



OFFICIAL NOTICE & AGENDA REGULAR MEETING

MEETING: Police & Fire Commission
DATE/TIME: Monday, August 24, 2026, at 7:30 AM
LOCATION: Wausau City Hall — Council Chambers
407 Grant Street, Wausau WI, 54403

MEMBERS:
Kathy Stasser (P) Thomas Garver
Cheryl Bahr Vylis Lyskys
Katie Rosenberg

AMENDED

I Call to order by the presiding officer.

Roll Call

II Public Comment and the reading of the City of Wausau's Public Comment Statement

Public Comment Pursuant to Section 19.84(2) of the Wisconsin State Statutes, which allows a governmental body to provide a period during which it may receive information from members of the public.

III New Business

Appointment of Police and Fire Commission Secretary

IV Consideration of the minutes of the preceding meeting(s).

July 27, 2026 Regular Police and Fire Commission Minutes

June 22, 2026 Correction to Regular Police and Fire Commission Minutes

August 3, 2026 Special Police and Fire Commission Minutes

V Discussion and possible action.

Deputy Chief Promotional Process

VI Presentations.

a. Monthly Fire Department Operations Update:

- Presentation of current Fire Department activities
- Quarter 2 Report

b. Monthly Police Department Operations Update:

- Presentation of current Police Department activities
- Annual Report

VII Adjournment.

Next Meeting: September 28, 2026 Wausau City Hall- Council Chambers

Kathy Strasser, President

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Wausau Fire Department Quarterly Report

Quarter 2 –2026



(Swear In Ceremony that was held on June 17, 2026)

Fire Chief Report by Chief Jeremy Kopp

This report covers the period from April through June 2026. The second quarter provided continued momentum in professional development, operational refinement, and departmental planning for the months ahead.

At the end of June, I attended the Wisconsin State Fire Chiefs Conference in Milwaukee. This conference offered high-quality leadership and operational training sessions, along with invaluable networking opportunities with fire service leaders from across the state. The classes reinforced best practices in strategic planning, resource management, and emerging trends in emergency services. These insights will help inform our future planning efforts as we move into budget development and organizational forecasting.

A significant focus this quarter has been managing overtime usage. We continue to work toward stabilizing staffing levels through ongoing recruitment efforts, while also maximizing our ability to conduct meaningful training in-house whenever possible. This approach allows crews to remain available for emergency response while still advancing their skillsets. However, it is important to note that outside training remains an essential component of firefighter and paramedic development, and we continue to support participation in select external courses that provide specialized expertise.

As we approach the upcoming budget cycle, much of our administrative work has shifted toward planning for long-term needs. One priority is addressing the vacant Division Chief of Training position, which has been unfilled for nearly two years due to budget constraints. Restoring this position is critical to the department's training infrastructure, leadership development, and succession planning. We are hopeful that the next quarter will bring positive updates in this area.

Additionally, we continue to evaluate opportunities for growth within the Community Care Paramedic Division. Our partnership with Aspirus Hospital remains strong, and we are collaboratively exploring ways to expand community-based healthcare support. Enhancing this program will allow us to better meet the needs of residents while reducing strain on emergency medical resources. We anticipate meaningful progress in this initiative over the next quarter.

Training efforts this quarter included seasonal operations refreshers, water rescue training, equipment drills, and severe weather preparedness exercises. Crews remained highly engaged in strengthening readiness for summer emergencies, and call volume continued to reflect a sizable number of fall-related incidents within the community.

Administrative workflow evaluations remain ongoing following the relocation of the Fire Prevention Division to Station 2 earlier this year. Early feedback suggests improved workspace utilization and reduced congestion at Station 1.

Overall, the second quarter of 2026 emphasized strategic planning, thoughtful resource management, and continued professional development. The Wausau Fire Department remains committed to enhancing operational readiness and strengthening community partnerships as we prepare for the remainder of the year.

On behalf of the department, I extend sincere appreciation to the City of Wausau, our community partners, and the residents we proudly serve. Your continued support enables us to meet the evolving needs of our community with professionalism and resilience.

Please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions or for additional information at 715-261-7901.

Thank you for your continued support.

Fire Operations Report by Deputy Chief Justin Pluess

The second quarter of 2026 has been an exceptionally productive period for the Operations Division of the Wausau Fire Department. While our personnel continued to provide outstanding emergency response services to our community, we also made significant progress on several initiatives that strengthen our operational readiness.

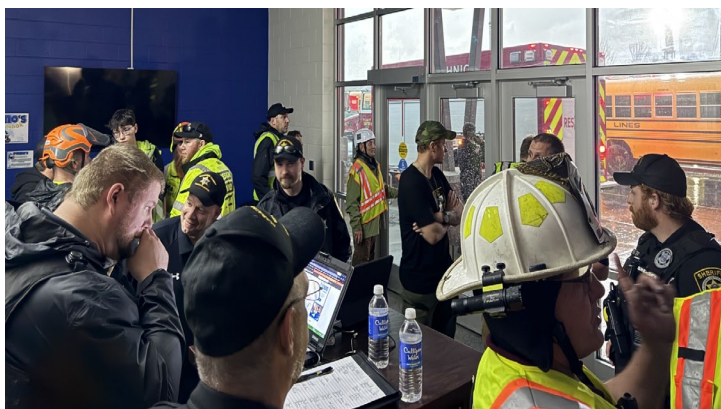
Central Wisconsin Airport Disaster Tabletop Exercise

In April, WFD Command Staff participated in a large-scale disaster tabletop exercise at Central Wisconsin Airport with regional partners including law enforcement, fire departments, hospitals, Emergency Management, and airport staff. The exercise focused on Incident Command, multiple casualty incidents, mutual aid, resource management, patient triage, and coordination between EMS and hospitals. This training was coordinating and made possible with the efforts of the North Central Regional Trauma Advisory Council (NCRTAC) and North Central Wisconsin Healthcare Emergency Readiness Coalition (NCW HERC).

Regional Response – April 17 Ringle Tornado

On Friday April 17, members of the Wausau Fire Department Command Staff responded to assist with the tornado that struck the Town of Ringle. The tornado caused widespread destruction. The incident required a coordinated, multi-agency response to address life safety concerns, conduct damage assessments, manage resources, and support recovery efforts. Through a unified command structure, agencies communicated effectively, shared resources, and worked together to ensure that all operational objectives were completed safely and efficiently.

Additionally, WFD Firefighter Christensen's home was directly in the tornado's path. After ensuring his family was safe, he immediately went door-to-door in his neighborhood to check on residents impacted by the storm, exemplifying dedication.



The professionalism and teamwork demonstrated by every agency involved resulted in a well-coordinated response. We commend the members of the Ringle Fire Department for their leadership throughout the incident and appreciate the dedication of all responders who came together to serve the residents of the Town of Ringle.

New Vehicle Extrication Equipment

New hydraulic extrication equipment was placed into service. Training continues for all personnel. The equipment improves our ability to safely and quickly remove seriously injured patients from heavily damaged vehicles. Funding was made possible through Capital Improvement Project (CIP) funds and grant assistance.



Public Information Officer Training

Battalion Chief Wiesman and Fire Chief Justin Pluess attended the Wisconsin Emergency Management/FEMA Public Information Officer course, strengthening the department's ability to communicate effectively with the public and media during emergencies.

New Scheduling Software

WFD staff worked with the City's IT Department and Wausau Police Department through the RFP process. FirstDue was selected as the City's new scheduling software, improving scheduling, record keeping, and workforce management.

Wings Over Wausau

The Wausau Fire Department played a significant role in supporting the Wings Over Wausau Air Show, held June 26–27, 2026, at the Wausau Downtown Airport. The event attracted thousands of spectators and featured professional daytime aerobatic performances on both days, spectacular nighttime airshows each evening, and one of the area's largest fireworks displays on Saturday night.



Supporting an event like this requires months of planning and coordination between the Wausau Fire Department, airport staff, event organizers, Wausau Police Department, Marathon County Sheriff's Department, the U.S. Coast Guard, Wisconsin DNR, and numerous other local and regional partners. Department personnel participated in multiple planning meetings to develop emergency response plans, establish incident command procedures, coordinate aircraft rescue and firefighting capabilities, and ensure adequate staffing and resources were available throughout the event. The air show required significant commitment from Wausau Fire Department personnel and apparatus.

Significant Incidents

April 7 – Residential Structure Fire

WFD responded to a two-story triplex after reports of smoke coming from the exterior of the building. Upon arrival, crews quickly located a fire concealed within an exterior wall that had begun extending into the interior living space. WFD crews extinguished the visible fire, opened the wall to expose hidden fire extension, and coordinated with additional crews to complete overhaul and ensure the fire was fully extinguished.

April 11 – Commercial Structure Fire (Mutual Aid Response)

WFD responded on a second alarm assignment to assist the Mosinee Fire Department with a commercial structure fire at a large manufacturing facility. Upon arrival, WFD crews were assigned truck operations, including aerial roof operations, interior ventilation, and assisting fire investigators with locating the fire's origin. During operations, firefighters identified a large chemical tank releasing an unknown liquid, prompting additional evaluation and coordination with facility personnel.

Due to the potential for hazardous materials involvement, the Wausau Fire Department Hazardous Materials Team was placed on standby while plant personnel evaluated the integrity of the chemical storage systems. Fortunately, it was determined that the chemicals remained safely contained, and a hazardous materials response was not required.

April 17 – Residential Structure Fire

WFD responded to a reported residential structure fire after occupants reported a stove fire with smoke filling the upper level of the home. Upon arrival, firefighters confirmed all occupants had safely evacuated and quickly entered the residence. Crews extinguished the stove fire, ventilated the structure to remove heavy smoke, secured the gas and electrical utilities to the appliance, and utilized thermal imaging and atmospheric monitoring equipment to confirm there was no fire extension or hazardous carbon monoxide present before returning the home to the occupants.

May 2 – Multi-Family Residential Structure Fire

WFD responded to a working fire in a large multi-family residential building that housed numerous elderly residents and individuals with disabilities. Upon arrival, interior conditions confirmed an active fire, and additional resources were requested through a MABAS box alarm due to the size of the building and the number of occupants requiring assistance and evacuation. Firefighters conducted coordinated fire attack, search and rescue operations and ventilation.

The fire was brought under control, and all occupants were accounted for. Crews systematically checked every room for toxic gases, hidden fire extension, and salvage concerns before the building was deemed safe for re-entry. One resident was displaced by the fire, while several neighboring occupants temporarily relocated due to smoke and water damage.

May 24 – Multi-Family Residential Structure Fire

WFD responded to a fire alarm at a multi-family apartment complex after a neighboring resident reported a smoke detector sounding continuously for approximately one hour. Upon investigation, firefighters gained access to the apartment and encountered heavy smoke conditions. Crews quickly located an unattended pot left on an active stove burner, secured the appliance, removed the overheated cookware, and confirmed no occupants or pets were inside the apartment. Firefighters then ventilated the residence and monitored air quality before safely returning the unit to the occupants.

June 3 – Detached Garage Fire with Extension into Residence

WFD responded to a fully involved detached garage fire that quickly threatened a nearby residence. Upon arrival, firefighters initiated a defensive attack on the garage while simultaneously identifying that the fire had extended through the soffit and into the attic of the home. Crews established a water supply, deployed multiple handlines, performed coordinated interior and exterior fire attack and vertically ventilated the roof. The fire was ultimately confined to the attic space, preventing significant damage to the remainder of the home.

During this incident, WFD was simultaneously dispatched to a second reported structure fire elsewhere in the city, requiring department resources to be carefully managed while maintaining coverage for additional emergencies.

June 6 – Commercial Structure Fire

WFD responded to a reported commercial structure fire after employees discovered smoke coming from behind a wall in the kitchen and cooler area of a single-story business. Upon arrival, firefighters located a concealed fire involving insulation and building materials that had been ignited by sparks from construction work. Crews removed wall coverings and insulation to access hidden hot spots, extinguished the remaining fire, verified there was no extension into the attic space, and ventilated the building before returning it to the owner.

June – 26 Outdoor/Tent Fire

WFD responded to a tent fire involving multiple LP propane tanks. Bystanders had mostly knocked down the fire, but due to propane hazards and reported smoke inhalation, crews were needed. One individual with smoke inhalation was evaluated and did not require transport. The tent was heavily damaged, and four unsecured 20-lb propane cylinders were found under a table with pressure cookers; one was leaking. Crews disconnected propane hoses and moved the leaking cylinder to a safe area. The scene was secured.

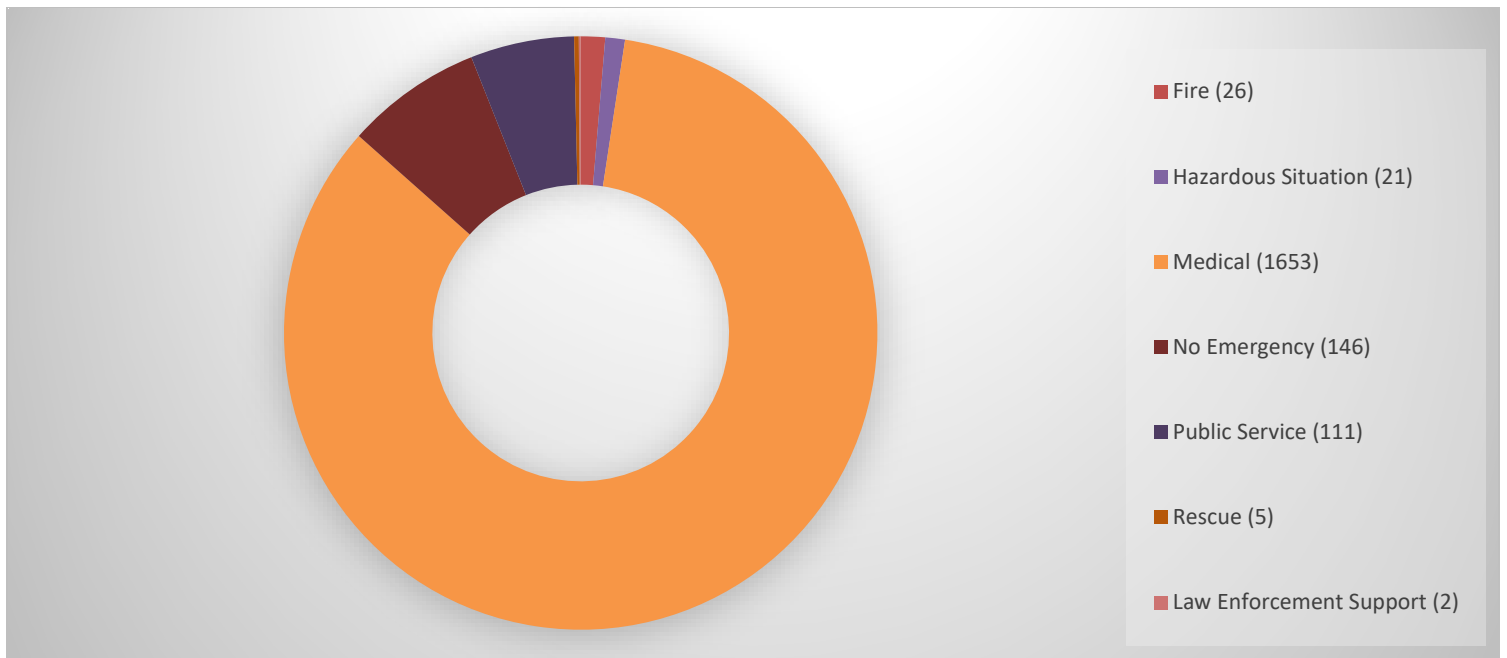
Significant Fire Events:

Date	Address	Incident #	Type
4/7/2026	105 Edwards Street City Of Wausau, Wi 54401	F26000642	Fire - Outside Fire - Trash / Rubbish Fire
4/7/2026	517 Garfield Avenue City Of Wausau, Wi 54401	F26000644	Fire - Structure Fire - Room and Contents Fire
4/11/2026	522 Chicago Avenue City Of Wausau, Wi 54403	F26000666	Fire - Transportation Fire - Vehicle Fire - Passenger
4/11/2026	880 South View Drive City Of Mosinee, Wi 54455	F26000667	Fire - Structure Fire - Structural Involvement
4/17/2026	210 North 1st Avenue City Of Wausau, Wi 54401	F26000708	Fire - Structure Fire - Confined Cooking / Appliance Fire
4/20/2026	US 51 Nb Wausau, Wi 54401	F26000728	Fire - Outside Fire - Vegetation / Grass Fire
5/2/2026	1320 Grand Avenue Unit 315 City Of Wausau, Wi 54403	F26000803	Fire - Structure Fire - Room and Contents Fire
5/7/2026	West Washington City Of Wausau, Wi 54403	F26000835	Fire - Transportation Fire - Train / Rail Fire
5/8/2026	2509 Jelinek Avenue Village Of Weston, Wi 54476	F26000844	Fire - Structure Fire - Room and Contents Fire
5/12/2026	1520 Elm Street City Of Wausau, Wi 54401	F26000889	Fire - Structure Fire - Room and Contents Fire
5/16/2026	North 1st Avenue City Of Wausau, Wi 54401	F26000935	Fire - Outside Fire - Vegetation / Grass Fire
5/18/2026	107 Everest Avenue Village Of Brokaw, Wi 54417	F26000946	Fire - Structure Fire - Room and Contents Fire

5/24/2026	1500 North 1st Street Unit 113 City Of Wausau, Wi 54403	F26001001	Fire - Structure Fire - Confined Cooking / Appliance Fire
5/25/2026	414 South 1st Avenue City Of Wausau, Wi 54401	F26001009	Fire - Outside Fire - Trash / Rubbish Fire
5/30/2026	River Drive City Of Wausau, Wi 54403	F26001048	Fire - Outside Fire - Vegetation / Grass Fire
6/3/2026	911 Ross Avenue City Of Wausau, Wi 54403	F26001079	Fire - Structure Fire - Structural Involvement
6/3/2026	105 North 2nd Avenue City Of Wausau, Wi 54401	F26001081	Fire - Outside Fire - Dumpster / Other Outdoor Container Fire
6/6/2026	416 East Randolph Street City Of Wausau, Wi 54401	F26001098	Fire - Outside Fire - Other Outside Fire
6/6/2026	1724 Merrill Avenue City Of Wausau, Wi 54401	F26001099	Fire - Structure Fire - Room and Contents Fire
6/7/2026	STH 29 EB City Of Wausau, Wi 54401	F26001107	Fire - Outside Fire - Vegetation / Grass Fire
6/8/2026	711 Broadway Avenue City Of Wausau, Wi 54403	F26001113	Fire - Outside Fire - Other Outside Fire
6/9/2026	709 North 6th Street City Of Wausau, Wi 54403	F26001117	Fire - Transportation Fire - Vehicle Fire - Passenger
6/16/2026	1007 West Street City Of Wausau, Wi 54401	F26001180	Fire - Structure Fire - Structural Involvement
6/20/2026	223449 Carnation Avenue Rib Mountain, Wi 54401	F26001211	Fire - Structure Fire - Structural Involvement
6/23/2026	1488 Merrill Avenue City Of Wausau, Wi 54401	F26001233	Fire - Outside Fire - Utility Infrastructure Fire
6/27/2026	725 Woods Place City Of Wausau, Wi 54403	F26001256	Fire - Outside Fire - Other Outside Fire

Monthly NERIS Incident Comparison:

	2026	2025	2024	2023	% Of Change from 2025 to 2026
January	662	677	646	579	-2.22%
February	553	590	597	506	-6.27%
March	704	561	555	551	25.49%
April	601	555	541	527	8.29%
May	702	646	605	574	8.67%
June	661	570	578	553	15.96%
July		638	585	679	
August		615	581	571	
September		597	547	548	
October		542	564	616	
November		582	556	624	
December		633	606	623	
TOTAL	3883	7206	6961	6951	



Responses by Municipality (All NERIS Reports):

City	# of Runs	% of Runs	# of Runs - YTD
City of Abbotsford	0	0.00%	0
City of Antigo	0	0.00%	0
City of Colby	0	0.00%	0
City of Merrill	0	0.00%	0
City of Mosinee	1	0.05%	2
City of Schofield	0	0.00%	0
City of Wausau	1,843	93.84%	3,648
Clark County	0	0.00%	0
Lincoln County	0	0.00%	0
Oneida County	0	0.00%	0
Rosholt	0	0.00%	0
Taylor County	0	0.00%	0
Town of Bergen	0	0.00%	0
Town of Berlin	6	0.31%	11
Town of Bern	0	0.00%	0
Town of Bevent	0	0.00%	0
Town of Cassel	2	0.10%	3
Town of Easton	1	0.05%	1
Town of Elderon	0	0.00%	0
Town of Emmet	0	0.00%	0
Town of Frankfort	0	0.00%	0
Town of Franzen	0	0.00%	0
Town of Halsey	1	0.05%	1
Town of Hamburg	3	0.15%	4
Town of Harrison	0	0.00%	0
Town of Hewitt	5	0.25%	11
Town of Hull	0	0.00%	0
Town of Johnson	1	0.05%	1

Town of Knowlton	0	0.00%	0
Town of Marathon	1	0.05%	1
Town of Mosinee	0	0.00%	0
Town of Norrie	1	0.05%	1
Town of Plover	0	0.00%	1
Town of Rib Falls	2	0.10%	5
Town of Rietbrock	0	0.00%	1
Town of Ringle	0	0.00%	0
Town of Stettin	1	0.05%	2
Town of Texas	16	0.81%	27
Town of Wausau	33	1.68%	58
Town of Weston	1	0.05%	1
Town of Wien	0	0.00%	3
Village of Athens	1	0.05%	1
Village of Brokaw	0	0.00%	1
Village of Edgar	0	0.00%	2
Village of Hatley	0	0.00%	0
Village of Kronenwetter	0	0.00%	0
Village of Maine	34	1.73%	62
Village of Marathon City	3	0.15%	10
Village of Rib Mountain	4	0.20%	13
Village of Rothschild	1	0.05%	1
Village of Stratford	0	0.00%	0
Village of Weston	3	0.15%	11
Wittenberg	0	0.00%	0
Wood County	0	0.00%	0
Total	1,964	100.00%	3,883

Activity/Incident Hours Committed:

Category	Time Committed
NFIRS Incidents	545:02:50 Hours
EMS Incidents	2750:29:00 Hours
Non-Incident Activities (Station Maintenance, Vehicle Check-off/Fire Pre-plan, Hazmat Outreach, Administration duties, Public Education, Committee and Staff Meetings)	2535.5 Hours
Training (including Wellness)	3345.81 Hours

Aid Responses:

Type of Aid	# of Runs
Aid Given – Acting as Another Entity – EMS	74
Aid Given – Acting as Another Entity – Fire	0
Aid Given – In Support of Primary Entity - EMS	18
Aid Given – In Support of Primary Entity – Fire	6
Aid Given – In Lieu of Primary Entity – EMS	2
Aid Given – In Lieu of Primary Entity – Fire	3
Aid Received – In Support of Primary Entity - EMS	5

Aid Received – In Support of Primary Entity – Fire	10
Aid Given - Non-Fire Department	3
Request for EMS from Other Agencies to the City of Wausau (where City did not respond)	11
Request for Fire from Other Agencies to the City of Wausau (where City did not respond)	1

EMS Division by EMS Division Chief Matthew Tormohlen

Second quarter encompasses some of our busiest months. Our EMS run volume continues to increase, with our medics responding to a total of 1,768 runs in Q2 2026, an increase of 11.83% of Q2 2025.

Following a complete revision of our EMS training and tracking program, Wausau Fire successfully recertified all four of our State EMS licenses (Tactical EMS, WFD EMS, WFD Community Care and WFD Training Center), valid through June of 2029. Additionally, all WFD employees renewed their individual licenses, a requirement to maintain the level of service we provide to the city. This represented a total of over 4,000 continuing education hours completed by our Paramedics.

Our monthly Critical Case Review process continues to expand with the help of our newly appointed EMS Crew Leads. Critical Case reviews are instrumental in expanding our paramedics understanding of Emergency Medicine. Our Medical Director is also beginning bi-monthly lectures on different topics in EMS.

Global supply issues have made their way to Wausau Fire. Our newly purchased video laryngoscopes have been placed on backorder, and we are currently working on ways to expediate their delivery. In the meantime, we have implemented a monthly skills evaluation, where each fire company completes all our highest risk skills under the review of the EMS Division Chief or one of the EMS Crew Leads. Our job requires the use of fine motor skills in incredibly stressful situations. Repetition of the mechanics in a controlled environment builds muscle memory and is instrumental in building confidence and skill, when it matters most.

Wausau Fire continues to adapt and overcome challenges associated with our ambulance fleet. We are still down one front-line ambulance due to manufacturer delays and repairs associated with warranty items. Our front-line staff continues to work tirelessly to maintain three front-line ambulances, ready for serving the community, often having to switch between ambulances multiple times within a 24hr period to ensure the maintenance needed can be completed to keep our ambulance fleet running safely.

Moving into 3rd quarter, we will be completing additional trauma training, burn training and heat related emergency training. A recent survey completed by our paramedics sent a clear message: “We want more training; we want to do better!” I think this exemplifies the personnel that work here; dedicated and always looking to improve. I am proud to play a small part in helping these self-motivated, incredibly capable paramedics achieve their professional goals.

Responses by Municipality (EMS Patient Care Reports):

City	# of Reports	% of Reports	# of Reports – YTD
City of Abbotsford	0	0.00%	0
City of Antigo	0	0.00%	0
City of Merrill	0	0.00%	0
City of Mosinee	0	0.00%	1
City of Schofield	0	0.00%	0
City of Wausau	1,656	93.72%	3,281
Clark County	0	0.00%	0
Oneida County	0	0.00%	0
Other	0	0.00%	0
Town of Bergen	0	0.00%	0
Town of Berlin	6	0.34%	11

Town of Bevent	0	0.00%	0
Town of Bern	0	0.00%	0
Town of Cassel	2	0.11%	3
Town of Easton	1	0.06%	1
Town of Elderon	0	0.00%	0
Town of Emmet	0	0.00%	0
Town of Frankfort	0	0.00%	0
Town of Franzen	0	0.00%	0
Town of Halsey	1	0.06%	1
Town of Hamburg	3	0.17%	4
Town of Harrison	0	0.00%	0
Town of Hewitt	5	0.28%	11
Town of Hull	0	0.00%	0
Town of Johnson	1	0.06%	1
Town of Knowlton	0	0.00%	0
Town of Marathon	1	0.06%	1
Town of Mosinee	0	0.00%	0
Town of Norrie	1	0.06%	1
Town of Plover	0	0.00%	1
Town of Rib Falls	2	0.11%	5
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Town of Stettin	1	0.06%	1
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Village of Athens	1	0.06%	1
Village of Edgar	0	0.00%	1
Village of Hatley	0	0.00%	0
Village of Kronenwetter	0	0.00%	0
Village of Maine	31	1.75%	59
Village of Marathon City	3	0.17%	10
Village of Rib Mountain	2	0.11%	7
Village of Rothschild	1	0.06%	1
Village of Stratford	0	0.00%	0
Village of Weston	0	0.00%	3
Wittenberg	0	0.00%	0
Wood County	0	0.00%	0
Total	1,767	100.00%	3,494

Type of Training	# of Hours	% of Hours	# of Hours -YTD
Company Training	1503.31	72.32%	2651.42
Driver/Operator Training	77.50	3.73%	258.25
Facilities Training	0	0.00%	19
Hazardous Materials Training	182.50	8.78%	224.25
Misc Training	0	0.00%	2
Officer Training	163.50	7.87%	227.75
Specialty Training	151.75	7.30%	519.75
Total	2078.56	100.00%	3901.42

Training Categories:

Company Training – General firefighting training

Officer Training – Included leadership, management, supervision, and tactical considerations

Driver/Operator Training – Operation of fire apparatus

Hazardous Materials Training – How to mitigate the leak or spill of hazardous substances
Special Training – Rope, confined space, trench, collapse, ice, water, and other special rescues.
Facilities Training – Training at a live-burn facility (may include off-duty time)
Misc Training – Any other training category such as software, administrative, etc.

Type of Training	# of Hours	% of Hours	# of Hours -YTD
Admin Training	28.75	2.27%	58
EMS Training	1073.50	84.71%	1894.50
Fire Instructor Training	60	4.73%	105.75
Fire Prevention Training	0	0.00%	45
Investigation Training	105	8.29%	228
Total	1267.25	100.0%	2331.25

Fire Prevention Division by Fire Prevention Division Chief Shahn Kariger

Inspections: Throughout the second quarter of 2026, we inspected 1360 public buildings and places of employment. We performed 1162 inspections that passed, and we had 198 properties with fire code violations. 206 of the 1360 were re-inspections from previous violations. The failed inspections were primarily overdue fire extinguisher annual maintenance, followed by overdue sprinkler system service, failed exit/emergency lighting, and fire alarm annual service and deficiency issues. These properties will require continued follow-up inspections to confirm compliance. We completed 42 consultations for the quarter. These include consultations for Fire Alarm and Sprinkler Systems, Knox Boxes, and new construction or remodeling.

We also received and reviewed 398 reports through the Compliance Engine for service and maintenance of Fire Protection Systems at various public buildings and businesses. We are currently at 98% for compliant systems, which is an outstanding accomplishment. This is a direct result of the Division's dedication to follow up, and the effectiveness of code enforcement and education we provide for our businesses throughout the city.

Investigations: The Prevention Division investigated 4 fires during the second quarter of 2026. The first fire originated inside a multi-family residential property, caused by an electrical circuit that was disturbed during remodeling. The second was classified as accidental involving a stove fire caused by inattentive cooking in a multi-family residential building. The third was accidental and involved another multi-family property where a fire table was left on and a cushion blew off a nearby couch onto the fire table due to wind. The last fire occurred at a private residential garage which spread to the residence. The cause was determined to be a heat source placed too close to combustibles and was also accidental. Fortunately, there were no significant injuries because of these fires. The estimated property loss because of the fires was nearly \$300,000 involving property and contents worth over \$80,000,000.

Public Outreach: We continue to install new smoke alarm and CO detectors in single family homes where they are needed. Totals for the quarter are- 4 private residences positively affecting 10 citizens, placing 17 smoke alarms and 4 CO detectors. We also provide a home safety survey, education regarding cooking safety, and encourage fire escape planning or options to shelter in place depending on the resident's abilities or limitations.

Education: Prevention Chief Kariger, Lieutenant Ludwig, and FF/Inspector Lech attended the International Association of Arson Investigators 50th annual seminar in Stevens Point, hosted by the Wisconsin Chapter IAAI. Topics included- *Lithium-Ion Battery Fire Causes and Failure Analysis, Legal Aspects of Fire Investigation, Electric Vehicle Fires, Extremist Groups, and Explosion Case Study and Analysis*. The Division logged 28 hours of Fire Investigation continuing education each. All personnel successfully renewed their Wisconsin Paramedic licenses and completed American Heart Association CPR refreshers. FF/Inspector Lech attended two higher level Incident Command courses. He earned certificates by successfully completing both ICS-300 and ICS-400 during June. These are both multi-day, advanced, classroom-based emergency management courses taught under the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and National Incident Management Systems (NIMS) guidelines. They teach supervisors and personnel how to manage expanding, multi-agency, and complex incidents, and are a pre-requisite for future promotions.

Prevention Division Activities:

Inspections Completed	Quarterly	Year to Date
Routine Fire Inspections	1112	1749
Re-inspections	206	335
All other Inspections (Consults/burn complaints,etc)	42	63
Community Paramedic Home Inspection	0	0
Total Inspections	1360	2147
Fire Investigations	4	9
Inspection Department Activities	Quarterly	YTD
Public Engagement Activities	22	38



Summer Safety Tips

Keep these tips in mind as you and your family enjoy summer vacations, camping, family reunions, picnics and the Fourth of July.

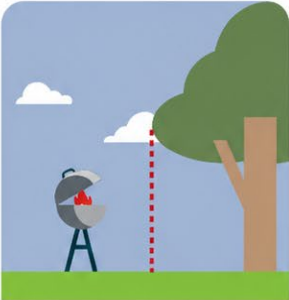
Fire safety



Build campfires at least 25 feet away from tents, shrubs and anything that can burn.



If you want to see fireworks, go to a public show put on by experts. Sparklers can reach 1,200 F and cause third-degree burns.



Use propane, charcoal and wood pellet barbecue grills outdoors only. Indoor use can cause a fire or carbon monoxide poisoning.



Use chimineas, outdoor fireplaces, and fire pits outdoors only and at least 25 feet away from your home or anything that can burn.

Place your grill well away from siding and deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches. Do not store or use a grill on a porch or balcony.



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