

CROSSLAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT



ANNUAL REPORT 2023



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MESSAGE FROM FIRE CHIEF LOHMILLER

It is my pleasure to present the 2023 City of Crosslake Fire Department Annual Report to the Honorable Mayor, distinguished members of the City Council and the Citizens of Crosslake.

In the past year, the Crosslake Fire Department demonstrated remarkable responsiveness, answering a total of 561 calls for service. This underscores our commitment to ensuring the safety and well-being of the community, with our firefighters consistently stepping up to address a variety of incidents, ranging from emergencies to critical situations.

Our dedicated membership invested a total of 3,109 hours in rigorous training, focusing on refining skills, staying updated on the latest firefighting techniques, and enhancing overall preparedness. This commitment to continuous improvement is pivotal in maintaining the high standards of professionalism expected from our department.

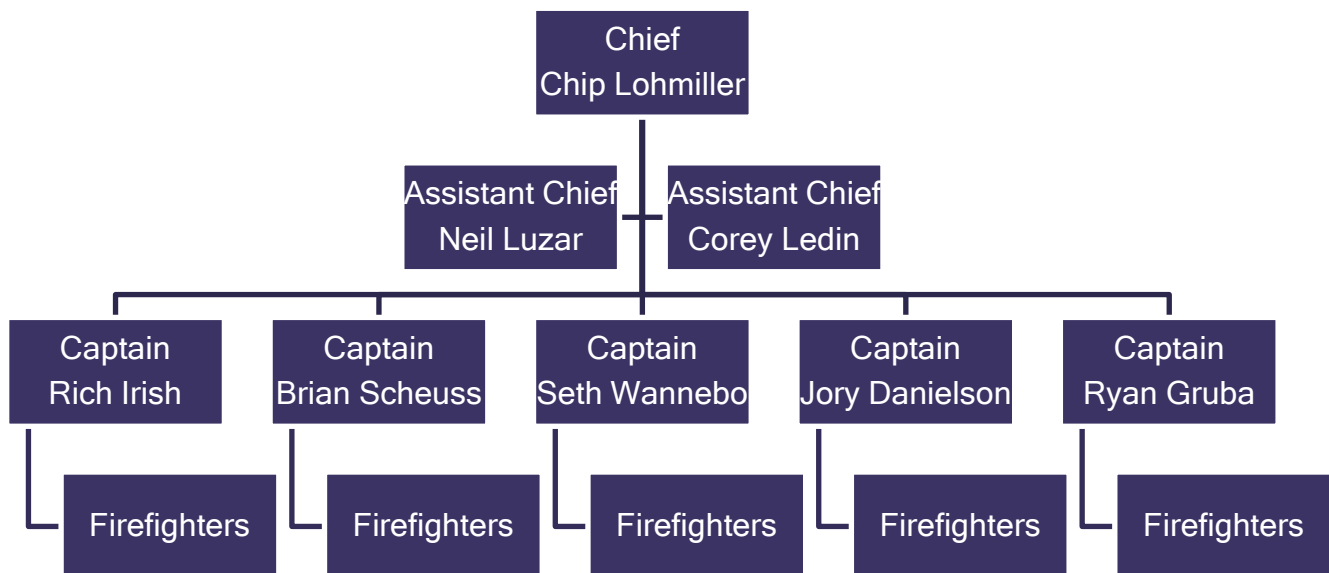
Community service remains a cornerstone of our mission, and our firefighters dedicated an impressive 1,059 hours to outreach initiatives. Through educational programs, safety demonstrations, and community events, we aimed to foster a safer environment and build stronger connections with the residents of Crosslake.



As we reflect on the past year's achievements and challenges, the Crosslake Fire Department remains unwavering in its dedication to excellence, with a focus on enhancing capabilities, fostering community relationships, and ensuring the utmost safety for all.

In closing, I would like to thank the members of the Crosslake Fire Department and their families for their dedication and time to the organization and the service to the community. We are fortunate to have a City Council and Administration that supports our mission to deliver the highest quality emergency services possible in our community.

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



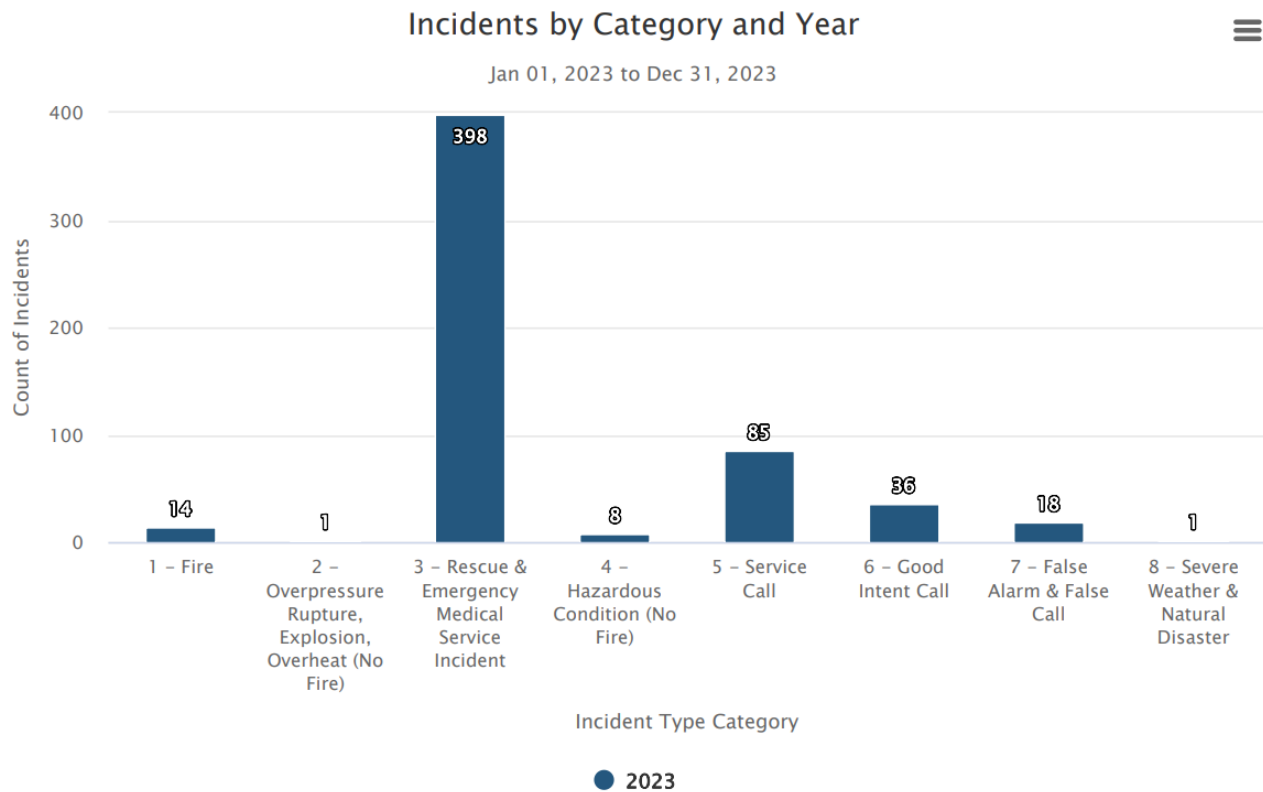
STAFF

	STAFF		HIRED	POSITION	Years
1	Brian	Scheuss	1992	Captain	31
2	David	Demcho	1992	Paramedic - EMS Calls	30
3	Chip	Lohmiller	1997	Chief/EMR	26
4	Sonya	Kosloski	1997	Firefighter/EMR	26
5	Scott	Johnson	2001	Firefighter/EMR	22
6	Matt	Gallaway	2002	Firefighter/EMT	20
7	Neil	Luzar	2004	Assistant Chief/EMR	19
8	Paul	Nelson	2004	Firefighter/EMT	18
9	Corey	Ledin	2007	Assistant Chief/EMR	16
10	Seth	Wannebo	2005	Captain/EMR	16
11	Rich	Irish	2009	Captain/EMR	14
12	Evyn	Thompson	2010	Firefighter/EMR	13
13	Rob	Clement	2010	Firefighter/EMR	13
14	Joel	Carlton	2011	Firefighter/EMR	12
15	Joe	Chase	2012	Firefighter/EMR	11
16	Jory	Danielson	2011/2018	Captain/EMR	11
17	Doug	Benzer	2015	Firefighter/EMR	8
18	Teresa	Haines	2016	EMT - EMS Calls	7
19	Ryan	Gruba	2016	Captain/EMR	7
20	Caitlin	Malin	2018	Firefighter/EMR	5
21	Reed	Nelson	2018	Firefighter/EMR	5
22	Logan	Olson	2019	Firefighter/EMR	4
23	Matt	DiGiovanni	2021	Firefighter	2
24	Jayme	Knapp	2022	Firefighter	1
25	Doug	Johnson	2022	Firefighter	1
26	Jason	VanBuren	2023	Firefighter	1
27	Malik	Johnson	2023	Firefighter	Prob



TOTAL INCIDENTS 2023

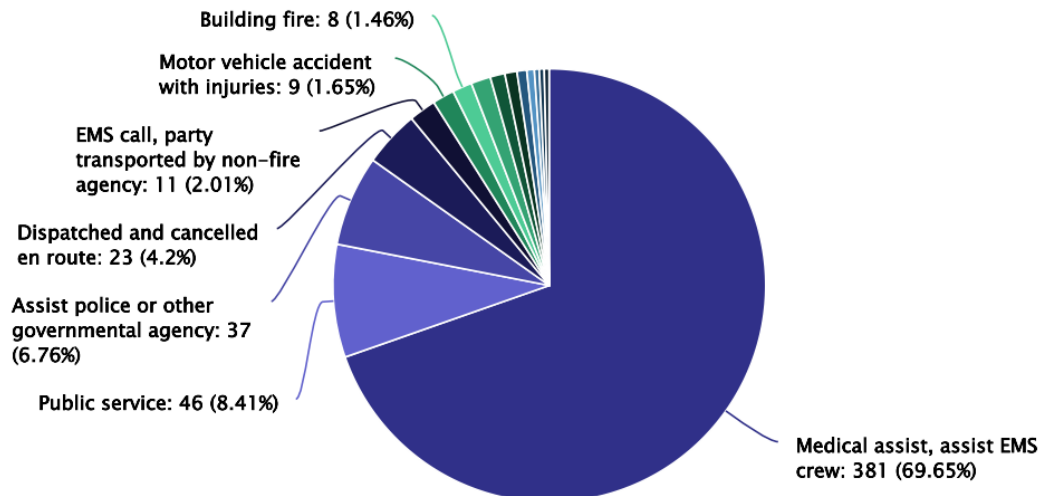
Incident Type Category	2023												Grand Total - Current
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
1 - Fire	1	0	0	0	3	2	2	1	0	2	0	3	14
2 - Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat (No Fire)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
3 - Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident	30	44	35	29	39	28	38	34	42	33	21	25	398
4 - Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	1	3	0	1	8
5 - Service Call	3	0	7	7	6	10	11	8	6	8	12	7	85
6 - Good Intent Call	1	1	2	1	4	4	5	6	4	3	3	2	36
7 - False Alarm & False Call	2	1	2	1	2	0	4	1	2	2	0	1	18
8 - Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Grand Total	37	46	46	38	56	44	61	52	55	51	36	39	561



INCIDENT TYPES

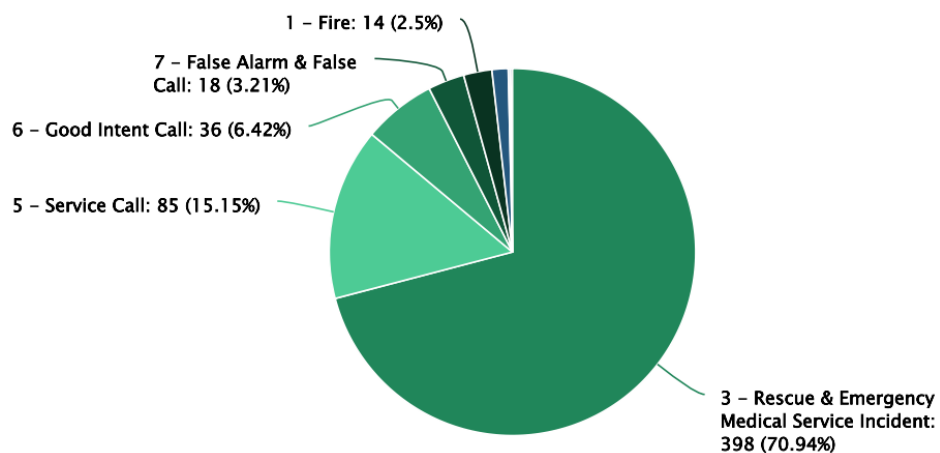
Incident Types (Top 15)

Jan 01, 2023 to Dec 31, 2023

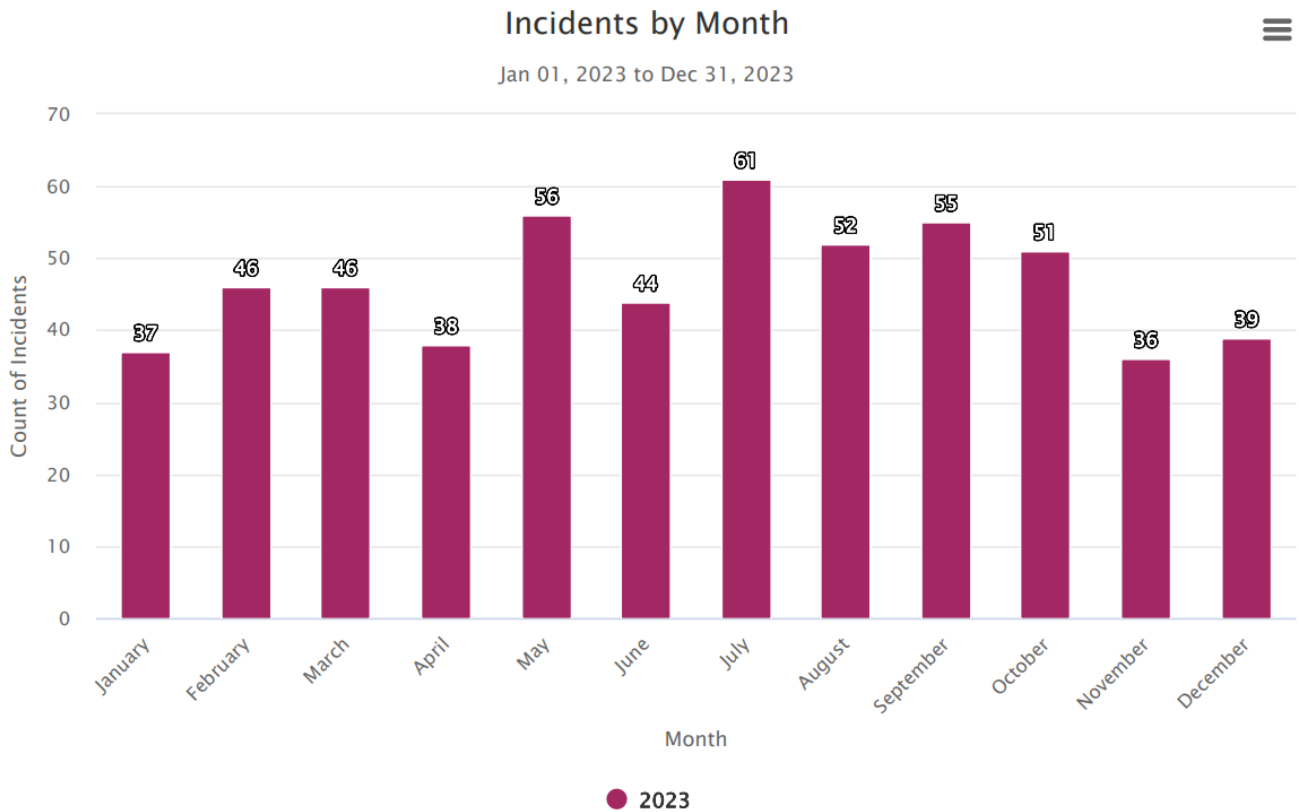
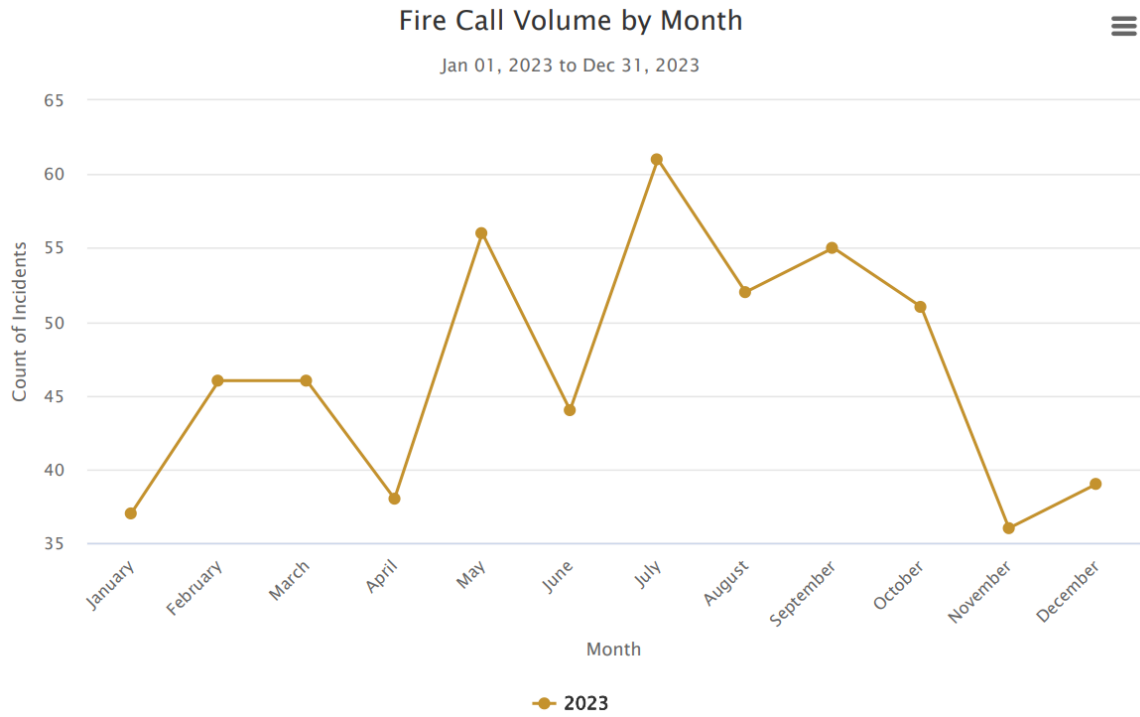


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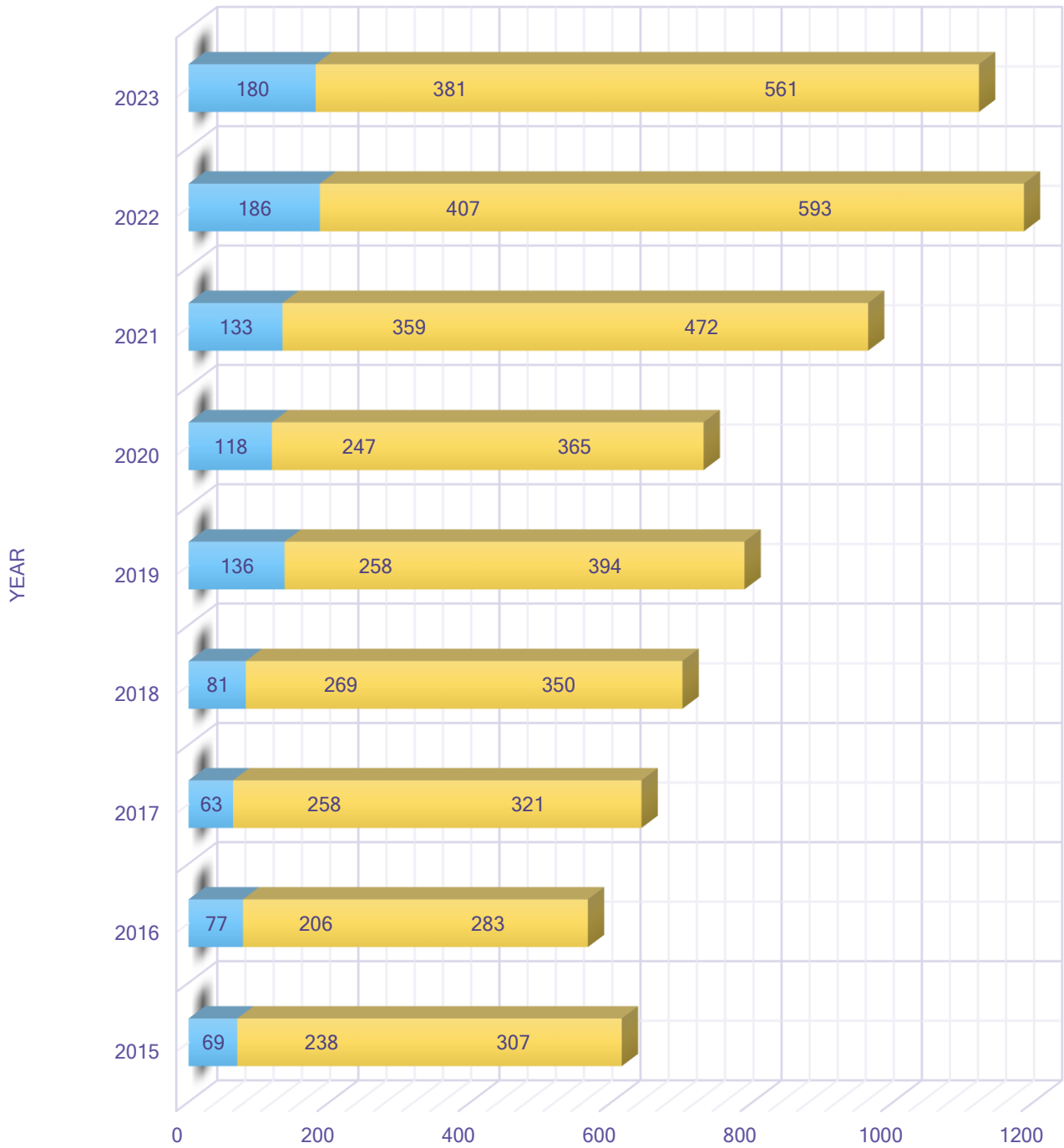
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INCIDENT TYPES BY MONTH



INCIDENTS 2015 - 2023



	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
■ FIRE	69	77	63	81	136	118	133	186	180
■ EMS	238	206	258	269	258	247	359	407	381
■ TOTAL CALLS	307	283	321	350	394	365	472	593	561

INCIDENTS

■ FIRE ■ EMS ■ TOTAL CALLS

TRAINING

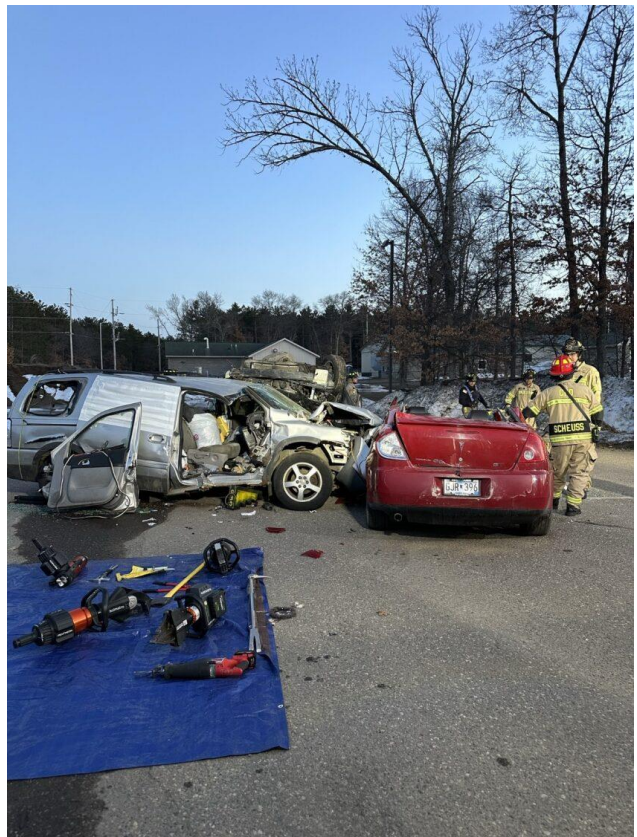
In 2023, the Crosslake Fire Department dedicated a total of 3,109 hours to rigorous training, underscoring their commitment to excellence in firefighting. The training regimen encompassed a diverse array of learning methods, ranging from traditional classroom lectures to cutting-edge online courses. Firefighters actively engaged in hands-on practical experiences, fostering a well-rounded skill set to tackle various emergency situations effectively. This comprehensive approach not only enhances the theoretical knowledge but also ensures that the firefighters are adept in applying their skills in real-world scenarios, further fortifying the Crosslake Fire Department's preparedness and proficiency.

These trainings introduced and refreshed essential skills in:

Aerial Operations	Car Fires	Annual OSHA	Confined Space
Pump Operations	Hazardous Materials	Search & Rescue	Wildfire
Auto Extrication	Emergency Driving	LP Emergencies	Live Burn
Water & Ice Rescue	Air Monitoring	Fire Suppression	Fire Behavior
Leadership	Incident Management	SCBA Refresher	Apparatus Positioning
Fire Streams	Fire Alarm Systems	Fire Investigation	Solar Power
Fire Extinguishers	Drone Training	EV & Hybrid Vehicles	First Arriving
Pump Drafting	Relay Pumping	Ropes & Knots	Elevated Rescue

The trainings followed the Minnesota Board of Fire Training and Education requirements, aligning with OSHA and NFPA Standards.

TRAINING PHOTOS



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ACTIVITIES – COMMUNITY OUTREACH

2023 was a busy year for our department and our Community Outreach efforts. We are honored and appreciate every opportunity we had to interact and educate our community.



Memorial Day Ceremony at Pinewood Cemetery



Camp Knutson Camp Red



ACTIVITIES – COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Camp Knutson Splash Nights



Immaculate Heart Bible Camp



ACTIVITIES – COMMUNITY OUTREACH

National Night Out Open House



Pig Roast Open House



ACTIVITIES – COMMUNITY OUTREACH

St. Patrick's Day Parade



Golden Horizons Carnival Day



Crosslake Winterfest Pancake Breakfast



ACTIVITIES – COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Kamp Kimchee



Back to School - Crosslake Community School



Halloween at the Corps of Engineers Park



APPARATUS



2015 Spartan - Engine 1



2021 E One - Ladder 1



2013 Freightliner - Tender 3



2004 Freightliner - Tender 4



2019 Ford 750 - Rescue 1



2013 Chevy - EMS/Command

APPARATUS



2022 GMC 1 Ton - Utility



2013 Polaris UTV Wildland/Rescue



2003 Ford 450 - Type VI - Grass Rig



2017 Zodiac - Rescue Boat

2024 Apparatus

Replace 2004 Tender 4

- 2023 - 3000 Gallon Tender Pumper with a 2000 GPM Pump.
- Ordered in 2022 - In Service February 2024

Replace 2013 EMS/Command Tahoe

- 2023 GMC ½ Ton Crew Cab Truck
- Built with Slide Out Tray and EMS Slide in Unit

IAFC CWPP GRANT

In April of 2023 the Crosslake Fire Department applied for a IAFC Community Wildfire Protection Plan Grant. (CWPP)

IAFC Wildland Fire Programs staff and WUI subject matter experts select six (6) fire departments along with partnering agencies to work on updating/developing their Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP). IAFC Staff will assist in the development of a CWPP that addresses the community risk of wildfire.

The Crosslake Fire Department went through the interview process and was selected to be one of six departments in the United States for this grant.

The Crosslake and Brainerd Fire Departments along with the Crow Wing County Emergency Manager are moving forward with the development of the CWPP for Crow Wing County and have started building relationships with our collaborative partners who will be participating in writing the CWPP.



IAFC FDX PROGRAM

In June of 2023 the Crosslake Fire Department applied for the IAFC Fire Department Exchange Program (FDX).

FDX provides in-person exchange platforms for fire departments facing wildland-urban interface (WUI) challenges. The core focus is to encourage exchanges among departments to broaden their knowledge base, consider alternative measures, create new solutions, and improve overall practices and procedures within their wildfire programs.



The Exchange covers key strategies such as mitigation, suppression, response, partnership, outreach, and education. The Crosslake Fire Department was selected to be one of six departments to participate in the exchange in October in South Lake Tahoe.



GRANTS RECEIVED

Minnesota DNR - Rural Fire Department Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) Matching Grant: \$5,000.00 - Pagers / Radios

Central Minnesota EMS Region Equipment Grant: \$1,000.00 - EMS Equipment/Supplies

Sourcewell Community Match Fund Award: \$10,000.00 - Equipment for 2023 Tender Pumper.

International Association of Fire Chiefs: \$6,000.00 - Funding to coordinate a local CWPP Community Day and help educate the community about Wildland Urban Interface.

MEMBERSHIP RETIREMENTS

Scott Johnson - 22 Years Firefighter/Captain/Engineer



Rob Clement - 13 Years Firefighter/Engineer



The Crosslake Fire Department would like to thank Scott Johnson and Rob Clement for their commitment to the Fire Department and the service to the City of Crosslake and to our community.

CLOSING

In conclusion, the Crosslake Fire Department's annual report underscores a year of unwavering dedication and outstanding service to our community. Through rigorous training, timely responses, and community outreach initiatives, our firefighters have demonstrated resilience and commitment. As we reflect on the accomplishments and challenges of the past year, we express gratitude to our dedicated personnel, supportive community members, and collaborative partners. Looking ahead, we remain steadfast in our mission to ensure the safety and well-being of Crosslake residents. Together, we forge a path forward, inspired by the spirit of unity and service that defines our department.

