



Grand Rapids Volunteer Fire Department Annual Report 2025

In 2025, the Grand Rapids Volunteer Fire Department had a busy year for call volume. We responded to a total of 576 calls for service, with 156 calls for fire service and 420 Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) calls. That's a 3% increase in fire calls and a 9% increase in EMR calls from 2024. Please see the attachment to this report for the breakdown on fire calls by date, type, township and staffing.

Our staffing remained stable in 2024, but we continue to lose our young talented members to full time departments, and a few experienced firefighters each year to retirements and relocations. Recruiting new members is a challenge, to say the least, especially those that would live in close proximity to our station. Throughout 2025, our staffing averaged 43 members total between both Fire and EMS.

In 2025, we held all our normal trainings, as well as providing many other outside Fire & EMS training opportunities. We strive to diversify our training to keep our skillsets sharp. In the last few years, besides our normal regiment for FIRE and EMS, we have added Ice/Cold Water Rescue, Project Lifesaver, and have one of only 4 drone teams in Wood County.

As for trucks, in October we formed a new truck committee to address our aging brush trucks. We will be replacing our 2003 Brush 2 unit with a 2026 Chevrolet HD 3500 chassis, equipped with a Darley skid unit that includes a Honda pump with a 250 gallon water capacity. We purchased the skid unit with the help of the WI DNR Forest Fire Protection Grant. We hope to have the new truck in service by May 2026. We have purchased this truck entirely with funds from 2% dues, along with fundraisers and donations. Looking to the future, our Tenders will be next on the list as they are a 2000 & 2001.

For equipment purchases, we purchased an Oceanid Rescue Raft for water rescues in 2025. These can be used year round for open water or icy conditions and are an amazing tool in our arsenal. As calls for property checks increase, we purchased a Sensit G2 gas sniffer (same one used by WE Energies) to use in conjunction with our normal gas monitors to not only benefit the residents we serve, but increase safety for our firefighters as well by identifying a hazardous situation faster. We also continue to replace a minimum of 6 sets of turnout gear each year at nearly \$3400 per set (jacket, pants & suspenders).

In Public Relations, we continue to host community blood drives with Versiti of Wisconsin on a bimonthly basis with great success. We continue to install smoke detectors in

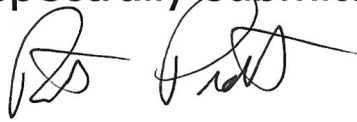
area homes with our partnership with the American Red Cross. Our reflective address sign program (Grand Rapids) is also ongoing, averaging 30-40 signs a year. We participate in the National Night Out, Run with the Cops, multiple Touch-A-Truck events, and several area parades and processions. Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt was another successful event. We continue to reach out to area schools and preschools with our Fire Prevention program. Our EMS staff worked the WIAA State Cross Country meet for EMS coverage. We parked cars for the Central Wisconsin Car Cruise Association's annual event, and held an Open House and Brat Fry in April in conjunction with the Spring Election.

In our department's efforts to stay up on industry standards and trends, we are active with the Wood County Fire Chief's Association, Portage County Fire Chief's Association, North Central Fire Chief's Association and the Wisconsin State Fire Chief's Association. Chief Piatt is currently serving on the executive boards for both Wood County Fire Chief's Association and the North Central Fire Chief's Association, and previously served a term for the Portage County Fire Chief's Association. Chief Piatt attends the State Chief's Convention annually and Assistant Chiefs Rusch and Grosskreutz attend biannually.

In summary, we strive to deliver the best level of service possible to our community with the resources we have.

Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you might have. Have a safe 2026!

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Piatt', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Robert Piatt, Fire Chief

Fire Calls

Incident #	Date	Time	Township	Trucks Used	Man Power	Hours	Type of Call	GR	Grant	Saratoga	MA
1	1/5/2025	0156	Grand Rapids	2	9	0.25	Smoke Alarm	x			
2	1/6/2025	0711	Grand Rapids	4	8	1	Car Accident	x			
3	1/7/2025	0933	Grand Rapids	1	1	0.5	Lift assist	x			
4	1/8/2025	0248	Grand Rapids	1	6	0.5	Lift assist				
5	1/8/2025	0958	Grand Rapids	2	4	0.5	Fire Alarm	x			
6	1/9/2025	0129	Mutual Aid	0	6	0.25	House Fire				x
7	1/13/2025	1549	Mutual Aid	3	13	1	Industrial Fire				x
8	1/14/2025	1036	Grand Rapids	3	4	0.75	Lift assist	x			
9	1/17/2025	0832	Mutual Aid	2	5	3.5	Structure Fire				x
10	1/17/2025	1544	Grand Rapids	2	4	0.5	Lift assist	x			
11	1/18/2025	1634	Mutual Aid	4	12	2	Structure Fire				x
12	1/21/2025	0703	Mutual Aid	4	7	0.75	Structure Fire				x
13	1/22/2025	0259	Mutual Aid	0	9	0.25	Project Lifesaver				x
14	1/22/2025	2216	Mutual Aid	2	9	0.25	Structure Fire				x
15	1/23/2025	1608	Grand Rapids	4	14	0.75	Car Accident			x	
16	1/26/2025	1147	Mutual Aid	3	12	1.5	Industrial Fire				x
17	1/28/2025	1438	Mutual Aid	1	4	2.25	Wildland Fire				x
18	1/28/2025	2013	Grand Rapids	1	12	0.5	Chimney Fire	x			
19	1/29/2025	0013	Mutual Aid	3	11	4.5	Structure Fire				x
20	1/30/2025	0842	Mutual Aid	3	7	1.5	Structure Fire				x
21	1/31/2025	1050	Grand Rapids	1	2	0.75	Lift assist	x			
22	2/2/2025	2355	Mutual Aid	5	12	4	Structure Fire			x	
23	2/13/2025	1007	Grand Rapids	4	7	1.25	Structure Fire	x			
24	2/14/2025	1210	Mutual Aid	3	8	1.75	Chimney Fire			x	
25	2/14/2025	1826	Grand Rapids	2	11	0.25	Car Accident	x			
26	2/14/2025	1856	Grand Rapids	3	12	1.5	Car Accident	x			
27	2/16/2025	1423	Mutual Aid	3	12	1.25	Chimney Fire			x	
28	2/21/2025	0841	Grand Rapids	1	5	0.5	Smoke Alarm	x			
29	2/24/2025	1757	Mutual Aid	0	12	0.25	Wildland Fire			x	
30	2/25/2025	1817	Grand Rapids	2	10	0.25	Wildland Fire	x			
31	3/2/2025	2335	Mutual Aid	1	7	0.25	Structure Fire				x
32	3/7/2025	0512	Mutual Aid	1	6	0.25	Structure Fire				x
33	3/7/2025	2143	Grand Rapids	1	6	0.25	Lift assist	x			
34	3/12/2025	2219	Mutual Aid	2	10	2.5	Structure Fire				x
35	3/14/2025	214	Grand Rapids	5	9	1.5	Car Accident	x			
36	3/14/2025	2143	Mutual Aid	2	9	2	Drone/Missing person				x
37	3/15/2025	1311	Grand Rapids	3	14	0.5	Car Accident	x			
38	3/17/2025	1046	Grand Rapids	3	8	0.5	Burn Complaint	x			
39	3/17/2025	2021	Grand Rapids	5	17	1	Cat in Tree	x			
40	3/18/2025	1446	Grand Rapids	2	6	0.25	Fire Alarm	x			
41	3/18/2025	1625	Grand Rapids	3	4	0.5	Lift assist	x			
42	3/19/2025	1744	Grand Rapids	1	6	0.5	Power Pole Fire	x			
43	3/20/2025	0724	Grand Rapids	2	3	0.75	Lift assist	x			
44	3/24/2025	1149	Grand Rapids	2	4	0.5	Lift assist	x			
45	3/29/2025	0932	Mutual Aid	2	12	1	Structure Fire				x
46	3/30/2025	1418	Mutual Aid	3	14	0.75	Structure Fire				x
47	3/31/2025	2319	Mutual Aid	3	11	1.5	Structure Fire				x
48	4/2/2025	1100	Mutual Aid	1	1	0.75	CO			x	
49	4/3/2025	1257	Grand Rapids	1	3	0.5	Fire Alarm	x			
50	4/6/2025	1558	Grand Rapids	2	12	0.5	Wildland Fire	x			
51	4/8/2025	2259	Mutual Aid	3	9	1	Wildland Fire		x		
52	4/10/2025	2338	Mutual Aid	1	8	0.25	Structure Fire				x

Fire Calls

53	4/20/2025	1403	Mutual Aid	2	6	0.25	Project Livesaver					x
54	4/22/2025	1703	Grand Rapids	1	7	0.75	Gas Leak	x				
55	4/23/2025	0836	Grand Rapids	3	5	2.75	Gas Leak		x			
56	4/25/2025	0537	Mutual Aid	3	8	0.5	Missing Person					x
57	4/25/2025	1839	Mutual Aid	1	7	0.25	False Alarm					x
58	4/27/2025	1532	Grand Rapids	2	4	0.5	Lift assist					
59	4/28/2025	2038	Mutual Aid	4	15	2	Wildland Fire	x				
60	5/5/2025	0818	Mutual Aid	2	8	1	Landing Zone			x		
61	5/9/2025	1715	Grand Rapids	0	7	0.25	Car Accident	x				
62	5/10/2025	1048	Grand Rapids	2	8	0.5	False Alarm		x			
63	5/15/2025	1347	Mutual Aid	0	3	0.25	Fence Fire					x
64	5/31/2025	1715	Grand Rapids	3	6	1	Gas Leak	x				
65	6/1/2025	1212	Mutual Aid	3	9	0.75	CO				x	
66	6/2/2025	2224	Grand Rapids	4	9	1	Wildland Fire		x			
67	6/12/2025	1443	Grand Rapids	2	8	1	Car Accident		x			
68	6/18/2025	1631	Grand Rapids	0	1	0.25	Car Accident		x			
69	6/21/2025	1907	Mutual Aid	2	6	1.25	Landing Zone			x		
70	6/22/2025	0102	Grand Rapids	1	7	0.5	CO		x			
71	6/23/2025	1438	Mutual Aid	3	18	2.5	Power lines down			x		
72	6/23/2025	1449	Grand Rapids	3	18	0.75	Tree on Power lines		x			
73	6/23/2025	1507	Mutual Aid	2	18	1	Tree on Power lines			x		
74	6/23/2025	1632	Mutual Aid	3	15	1	Structure Fire				x	
75	6/23/2025	1639	Grand Rapids	2	16	1.75	Tree on Power lines					
76	6/23/2025	1824	Grand Rapids	3	8	0.5	Power Pole Fire		x			
77	6/23/2025	2121	Grand Rapids	4	9	0.75	Power lines down					
78	7/1/2025	1510	Grand Rapids	3	8	1.25	CO					
79	7/1/2025	1619	Grand Rapids	3	8	0.75	Lawn Mower Fire		x			
80	7/5/2025	0038	Mutual Aid	2	12	2.75	Structure Fire					x
81	7/5/2025	0125	Mutual Aid	3	8	1	Car Accident			x		
82	7/6/2025	1111	Mutual Aid	2	9	0.75	Structure Fire					x
83	7/12/2025	0856	Mutual Aid	2	8	1	Water Rescue					x
84	7/12/2025	1734	Grand Rapids	2	8	0.5	False Alarm		x			
85	7/16/2025	1254	Grand Rapids	5	8	1	Car Accident					
86	7/20/2025	2111	Grand Rapids	4	12	1.25	Car Accident					
87	7/24/2025	1726	Grand Rapids	2	6	1	Drone/Missing person		x			
88	7/29/2025	2144	Grand Rapids	4	13	0.75	Drone/Missing person		x			
89	8/4/2025	1636	Mutual Aid	5	12	1	Car Accident				x	
90	8/7/2025	1502	Mutual Aid	5	10	3.5	Structure Fire					x
91	8/9/2025	0053	Mutual Aid	3	8	4.25	Structure Fire					x
92	8/11/2025	1619	Grand Rapids	3	10	0.5	False Alarm		x			
93	8/11/2025	1905	Grand Rapids	4	14	0.75	Car Accident				x	
94	8/14/2025	0127	Grand Rapids	2	7	0.5	False Alarm					
95	8/15/2025	1331	Mutual Aid	2	10	1.5	Structure Fire					x
96	8/16/2025	1707	Grand Rapids	1	3	0.5	Lift assist		x			
97	8/18/2025	1941	Grand Rapids	5	20	0.75	Car Accident		x			
98	8/20/2025	1934	Grand Rapids	3	8	0.75	CO		x			
99	8/23/2025	1236	Grand Rapids	1	6	0.5	Car Accident					
100	8/23/2025	2118	Mutual Aid	3	11	2.75	Structure Fire					x
101	8/28/2025	1907	Grand Rapids	1	10	0.25	Car Accident		x			
102	9/4/2025	2325	Grand Rapids	2	5	0.5	CO					
103	9/5/2025	1850	Grand Rapids	4	11	1	Car Accident		x			
104	9/8/2025	1311	Mutual Aid	2	8	1.5	Structure Fire					x
105	9/9/2025	1551	Grand Rapids	4	9	1	Car Accident		x			
106	9/9/2025	2202	Mutual Aid	2	7	0.5	Drone/Missing person					x
107	9/10/2025	0632	Mutual Aid	3	5	0.75	Structure Fire					x
108	9/10/2025	1503	Grand Rapids	3	12	0.5	Car Accident		x			
109	9/12/2025	0159	Mutual Aid	2	10	2.25	Structure Fire					x
110	9/13/2025	1619	Grand Rapids	2	5	0.75	Car Accident				x	
111	9/14/2025	1208	Mutual Aid	1	7	0.5	Fire Alarm					x

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112	9/16/2025	1036	Grand Raptis	2	6	0.25		False Alarm	x				
113	9/16/2025	1232	Grand Raptis	3	7	0.5		Car Accident	x				
114	9/17/2025	1020	Grand Raptis	2	6	0.25		False Alarm	x				
115	9/17/2025	1217	Grand Raptis	3	8	0.25		False Alarm	x				
116	9/19/2025	1546	Grand Raptis	3	6	0.75		Car Accident	x				
117	9/24/2025	0207	Mutual Aid	2	7	9.25		DroneMissing person					
118	9/26/2025	0839	Grand Raptis	2	4	0.75		Lift assist	x				x
119	10/1/2025	1642	Mutual Aid	6	16			Structure Fire				x	
120	10/4/2025	2254	Grand Raptis	3	7	1.5		Car Accident			x		
121	10/6/2025	1111	Mutual Aid	3	6	0.5		Lift assist			x		
122	10/6/2025	1638	Grand Raptis	5	21	1		Fire Alarm					
123	10/9/2025	1311	Grand Raptis	3	13	2		Fire Alarm	x				
124	10/15/2025	2244	Mutual Aid	3	13	0.75		UTV Accident			x		
125	10/21/2025	0945	Grand Raptis	1	4	0.25		Smoke Alarm	x				
126	10/21/2025	1216	Mutual Aid	2	6	0.5		Lift assist				x	
127	10/22/2025	1542	Grand Raptis	1	9	0.25		False Alarm	x				
128	10/24/2025	1625	Grand Raptis	1	9	0.5		Brush fire	x				
129	10/27/2025	1505	Grand Raptis	3	8	0.5		CO	x				
130	11/2/2025	1803	Grand Raptis	1	1	0.25		False Alarm	x				
131	11/5/2025	1922	Grand Raptis	2	7	0.5		CO					
132	11/14/2025	0829	Grand Raptis	3	8	0.75		Car Accident	x				
134	11/15/2025	1919	Grand Raptis	2	12	0.75		Burn Complaint	x				
135	11/21/2025	1914	Mutual Aid	2	9	4.5		Structure Fire/backfl station					x
136	11/23/2025	1654	Mutual Aid	0	4	0.25		False Alarm				x	
137	11/24/2025	1045	Grand Raptis			0.25		False Alarm	x				
138	11/25/2025	1446	Grand Raptis	2	9	0.75		Car Accident	x				
139	11/26/2025	1756	Mutual Aid	0	16	0.25		False Alarm				x	
140	11/28/2025	1350	Grand Raptis	2	5	0.5		Lift assist	x				
141	12/2/2025	600	Grand Raptis	3	5	1.25		Car Accident	x				
142	12/4/2025	1315	Grand Raptis	3	6	0.5		Lift assist	x				
143	12/5/2025	1459	Mutual Aid	6	13	1.25		Structure Fire					x
144	12/9/2025	0947	Grand Raptis	3	9	0.5		controlled Burn	x				
145	12/10/2025	1400	Grand Raptis	0	5	0.25		Vechicle Fire				x	
146	12/14/2025	0536	Grand Raptis	3	8	0.75		Gas Leak	x				
147	12/15/2025	0324	Mutual Aid	1	8	7		Structure Fire/backfl station					x
148	12/15/2025	0801	Grand Raptis	1	5	0.25		False Alarm	x				
149	12/19/2025	1437	Grand Raptis	2	6	0.75		Lift assist	x				
150	12/21/2025	1508	Grand Raptis	3	7	1		RRV- Ems assist	x				
151	12/23/2025	1638	Grand Raptis	4	7	0.5		Lift assist	x				
152	12/24/2025	0007	Grand Raptis	1	1	0.25		Car Accident	x				
153	12/27/2025	1559	Grand Raptis	1	9	0.5		Car Accident	x				
154	12/28/2025	0943	Grand Raptis	3	10	0.5		Car Accident	x				
155	12/29/2025	0144	Mutual Aid	3	8	2		Structure fire					x
156	12/29/2025	1920	Grand Raptis	2	7	0.25		Lift assist	x				
TOTAL									85	9	16	41	

Meetings 2011

Date	Description of Activities	Number of Members	Number of Hours
1/6/2025	Monthly Business Meeting	27	2.5
1/13/2025	Officers Meeting	8	1
1/14/2025	Drone Meeting	6	2
1/14/2025	Safety Committee	6	1
2/3/2025	Monthly Business Meeting	32	2.5
2/10/2025	Officers Meeting	8	1
2/11/2025	Safety Committee	4	1
2/11/2025	Drone Meeting	4	1.5
3/3/2025	Monthly Business Meeting	34	2.5
3/3/2025	Annual Meeting	34	0.25
3/10/2025	Officers Meeting	8	1
3/11/2025	Safety Committee	4	1
3/11/2025	Drone Meeting	3	1
4/7/2025	Monthly Business Meeting	33	1.5
4/8/2025	Drone Meeting	3	1.25
4/14/2025	Officers Meeting	8	1
4/25/2025	Truck wash/wax	18	4.5
5/5/2025	Monthly Business Meeting	32	2.5
5/12/2025	Officers Meeting	9	1
5/13/2025	Safety Committee	3	1
5/13/2025	Drone Meeting	3	1
6/2/2025	Monthly Business Meeting	29	2.5
6/9/2025	Officers Meeting	8	1
6/10/2025	Drone Meeting	2	1
6/11/2025	Safety Committee	2	1
7/7/2025	Monthly Business Meeting	29	2
7/14/2025	Officers Meeting	8	1
8/4/2025	Monthly Business Meeting	25	2.5
8/11/2025	Officers Meeting	7	1
9/3/2025	Monthly Business Meeting	27	2.5
9/8/2025	Officers Meeting	9	1
10/6/2025	Monthly Business Meeting	33	2.5
10/13/2025	Officers Meeting	9	1
10/14/2025	Drone Meeting	1	0.5
10/22/2025	Safety Committee	5	1
11/3/2025	Monthly Business Meeting	33	2.5
11/10/2025	Officers Meeting	8	1
12/1/2025	Monthly Business Meeting	39	2.6
12/8/2025	Officers Meeting	8	1
12/9/2025	Drone Meeting	3	1

Total Meeting Hours	60.6
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Trainings 2011

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Public Relations 2011

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Total Hours: