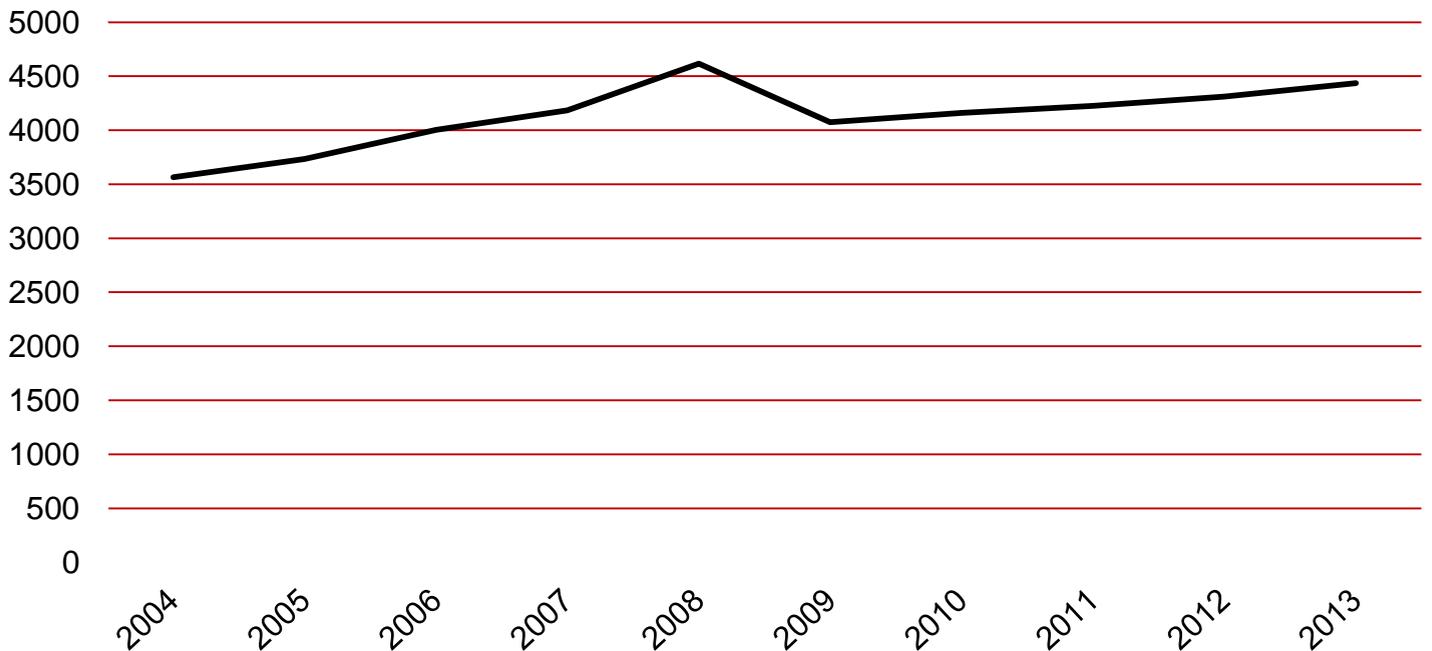


■ ALS Ground Transport ■ BLS Ground Transport ■ Non Transport ■ Other Transport

Level of Care	# of Runs	Percentage
ALS Ground Transport	3,477	78.40%
BLS Ground Transport	17	.38%
Non Transport	905	20.39%
Other Transport	37	.83%

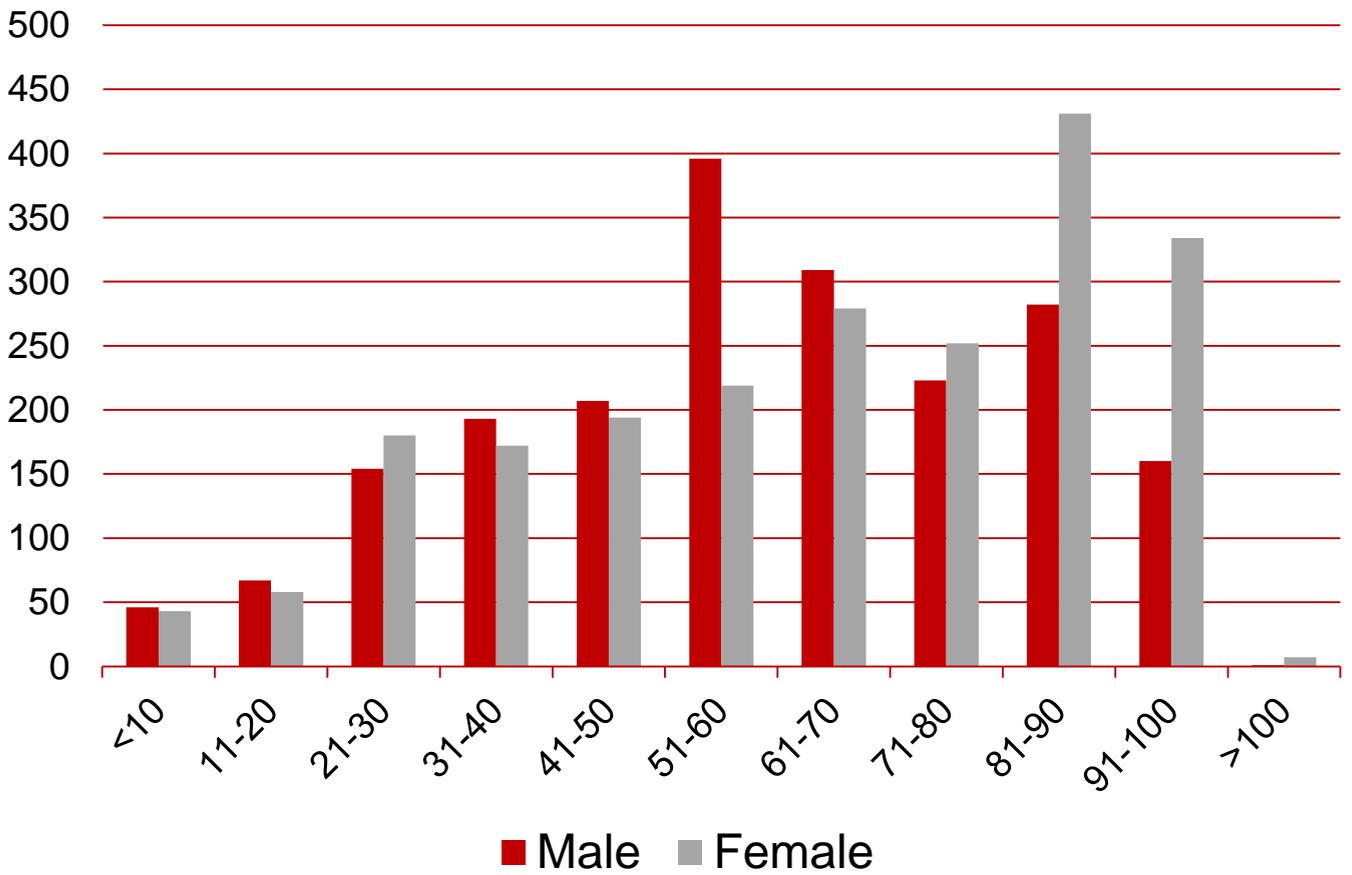
10 Year Ambulance Service Calls (by month)

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Tot	% of Chg
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
2013	376	304	375	341	383	360	397	370	364	374	357	435	4,436	+2.82
Total	3,529	3,205	3,448	3,196	3,460	3,474	3,572	3,622	3,455	3,495	3,235	3,618	41,309	



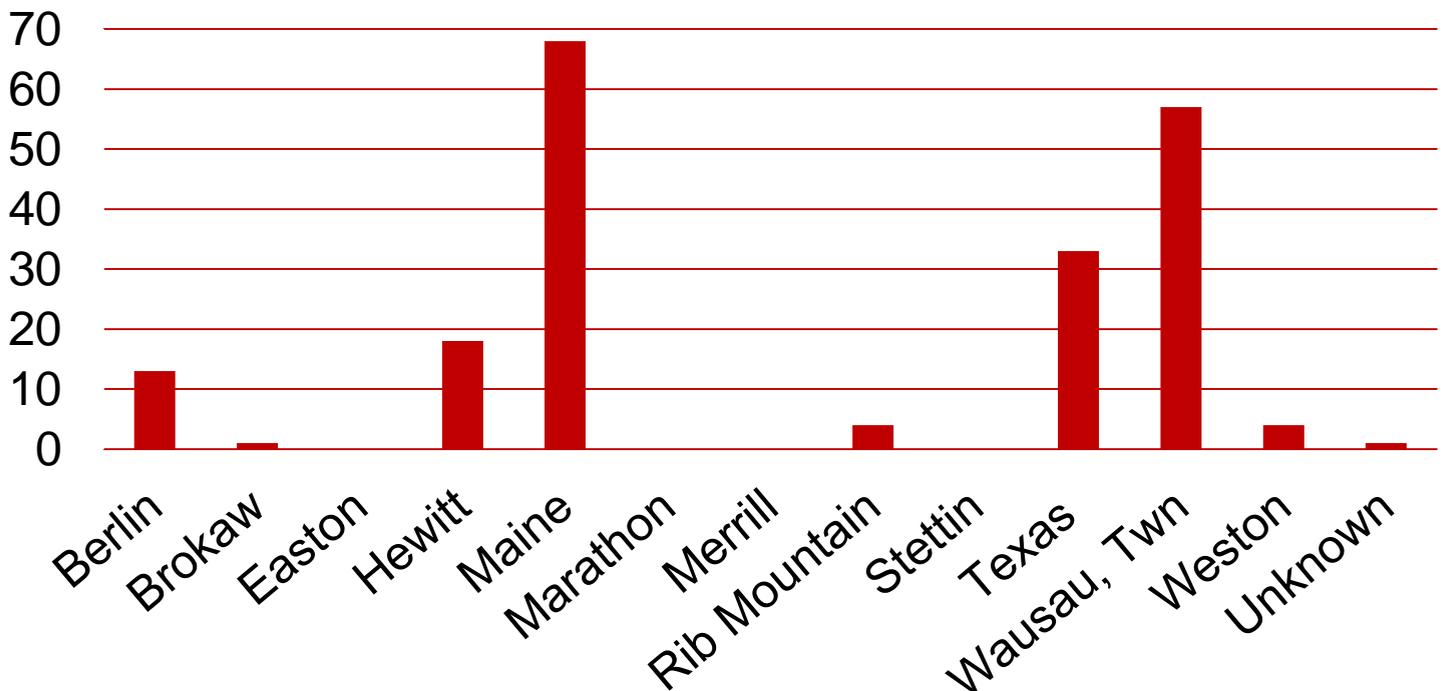
Ambulance Patient Contact Responses by Age

Age	<10	11-20	21-30	31-40	41-50	51-60	61-70	71-80	81-90	91-100	>100	Total
Male	46	67	154	193	207	396	309	223	282	160	1	2,038
Female	43	58	180	172	194	219	279	252	431	334	7	2,169
Unk.	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Total	89	126	334	366	401	615	588	475	713	494	8	4,209

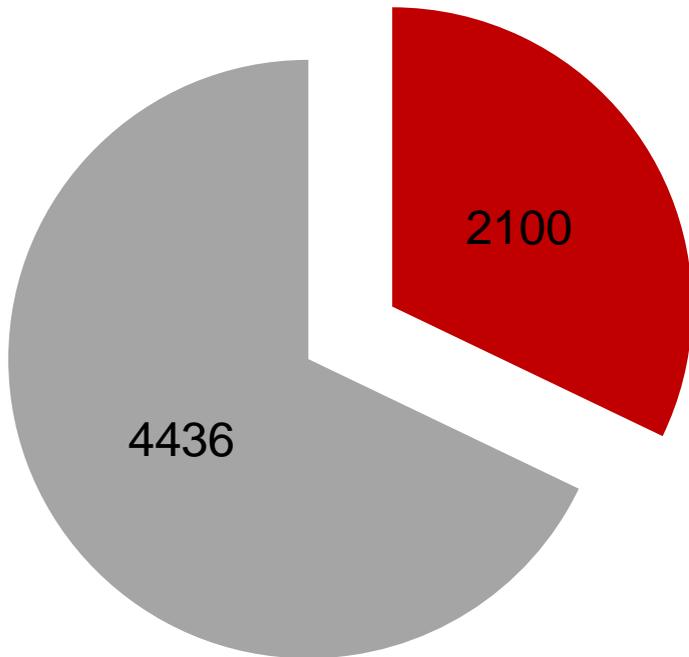


Township Ambulance Responses 2004 through 2013

Township	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Berlin	19	15	21	18	37	14	24	16	17	13
Brokaw	10	10	2	5	41	11	9	7		1
Easton	3		2	2		1	1			
Hewitt	9	5	12	19	23	19	16	24	7	18
Maine	79	85	92	68	60	72	82	80	51	68
Marathon									1	
Merrill						1			1	
Rib Mountain	7		3	2	6	1	1	2		4
Stettin				2	3			1		
Texas	48	34	41	48	60	69	51	32	26	33
Wausau, Twn	67	42	54	53	74	57	2	12		57
Weston	3		7		6	1	1	2	5	4
Unknown										1
Total	274	191	246	229	313	247	187	176	108	199



Department Activity Fire vs. Ambulance Calls



Fire Calls	2,100
Ambulance Calls	4,436



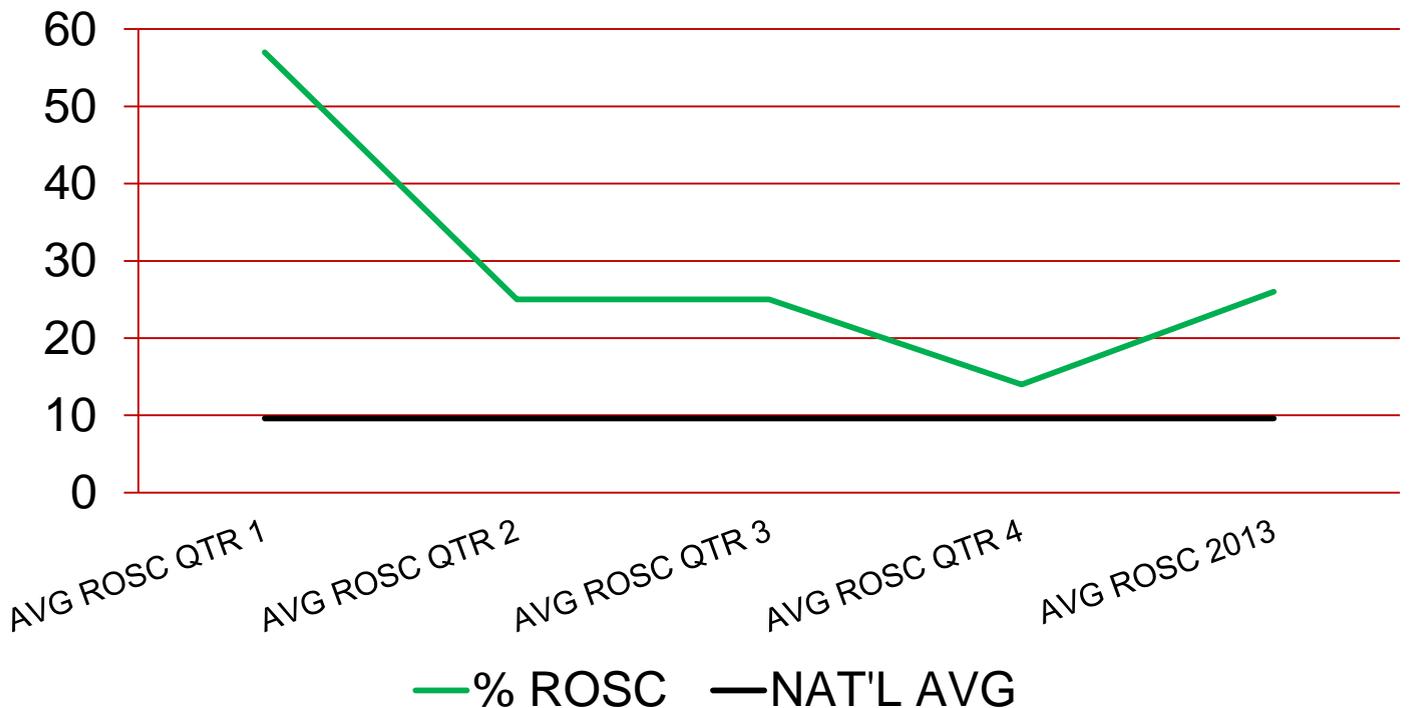
Top 5 Ambulance Request

Provider Impression	Quantity	%
Traumatic Injury	555	13.18%
No apparent Illness/Injury	353	8.38%
Pain	305	7.24%
Weakness	289	6.86%
Other Illness/Injury	282	6.70%

Cardiac Arrest Data

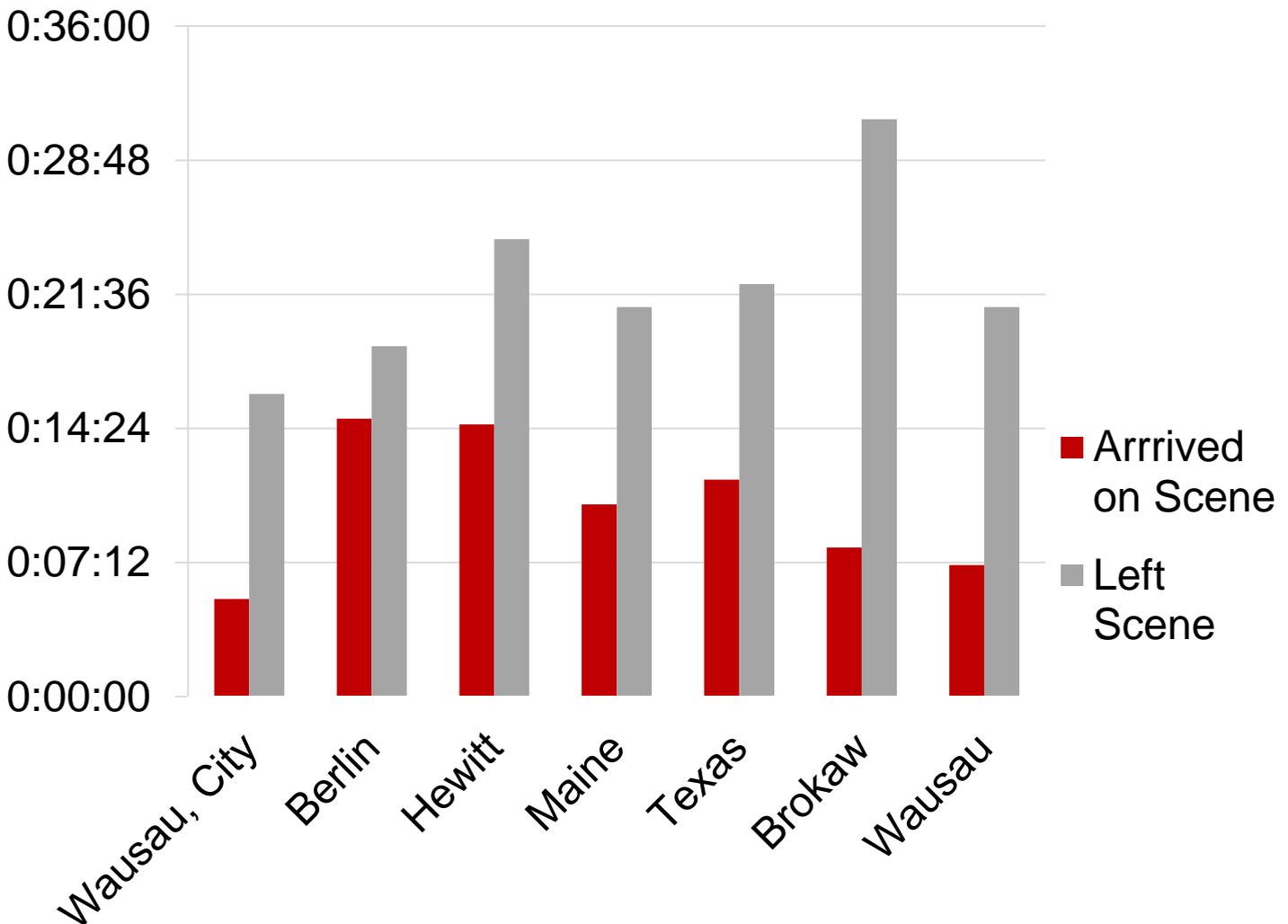
Average ROSC Qtr 1	57%
Average ROSC Qtr 2	25%
Average ROSC Qtr 3	25%
Average ROSC Qtr 4	14%
Average ROSC 2013	26%
National Average	9.6%

*ROSC = Return of Spontaneous Circulation



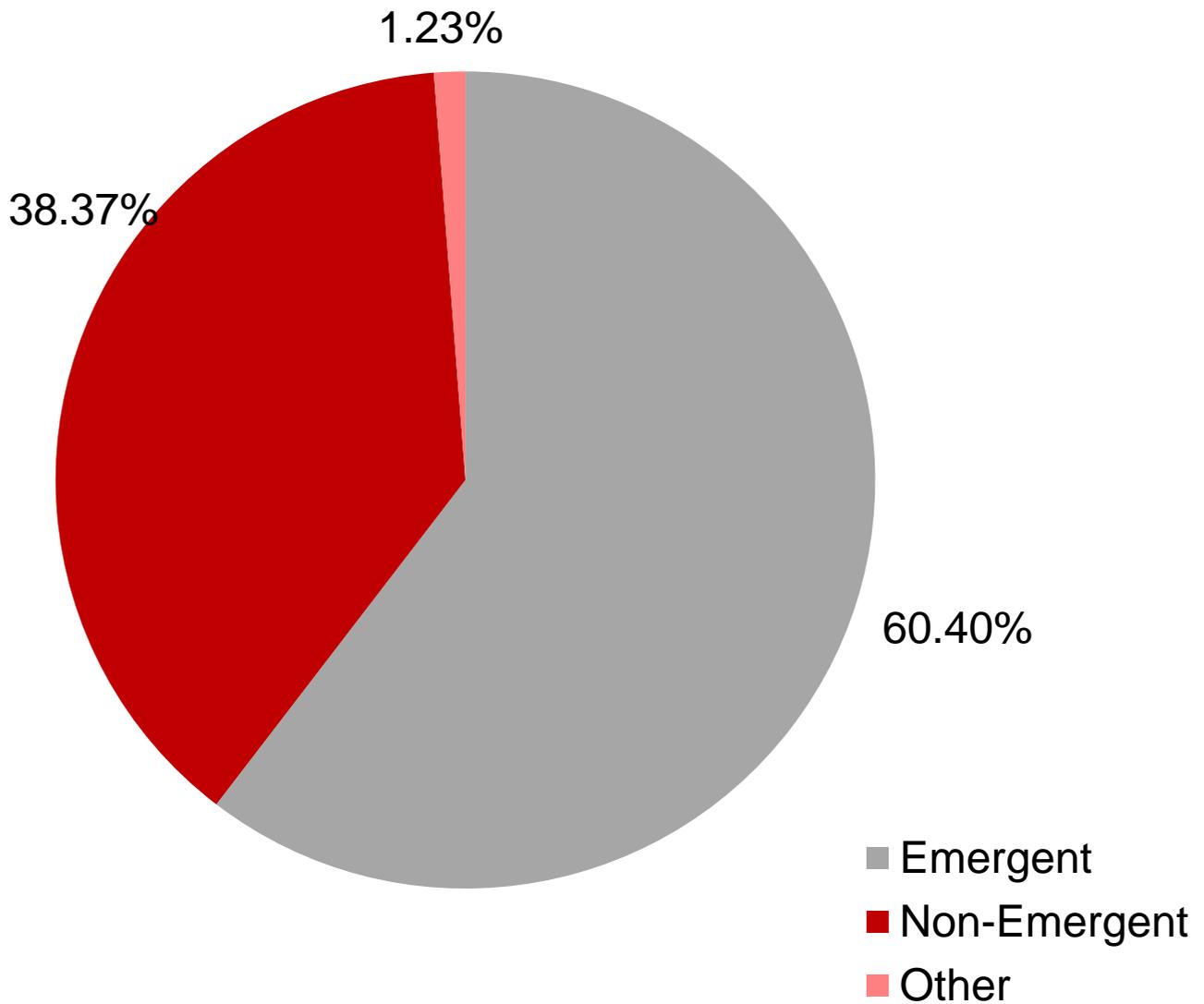
2013 EMS Response Times

Township	Unit Notified until Arrived at Scene (Average)	Unit at Patient until Left Scene (Average)
Wausau, City	5:14	16:15
Berlin	14:55	18:49
Hewitt	14:37	24:34
Maine	10:19	20:55
Texas	11:39	22:09
Brokaw	8:00	31:00
Wausau	7:04	20:55



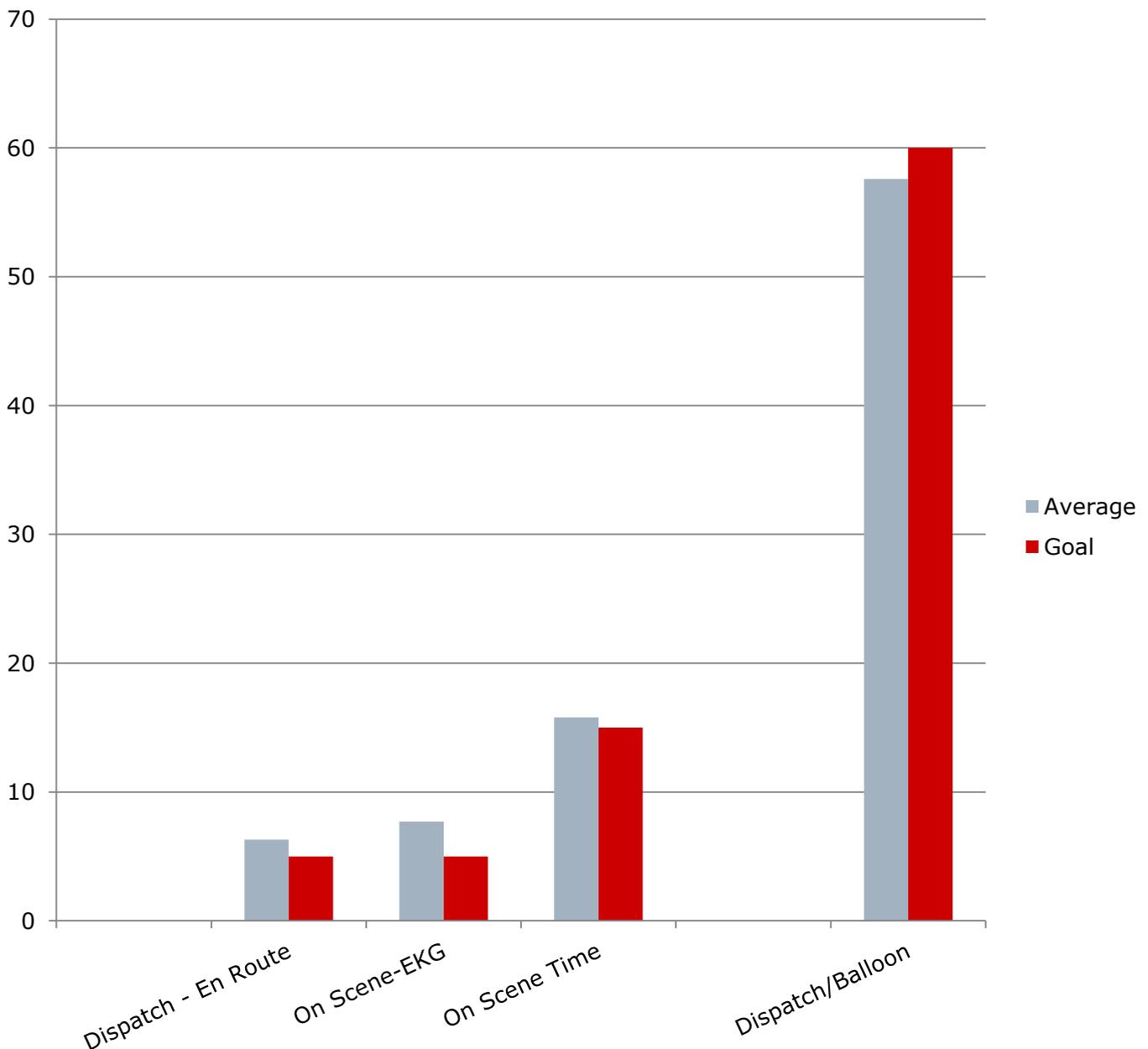
EMS Response Modes

Response Mode to Scene	# of Time	% of Time
Emergent	3,005	67.74%
Non-Emergent	1,403	31.63%
Other	28	.64%
Total	4,436	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.



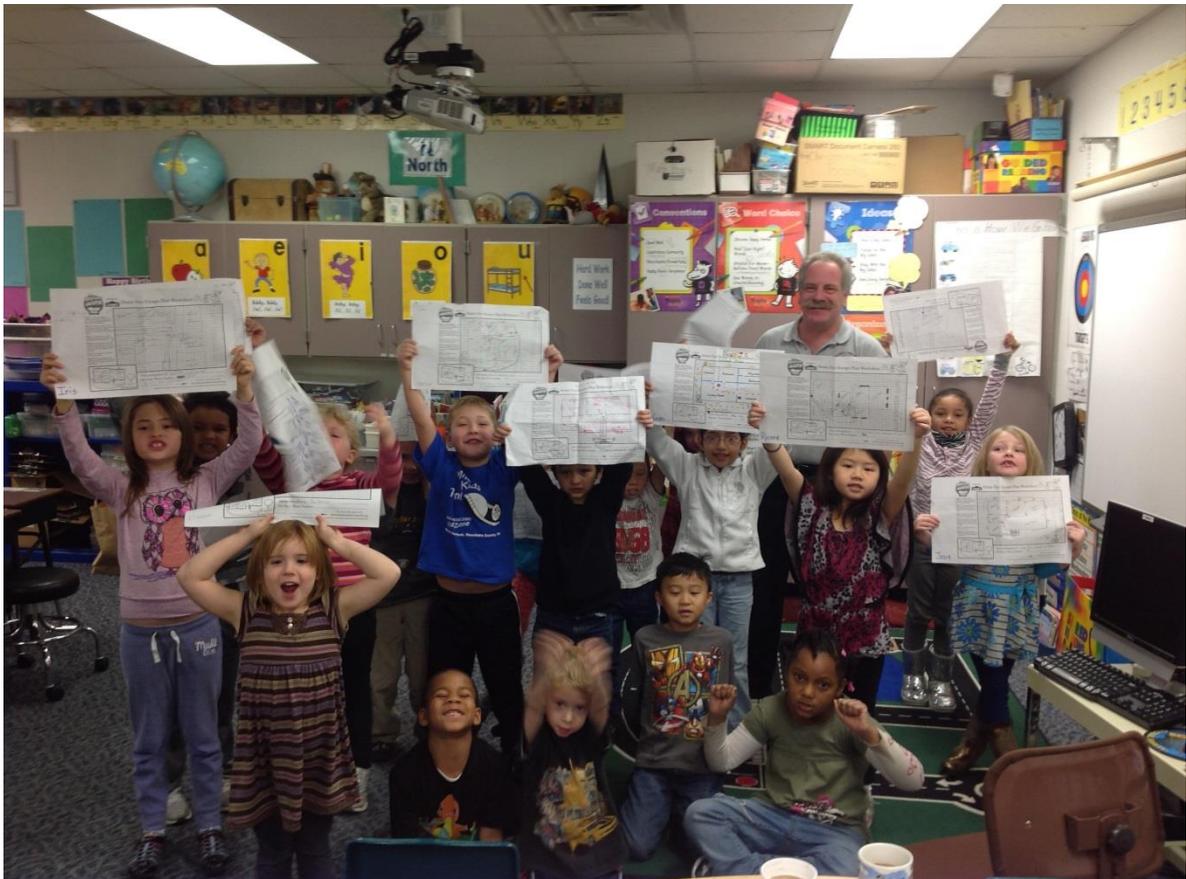
Fire Prevention Programs

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 4,338 children and 680 adults from area schools and child care centers. Programs distributed were:

- “Sparky” for 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 1,626 adults and 5,553 children through other public education and public relations programs.

We continue to distribute carbon monoxide and smoke detectors to qualified homeowners within the City of Wausau.



Wausau Fire Departmental Events



The 2013 Firefighters Ride for Charity, held on May 17th and 18th, 2013, was again, a success. There were nearly 500 people registered for the event and approximately \$15,000 was raised for charities in our community.

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. Things started off Saturday morning under partly cloudy skies. Again on Saturday night there was live entertainment. 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 2013 Wausau Charity Ride, mark your calendar for May 16th and 17th, 2014, or visit the web site at www.hdwausau.com. Next years event will be organized by Harley Davidson of Wausau.

