



MEMORANDUM

TO: Matt Walsh
Village Administrator

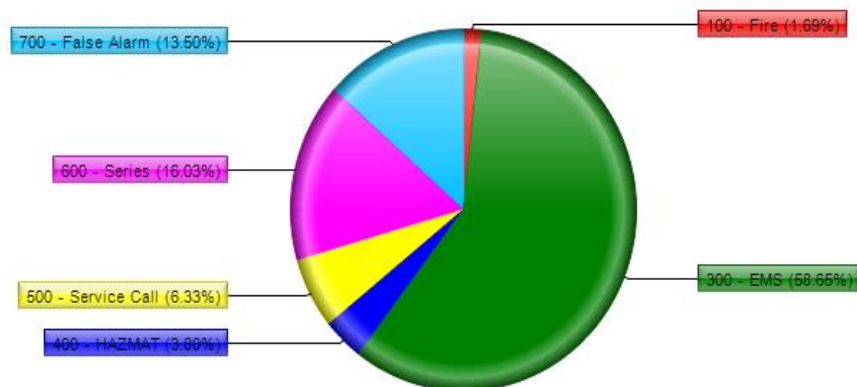
FROM: **Thomas Gaertner**
Thomas Gaertner
Fire Chief

DATE: September 9, 2024

SUBJECT: Monthly Report – August 2024

The Fire Department responded to 247 calls during the month of August. This is below our average number of calls in comparison to August 2023 when we had 282 calls. Emergency Medical Service calls represent 57% of our response activity for the month of August.

Incident Type Group	August 2024
100 - Fire	5
300 - EMS	142
400 – Hazardous Conditions	9
500 - Service Call	16
600 – Good Intent	40
700 - False Alarms	33
900 – Special Incident	0
Monthly Total	247





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ANALYTICS
Station Report

43%

FIRE
Percentage of Total
Incidents

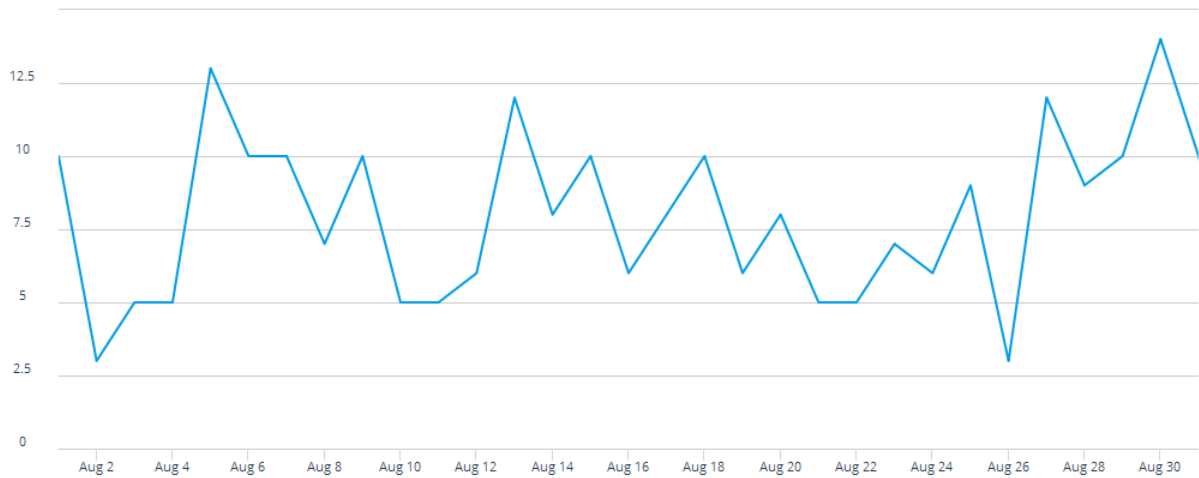
57%

EMS
Percentage of Total
Incidents

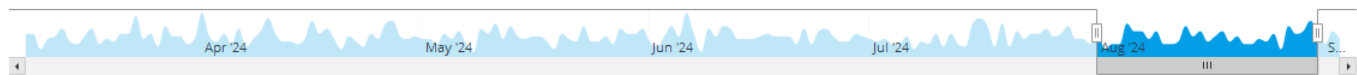
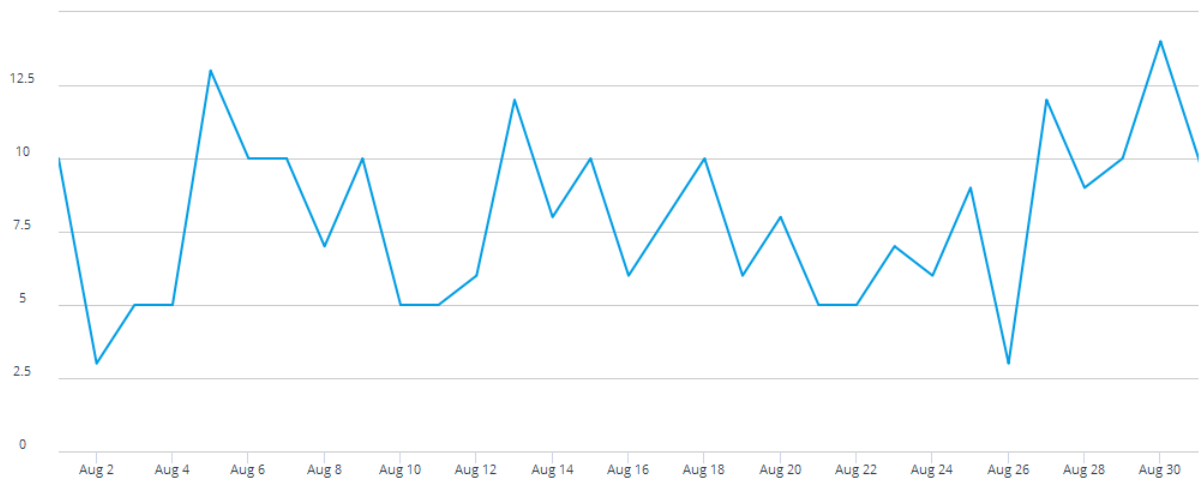
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INCIDENTS
In Selected Time Slice

31

DAYS
In Selected Time Slice

Week Ending	8/4/24	8/11/24	8/18/24	8/25/24	9/1/24	Total
RIVER FOREST FIRE DEPARTMENT	23	60	60	46	58	247
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Week Ending	8/4/24	8/11/24	8/18/24	8/25/24	9/1/24	Total
(11) Structure Fire			1	2	2	5
(32) Emergency medical service (EMS) incident	17	33	36	23	33	142
(35) Extrication, rescue	1	1				2
(41) Combustible/flammable spills & leaks		1		2		3
(42) Chemical release, reaction, or toxic condition		1	1			2
(44) Electrical wiring/equipment problem				1	3	4
(51) Person in distress	1	1			1	3
(52) Water problem		1	1			2
(53) Smoke, odor problem				2	1	3
(55) Public service assistance		2	1	3	2	8
(61) Dispatched and canceled en route	1	8	10	5	5	29
(62) Wrong location, no emergency found		2	1	4	4	11
(73) System or detector malfunction		1				1
(74) Unintentional system/detector operation (no fire)	3	9	9	4	7	32
Total	23	60	60	46	58	247

Fire Chief Gaertner Report

- Attended the Weekly Village Administrators Staff Meetings.
- Attended our Monthly Officers Meeting.
- Attended the Monthly Statewide Terrorism & Intelligence Center (STIC) webinar.
- Attended the Monthly Village Board of Trustees Meeting.
- Attended the Weekly IT Status Meetings.
- Attended the WSCDC Radio Committee Meeting.
- Attended the Monthly Metro Chiefs Executive Board Meeting.
- Attended the Metro Chiefs General Meeting.
- Attended a Zoom Meeting with Image Trend on possibly upgrading our current fire reporting system.
- Attended the In-Person IRMA Fire Chiefs Steering Committee Meeting.
- Worked two 12-hour Shifts at the Chicago Office of Emergency Management Center during the week of the Democratic National Convention.
- Attended Meetings with Chicago Fire Department and Cook County in preparation for the Democratic National Convention this month.
- Attended the Monthly MABAS Division 11 Fire Chiefs Meeting.
- Attended a meeting with the Homeland Security Information System on improvements to their system.
- Participated in the Office of the State Fire Marshal's Training Records Audit.

Deputy Fire Chief Bochenek Report

- Attended the Weekly Village Administrators Staff Meetings.
- Attended the Chief Fire Officer class held by the University of Illinois Fire Service Institute on
- Attended our Monthly Officers Meeting.
- Attended the Monthly Statewide Terrorism & Intelligence Center (STIC) webinar.
- Attended the WSCDC Radio Committee Meeting.
- Attended a Zoom Meeting with Image Trend on possibly upgrading our current fire reporting system.
- Attended meeting on upgrading to a new training tracking software with Vector solutions.
- Filed multiple reimbursement grants through IRMA.
- Participated in the IRMA Policy Review.
- Met with the IT company to discuss departmental needs and concerns.
- Attended the Quarterly WSCDC Operations Meeting.
- Ensured the new monthly policy compliance surveys were rolled out and completed
- Worked to get a new partner in Fenwick to allow the department to perform training exercises on vacant property.

FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU**Fire Marshal Kevin Wiley**

Fire Prevention Bureau

August 2024

The Fire Department assisted the Police Department with the Junior Police Academy again this year. This was the 5th or 6th year. The Fire Department was assigned two sessions with the “cadets”. The first session took them on an extended tour of the fire house that included showing the cadets how to maneuver a fire hose line around the front apron of the firehouse and dragging the Rescue Dummy around the apparatus floor. We also dressed some of them in a turnout coat and had them go up and down the hose tower stairs while carrying a tool. The cadets also experienced some hands-on time with the on-duty firefighters, who showed them the “Tools of the Trade”, if you will. Many of the cadets described the tools as “being too heavy”!! The second session was conducted by Deputy Chief Dave Bochenek who is also a Certified Fire Investigator. This session was an overview of how we work with the Police to investigate fires and determine the fire’s origin and cause and then turn over the investigation to the Police for arrest and prosecution. Chief Bochenek had them eating out of his hand!!

By the end of August, almost all the schools are now back in session for the ’24-’25 school year. I adapted several new August Flyers on returning to school for the E-Newsletter. August is also the start of the School Fire Drill schedule. In accordance with the State Fire Marshal’s Office, the first Fire Drill is to take place within the first week of the school opening. The first fire drill must be witnessed by the Fire Prevention Bureau. The first drill can be an un-announced drill, or the principal may decide to tell the students to relieve some of the stress of the first week of school. I witnessed five drills in August with more scheduled in September. All public and private schools are required to hold three fire drills, one Lock-Down drill, a Bus Evacuation drill and a Protect in Place, also known as a Severe Weather drill during the school year.

If it’s August, that must mean it’s time for the annual Food Truck Rally, sponsored by the Village of River Forest, OPRF Rotary and the River Forest Park District. I inspected nine Food Trucks for the rally as well as looking at several inflatables and two large canopies for safety. Most of the food trucks have been to the rally in years past and have very few issues that we had to work out. In the same weekend, Dominican hosted its annual “DU Fest” for all new and returning students. Dominican had five food trucks on the front circle that I needed to inspect. Dominican had another event early in August called Hacienda Caminos Social where they had food trucks supplying the food for the event. They have another event scheduled for September. I’m pretty sure we will be having more and more events where food trucks will be used.

Public Education events were happening all over this past month. I had a presentation at Concordia University for the Department of Public Safety and the Resident Assistant staff. We had some very good dialog on fire alarm issues.

I completed 25 Plan Reviews for the month of August and have an average turn-around of 4.28 days for the month and 4.13 for a year-to-date average.

The last item in my monthly report is a summary of activities that do not fit in any other category such as, hydrant flows for sprinkler companies, servicing a Knox Box, public education flyers, and picking up and/or dropping off vehicles for service among others. These activities may not be difficult but do take up time that I like to account for.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Wiley
Fire Marshal

FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

MONTHLY REPORT

August 2024

Monthly Activities	Monthly Totals		YTD-Year to Date	
	Aug-23	Aug-24	2023	2024
**FPB Inspections	12	10	110	118
**Company Inspections	0	17	87	126
FPB Re-Inspections	13	7	60	73
Company Re-Inspections	4	10	49	46
Special Inquiry/B/L Site Inspections	2	0	5	11
Construction Inspections (Rough/Finals)	9	5	38	26
Inspections with Building Department	0	0	1	3
Inspections with/for State Fire Marshal	0	0	4	4
Permit Inspections (tent, hot work, UST)	18	18	20	29
TOTAL INSPECTIONS	58	67	374	436
School/Business Emergency Plan/Drills	4	5	17	7
Violation Notices Issued	10	19	102	131
Violations Noted	29	41	273	285
Violations Corrected	33	14	160	149
Permits Issued	18	18	21	30
**Complaints Received & Investigated	1	0	3	1
All Meetings/Consultations	5	6	47	35
Training Activities	0	4	25	28
Fire Suppress/Alarm System Test/Final	3	0	12	1
Fire Suppression Hydro's	1	0	4	0
**Plan Reviews and Revisions	36	25	91	118
**Average turn around (Business Days)	2.13 DAYS	4.28 days	2.73 DAYS	4.13 days
Public Education Programs	13	4	35	35
Public Education Program Contacts	245	163	608	1164
Misc Fire Prev Activities (See Narrative)	9	6	61	63

Training Division: Lt. John Carter

For August 2024 the department participated in various training activities such as:

- Loyola CE was held on August 2nd, 6th and 7th. Subject was Altered Mental Status.
- Division 11 Hazardous Materials Team drill held in Cicero. Subject was Hazardous Materials Rapid Intervention Team rescue and Level A suit dress out. Lt. Smith, FF/PM's Zipperich, Bencik and McKenna attended.
- Division 11 Fire Investigator drill was held in Stickney on August 29th. Fire patterns was the subject with lectures and live fire investigation training in the burn cells.
- Shifts continued their assigned building inspections.
- Shifts continued hydrant testing
- Gold shift hosted a family who won a raffle to visit the firehouse
- Red shift went to West Suburban Temple Har Zion for a touch-a-truck and fire safety event
- All shifts reviewed Metra Emergency Preparedness PowerPoint prior to the Democratic National Convention
- All shifts drilled on ground ladders at Fenwick Priory. Carrying, raising, tying off, climbing and safety were all discussed and performed
- The Engineer task book is being worked on by FF/PM's Rouse, Ercoli and Kyles. This is required for them to become drivers for the River Forest Fire Department
- The Acting Lieutenant task book has been issued to those that were interested.

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Incidents/Events of note: On August 15th Red Shift responded to a car into a pole on Lake St. Crews provided ALS care and transported patient to Loyola University Hospital in stable condition.

Specialty: NIMS 100,800 and Courage to be Safe

- Red shift attended Har Zion Temple day care for public Education.

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Incidents/Events of Note: On August 30th, Gold Shift responded to a rollover accident at William and North Ave. The vehicle was stabilized, and five patients were transported to the hospital. On August 30th, Engine 213 responded to 1505 S. 2nd Ave, Maywood for the structure fire. E213 performed firefighting tasks assigned by Command. On August 31st, Engine 213 responded to 920 Hayes Ave, Oak Park for the structure fire. E213 performed firefighting tasks assigned by Command. FF Zipperich, FF McKenna and Lt. Smith attended the Division 11 Hazmat Drill in Cicero. Lt. Smith attended the Division 11 Fire Investigation Seminar on Fire Patterns in Stickney.

Specialty: 8

Block Parties 4

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EMS/Paramedic Activity: 9/03/24**FF/PM Luke Finrock**

RFFD responded for a TOTAL of 137 patients in August. Of those patients Ambulance 215 treated and transported 107, while 24 patients refused further treatment/transport from the fire department. In addition, crews responded to 6 patients for a lift assist. The 107 patients were transported to the following hospitals:

Loyola University Medical Center- 11
Rush Oak Park Hospital- 73
Gottlieb Memorial Hospital- 21
West Suburban Hospital- 1
Hines VA- 1
MacNeal- 0

800 N. Harlem- 24 patients
7617 North Ave- 11
Mutual Aid from A215- 14 times
Abdominal Pain- 4
Adult Respiratory Distress- 9
Allergic Reaction- 0
Altered Mental Status- 1
Animal Bite- 0
Assault/Battery- 4
Behavioral/Psych- 3
Burns- 0
Chest Pain- 4
Cardiac Arrest- 1
Choking- 0
CO Poisoning- 0
Diabetic Problems- 0
Electrocution- 0
ETOH- 6
Eye Problems- 0
Fall- 29
General Aches/pain- 4
Hemorrhage/Bleeding- 2
Medical Alarm- 0
No Complaint- 5
Opioid Overdose- 2
Peds Respiratory Distress- 0
Pregnancy- 0
Sick Person- 36
Traffic Accident- 9
Traumatic Arrest- 1
Traumatic Injury- 5
Unconscious/Unresponsive- 9
Unknown Problems- 2
Weakness- 1

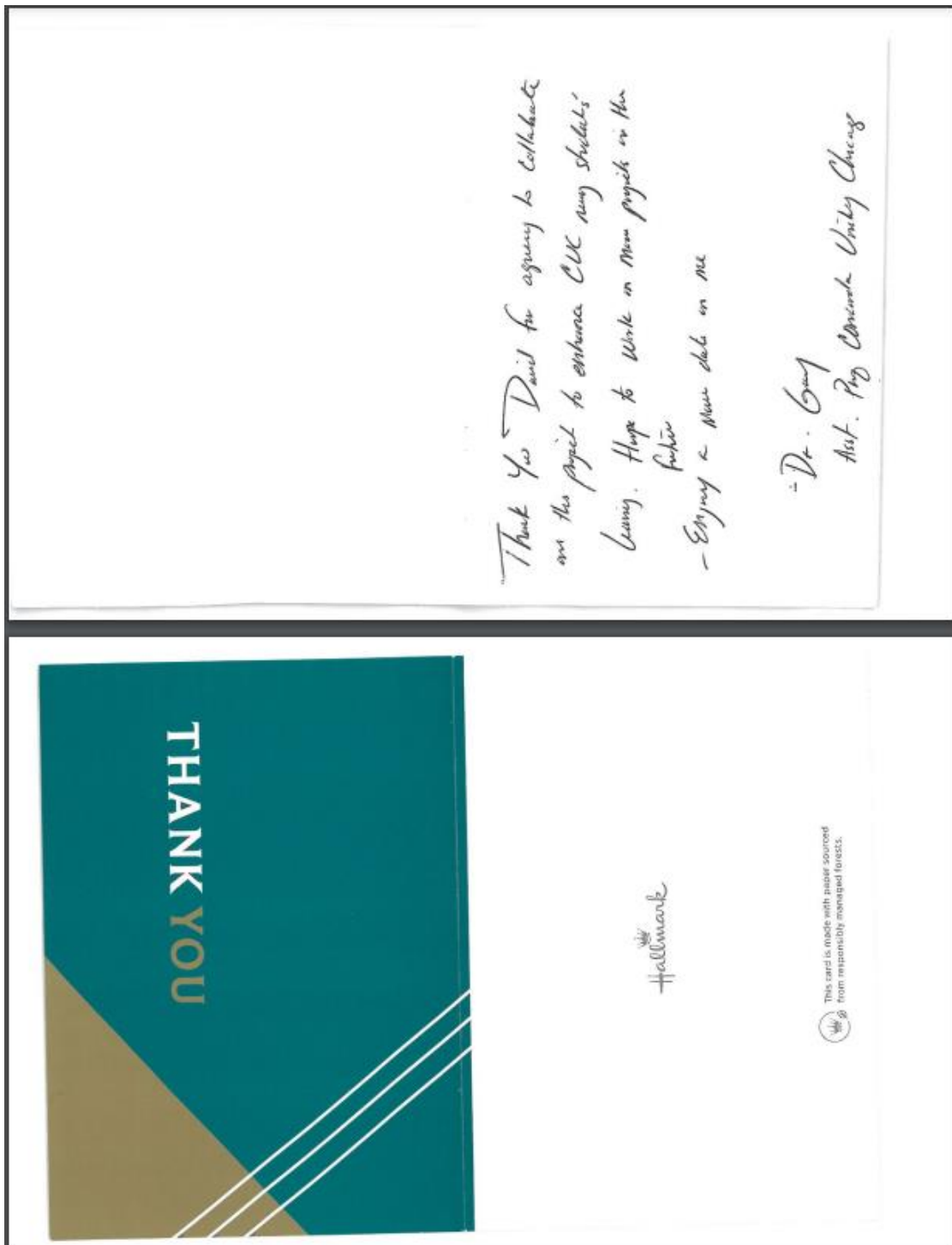
Vehicle/Station Maintenance LT. E. Howe & FF/PM Chris Doran

Lt Howe continues to fine-tune vehicle the vehicle and equipment maintenance program. The highlights of maintenance and repairs performed this month are listed below.

Maintenance:

- 200- Preventative Maintenance completed
- 202- **Waiting for info on new car**
- 201- Nothing to report, zero issues.
- 218- Nothing to report, zero issues.
- 213- Nothing to report, zero issues.
- 222- Nothing to report, zero issues.
- 219- OOS at FSI. Waiting for DEF tank to be shipped
- 215- Preventative Maintenance completed. New front seat covers installed, and right front seatbelt pretensioner replaced.
- 214- Nothing to report, zero issues.

LETTERS OF APPRECIATION



Thank You David for agreeing to collaborate
on the project to enhance CLK nursing students'
learning. Hope to work on more projects in the
future.
-Enjoying a more stable on me

-Dr. Gary
Art. Prog. Committee, University of Chicago

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From: Gray, Natasha <Natasha.Gray@cuchicago.edu>

Sent: Saturday, August 31, 2024 7:28 AM

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Cc: David Bochenek <DBochenek@vrf.us>

Subject: [External] A student perspective from the Emergency Day

Good Morning,

I had the students reflect on the Emergency Nursing simulation activity from the 1st day and what they thought. Here is one student's response:

"Being back on day one, I felt that I had a few nerves to shake off. I was both eager and anxious to experience a new teaching style and to get a taste of what this semester has to unfold. I was not expecting such a unique and interactive activity on day one but it was a very thrilling surprise. Being able to talk with and ask questions to such experienced and skilled individuals was quite the treat. I, personally, enjoyed learning about a new perspective of the healthcare world and trying to understand both the similarities and our distinctly different fields of care. I thoroughly enjoyed the scenarios that we got to work through with the help of our many professors and guests. The exercise helped my refocus on thinking like a nurse and prioritizing aspects of care. I also feel that I gained a lot of experience from our hypothetical situations about working with other departments. Whether it be the paramedics themselves or even recognizing that some of our scenarios were special populations and that we should be utilizing other people such as pediatricians or cardiologists. I also recognized that my assessment skills were weak in some areas and that I need to freshen up on some of my techniques. The activity also highlighted the importance of always doing a full assessment once a patient is stable enough to do so."

I can not thank you enough for taking the lesson to the next level and collaborating with me on this activity for our students. It was definitely memorable.

Grateful,

Dr. Natasha Gray DNP FNP-BC FPA

Assistant Professor, Division of Nursing

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