

Wauwatosa Fire Department Annual Report 2022



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Letter from the Chief



It is my pleasure to present the 2022 Wauwatosa Fire Department (WFD) Annual Report which illustrates the amazing work done by all of our personnel on a daily basis. We aim to provide the highest levels of customer service, emergency medical care, and fire suppression to our residents, business owners, and visitors to Wauwatosa. In addition to responding to nearly 9,000 emergency calls we also provide community risk reduction programs such as Hands-Only CPR, fire inspections, and managing the citywide emergency plan.

In 2022, the department faced many challenges including a steadily increasing call volume, significant growth within the city, and a stressed emergency medical transport system. Our personnel continue to adapt to the rapidly changing environment while preserving life, preventing harm, and protecting property. Meeting these demands is only possible with the immense support from city leadership including the mayor, city administrator, common council, and the police & fire commission.

Many personnel changes occurred in 2022. There were five retirements, resulting in the loss of over 133 combined years of service. This included the retirement of Assistant Chief Brent Lee who oversaw all aspects of department administration. We also hired four new firefighters and promoted 12 members from within the department. Our focus continues to be improving diversity within the membership through recruiting and our internship programs.

The Wauwatosa Fire Department has proudly served our community for nearly 125 years, while maintaining a strong culture of service. We will continue to strive to provide this level of service in 2023 and the future.

Jim Case
Fire Chief



2022 Significant Events

April 11, 2022
2017 North 107th Street
Kitchen Fire



May 10, 2022
2629 Wauwatosa Avenue
Residential Structure Fire



November 14, 2022
1514 North Church Street
Garage Fire



2022 Significant Events

May 28, 2022
Plane Crash

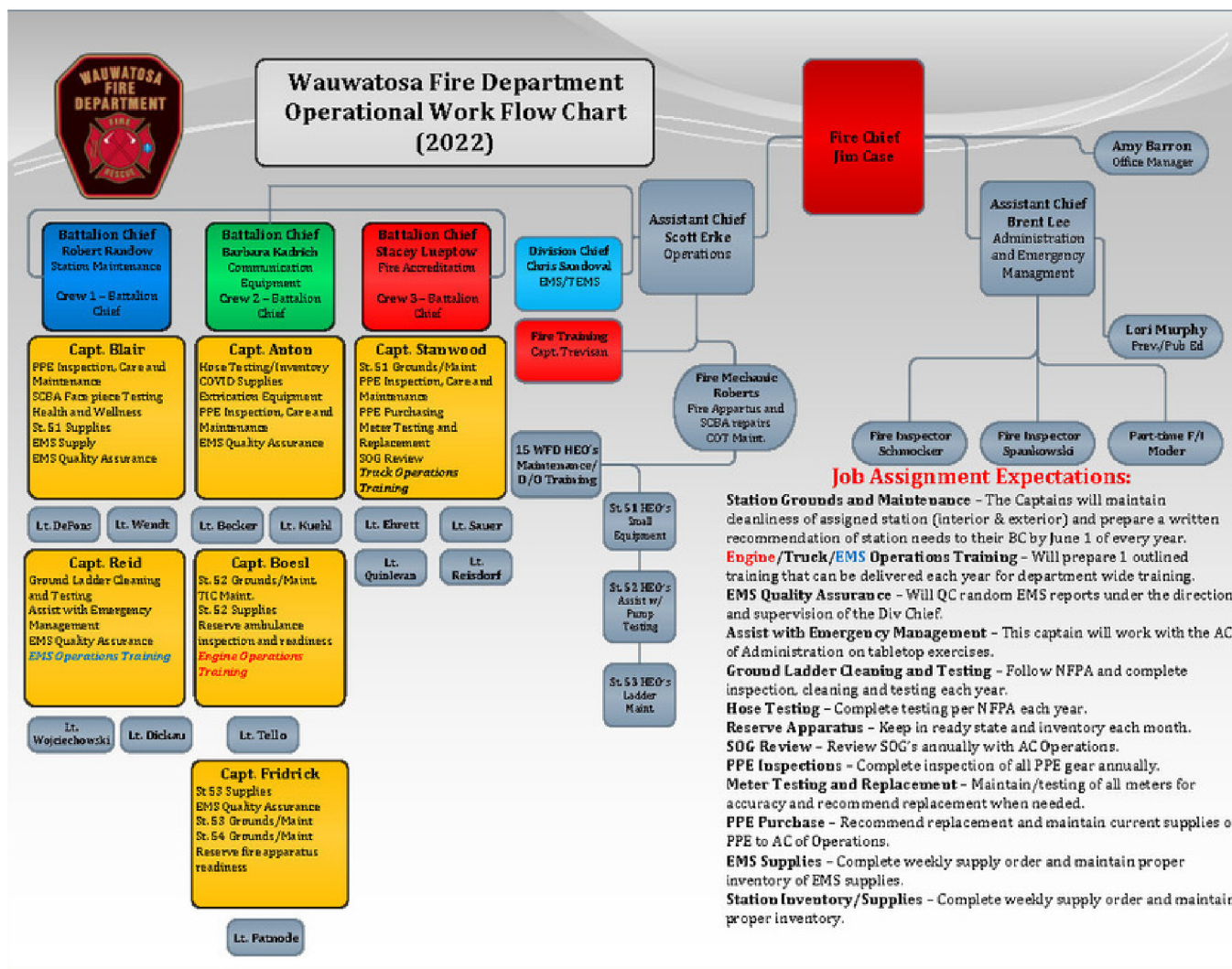


December 13, 2022
700 North Mayfair Road
Fatal Car Fire



2022 Staffing

Fire				
Position Description	2021 FTE	2022 Base Positions	2022 FTE	2021-22 Change
Administrative Support Special	1.00	0	-	(1.00)
Assistant Chief	2.00	2	2.00	-
Battalion Chief	1.00	1	1.00	-
Code Specialist	2.58	3	2.58	-
Deputy Chief	3.00	3	3.00	-
Fire Captain	7.00	7	7.00	-
Fire Chief	1.00	1	1.00	-
Fire Lieutenant	12.00	12	12.00	-
Fire Equipment Mechanic	1.00	1	1.00	-
Firefighter	56.00	56	56.00	-
Management Analyst	-	1	1.00	1.00
Motor Pump Operator	15.00	15	15.00	-
Office Assistant	1.00	1	1.00	-
TOTAL	102.56	103.00	102.56	-





2022 Adopted Budget

Expenditures					
	2021				2022 / 2021
2020 Actual	Adopted Budget	2021 Revised	Name	2022 Budget	% of Change
8,993,228	8,984,600	8,984,600	Wages	9,225,162	2.7%
492,741	315,000	315,000	Overtime	321,300	2.0%
4,100,356	4,228,614	4,228,614	Benefits	4,150,741	-1.8%
1,800	6,250	6,250	Other Compensation	6,250	0.0%
268,313	228,074	232,235	Operating Expenses	257,775	13.0%
5,861	7,000	7,000	Commodities	7,000	0.0%
217,607	202,005	202,005	Services	202,005	0.0%
184,231	167,400	167,400	Utilities	167,400	0.0%
12,634	26,979	26,979	Fixed Charges	26,827	-0.6%

*Note - Most annual increases are based on personnel costs related to represented employee contracts. We have faced levy reduction targets every year for the last 10 years.

Revenues					
	2021				
2020 Actual	Adopted Budget	2021 Revised	Name	2022 Budget	% of Change
151,569	10,000	242,000	InterGov Revenue	242,000	2320.00%
168,989	160,350	160,350	Licenses and Permits	190,000	18.49%
1,304,238	1,480,000	1,480,000	Public Charges	1,430,000	-3.38%
1,617,281	1,644,224	1,644,224	InterGov Charges	1,357,937	-17.41%
40,274	33,274	33,274	Miscellaneous	33,274	0.0%
3,282,350	3,327,848	3,559,848	TOTAL	3,253,211	-2.2%
Net Cost					
11,355,008	11,216,876	11,068,373	TOTAL	11,578,314	3.2%



Administrative Staff



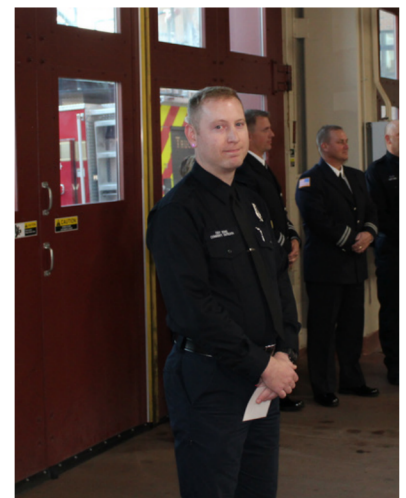
Amy Barron
Office Manager



Cody Xiong
Office Assistant/Community
Outreach Specialist

The administrative staff is responsible for managing and assisting with customer service, scheduling, budgeting, recruitment, and overall coordination.

2022 was a challenging year for the Administrative staff as we were short staffed from April until September. Cody Xiong was hired as the Office Assistant/Community Outreach Specialist and began full time in September. Cody has been a wonderful addition to our staff.





Operations Division



Scott Erke

Assistant Chief of Operations

The operations division is managed by Assistant Chief Scott Erke and is focused on the emergency response aspects of our department. This includes Fire Suppression, Emergency Medical Services, and Fleet Services.



Division Chief
Chris Sandoval
EMS



Battalion Chief
Jeremey Blair
Crew 1



Captain
Kurt Trevisan
Fire Training



Battalion Chief
Stacey Lueptow
Crew 3



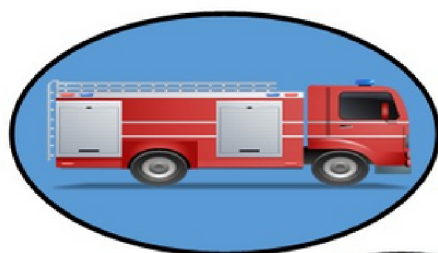
Joe Roberts
Fleet Maintenance



Battalion Chief
Bob Randow
Crew 2



2022 Call Statistics



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Fire Calls

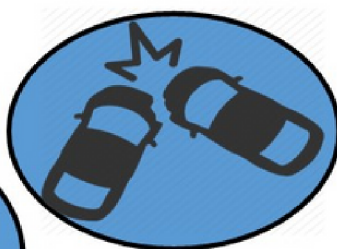
(Building fires, car fires, trash fires)



213

Hazardous Condition Calls

(Gas leaks, wires down, carbon monoxide, Infectious disease)



394

Motor Vehicle Crashes

8988

Total Calls



2300

Service Calls

(Lift assists, mutual aid, home lock outs)



659

Fire Alarms



5214

Medical Calls

(All basic and advanced life support responses)

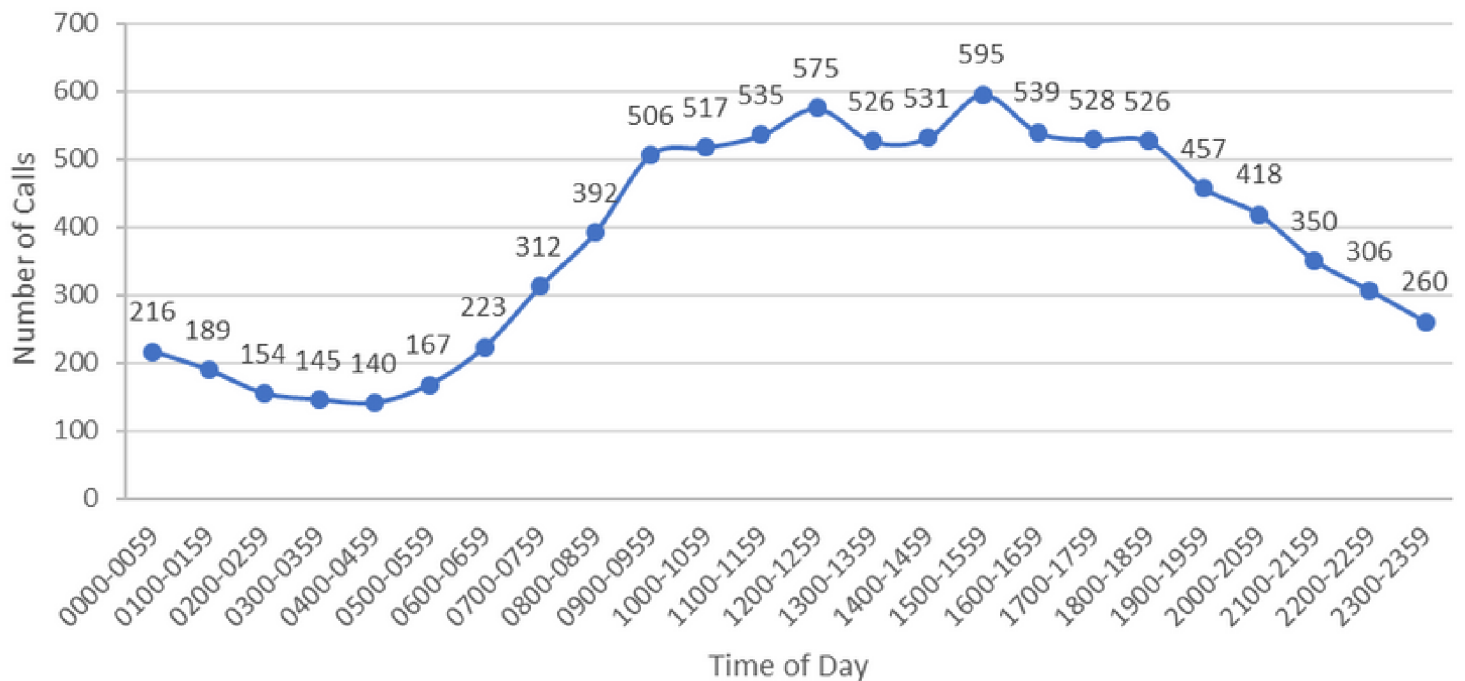
Total call number is only emergency calls.

The actual total call number may be slightly higher and would include cancelled 911 calls and other non-emergent calls.

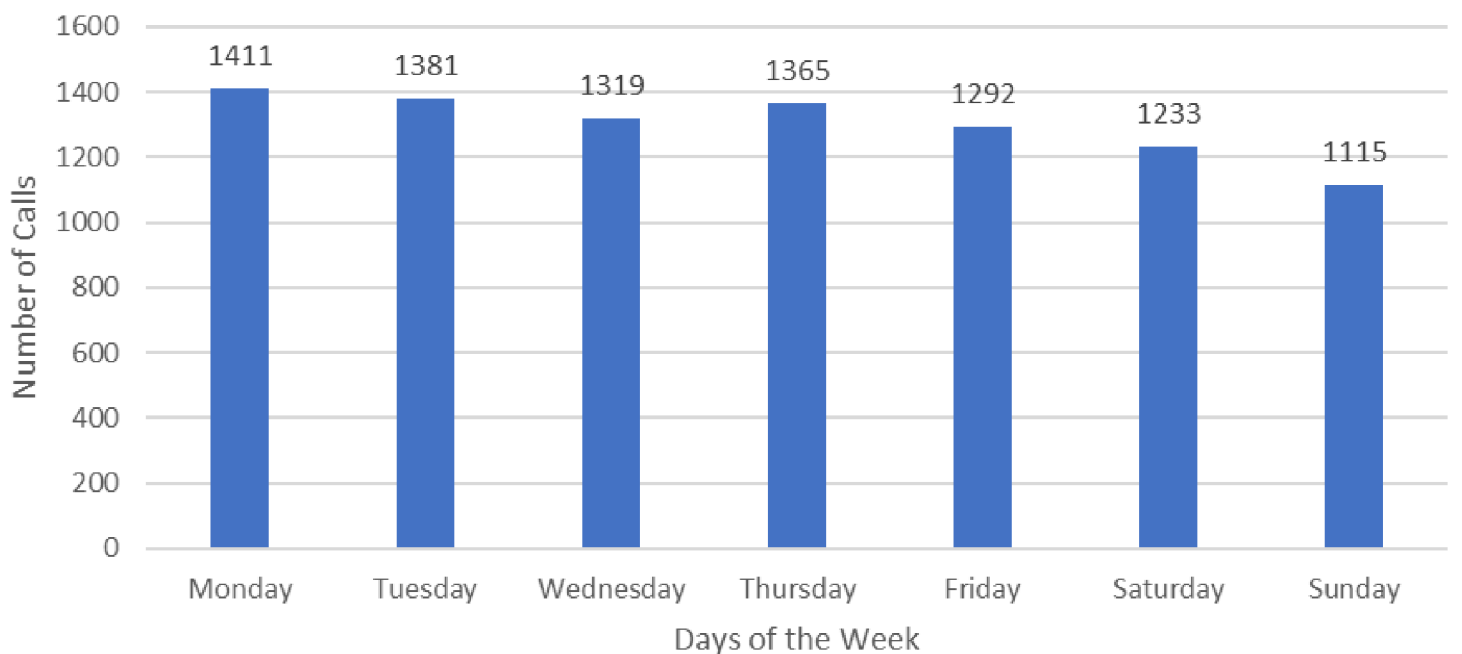


2022 Call Statistics

2022 Calls by Time of Day



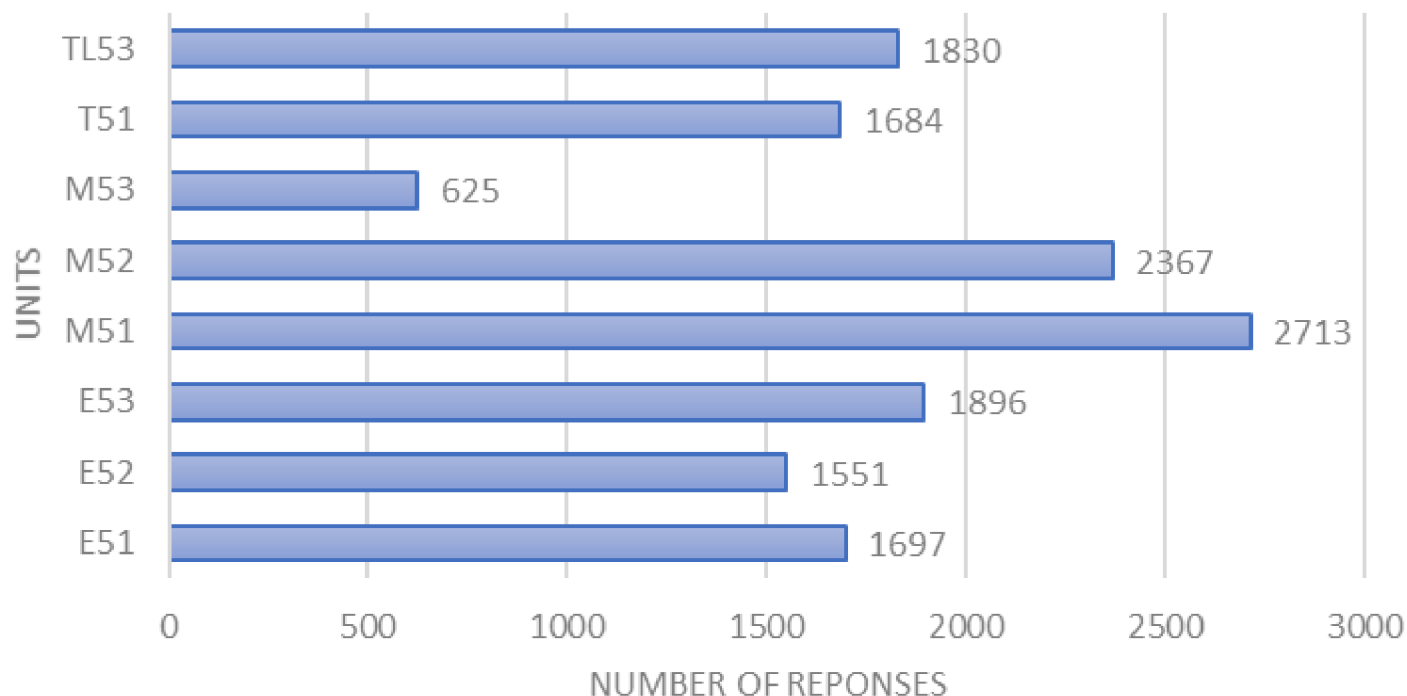
2022 Calls by Day of the Week





2022 Call Statistics

2022 Responses by Unit

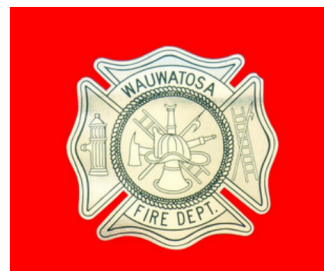


Station Call Totals

Station	Calls
Station 51	3639
Station 52	2291
Station 53	2980
Unassigned	78
Total	8988

Crew Totals

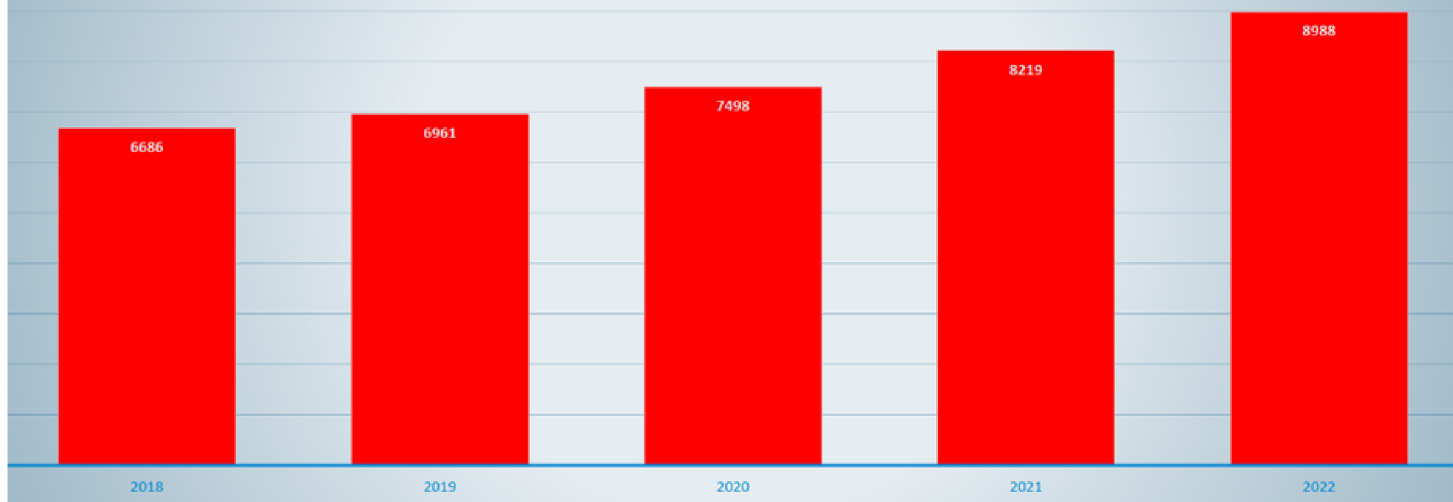
Crew 1	2993
Crew 2	2962
Crew 3	2889
Unassigned	144
Total	8988





5 Year Comparision

Calls for Service 2018 - 2022

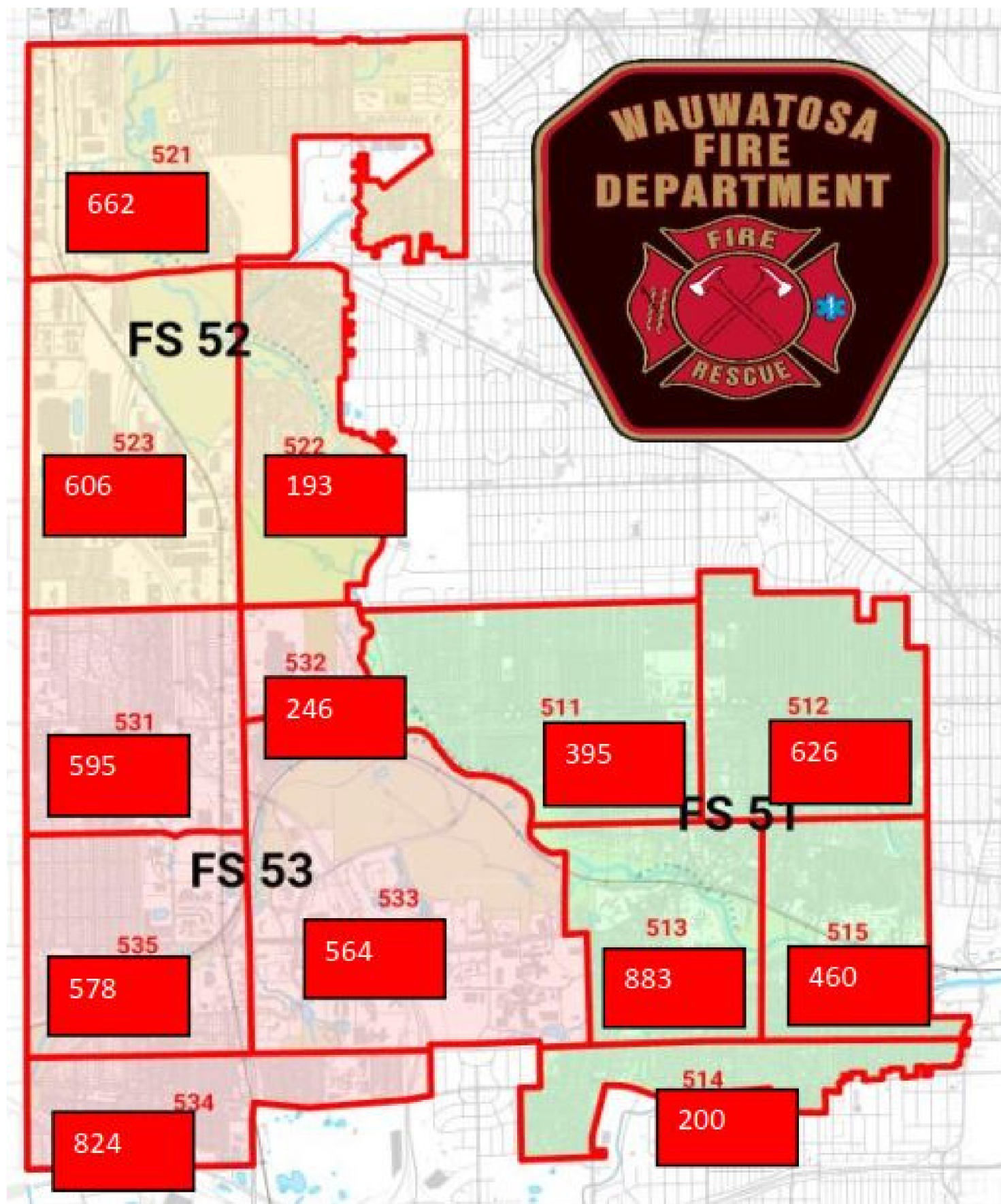


34% Increase over 5 years





2022 Responses by District





Community Risk Reduction Bureau



Barbara Kadrich
Assistant Chief of Administration



Brent Lee
Assistant Chief of Administration

The CRR Bureau encountered a big change in 2022 with the retirement of Assistant Chief Brent Lee. Battalion Chief Barbara Kadrich was promoted to Assistant Chief of Administration on July 3, 2022. The CRR Bureau is focused on fire prevention, education, inspection, and community relations.



Community Risk Reduction Task Force
of Milwaukee County Fire Departments



Fire Inspector
Dan Schmock



Fire Inspector
Doug Spankowski



Fire Inspector
Tom Moder





2022 CRR Statistics

Assistant Chief Brent Lee's retirement, the promotion of Barbara Kadrich, and a new Community Outreach Specialist was the perfect time to re-evaluation our services.

2022 By The Numbers

15 Smoke Detectors Installed

3616 Fire Inspections

26 Car Seats Installed

32 Fire Station Tours

63 Block Parties

32 School Presentations

26 PR Events





2022 Promotions



Assistant Chief
Barbara Kadrach
July 3, 2022



Battalion Chief Jeremy Blair - August 30, 2022
Battalion Chief Lance Grimord - December 19, 2022



Captain Scott Kuehl
August 30, 2022



Captain Robert Reid
January 6, 2022
Lieutenant Henry Wendt VII
February 9, 2022



Captain Troy Boesl
January 7, 2022
Lieutenant Jake Patnode
February 9, 2022



Lieutenant Justin Schulpus
August 30, 2022



2022 New Hires

Firefighter Donavon Church - May 3, 2022

Firefighter Corey Liebherr - May 3, 2022

Firefighter Austin Murphy - May 3, 2022

Firefighter Seth Rehrauer - May 3, 2022

Community Outreach Specialist Cody Xiong - August 1, 2022



Firefighters Rehrauer, Murphy,
Church, and Liebherr



Community Outreach Specialist Cody Xiong



2022 Retirements



Assistant Chief Brent Lee - April 7, 1997 thru October 28, 2022

Heavy Equipment Operator Phillip Klass - March 1, 1999 thru July 5, 2022

Captain David Page - May 29, 1990 thru January 6, 2022

Captain Dale Pekar - May 4, 1992 thru January 7, 2022



HEO Phillip Klass



Capt David Page



Capt Dale Pekar

Thank You For Your Service



WFD In Action





Mission Statement

The Wauwatosa Fire Department is dedicated to providing the highest quality customer service. We will protect lives and property through fire protection, emergency medical services, rescue, education, and disaster management. We will treat our customers with compassion and respect and we will strive for excellence in everything we do.

Vision Statement

The Wauwatosa Fire Department is an all hazards public safety organization that exists to keep the community of Wauwatosa safe. We will maintain a high level of preparedness through intense training, strong leadership, and proven strategies applied by high quality personnel. We value a philosophy of lifelong learning and we will embrace best practices.

Core Values

Integrity Respect Honor Courage Commitment