

RIVER FOREST FIRE DEPARTMENT



MONTHLY REPORT

JULY 2024



MEMORANDUM

TO: Matt Walsh
Village Administrator

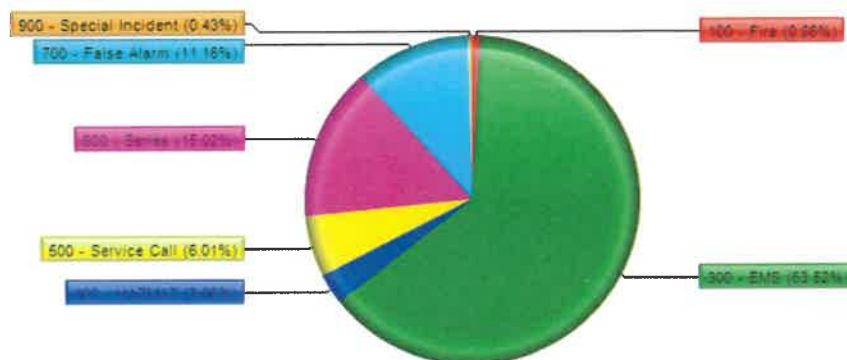
FROM: Thomas Gaertner
Thomas Gaertner
Fire Chief

DATE: August 12, 2024

SUBJECT: Monthly Report – July 2024

The Fire Department responded to 238 calls during the month of July. This is below our average number of calls in comparison to July 2023 when we had 281 calls. Emergency Medical Service calls represent 62% of our response activity for the month of July.

Incident Type Group	July 2024
100 - Fire	2
300 - EMS	148
400 - Hazardous Conditions	7
500 - Service Call	14
600 - Good Intent	35
700 - False Alarms	31
900 - Special Incident	1
Monthly Total	238



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FIRE

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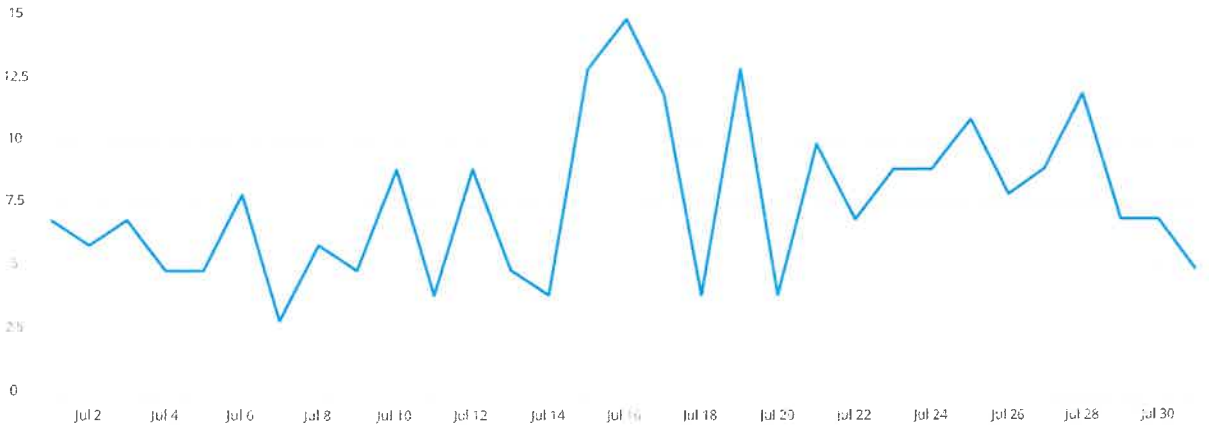
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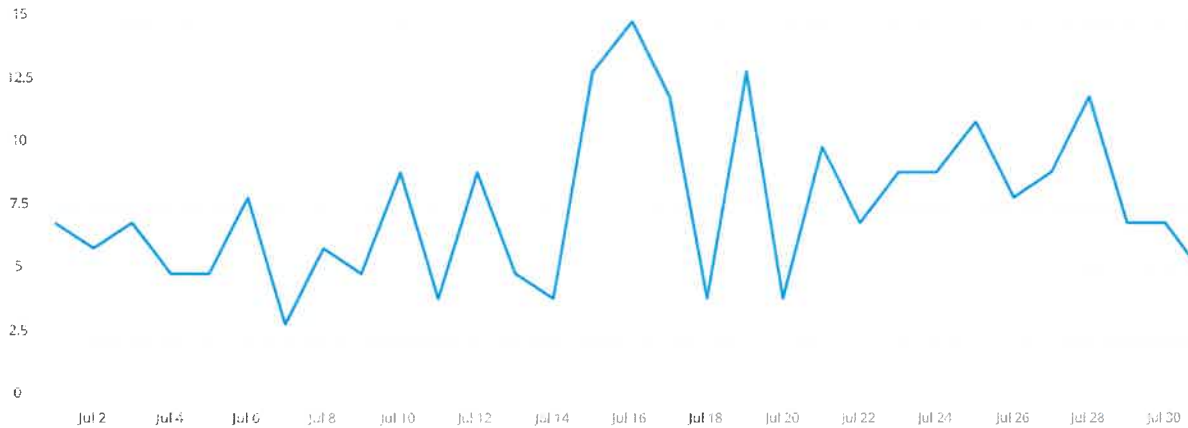
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(11) Structure Fire		1			1									2
(15) Outside rubbish fire	1													1
(32) Emergency medical service (EMS) incident	22	27	42	43	14									148
(33) Lock-In			2											2
(35) Extrication, rescue			1											1
(42) Chemical release, reaction, or toxic condition		1	2											3
(44) Electrical wiring/equipm. problem			3											3
(46) Accident, potential accident		1												1
(52) Water problem			1	1										2
(53) Smoke, odor problem				1										1
(55) Public service assistance	4	1	3	2	1									11
(56) Unauthorized burning	1													1
(61) Dispatched and canceled en route	9	4	7	8	1									29
(62) Wrong location, no emergency found		2	1	3										6
(73) System or detector malfunction			2											2

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(74) Unintentional system/detect... operation (no fire)	4	5	7	6	2									24
(90) Special type of incident, other				1										1
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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 a Zoom Meeting with Image Trend on possibly upgrading our current fire reporting system.
- Participated in the IRMA Policy Review.
- Completed the IRMA Fire Chiefs Steering Committee Survey.
- Attended Meetings with MABAS Division 11 Fire Chiefs in preparation for the Democratic National Convention this August.
- Attended a Zoom Meeting with Vector Solutions for a possible change in our training platform.
- Attended a meeting with the Homeland Security Information System on improvements to their system.
- Attended the RFFD's first Blood Drive in cooperation with the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association.
- Attended the First Responder Discussion with CCDPH on Opioid Overdoses.
- Attended the Quarterly WSCDC Operations Meeting.

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 Budget and Finance.
- 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 Meetings with MABAS Division 11 Fire Chiefs in preparation for the Democratic National Convention this August.
- Attended and coordinated RFFD's first Blood Drive in cooperation with the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association.
- Attended the First Responder Discussion with CCDPH on Opioid Overdoses.
- 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**

During the summer months when schools and universities are closed, we try to take advantage of that and schedule some tours of the university campuses and other school buildings with shift personnel. I assist with the tour preparations and the tours themselves whenever I can.

I attended a VRF sponsored CPR class with other Village employees. The class was taught by Fire Department personnel in conjunction with a Stop the Bleed refresher class.

There are a number of construction sites in town that have some kind of construction going on. I stop by to introduce myself, check on the build or demolition progress as well as inquire if the workers have any concerns or questions. I try to make at least one site visit during the month, sometimes two depending on how active the site is. One site is the Cava Restaurant at 7211 Lake St. They are really moving along and hopefully will be open in early September.

Plan reviews for the month were above average with 23 reviews. My monthly average turnaround time stands at 4.60 business days and the year-to-date numbers are down to 4.09 business days.

Inspection totals for the Bureau as well as Company Inspections are in good shape for the seventh month of the year. We are ahead of last year to date numbers by a pretty good margin. As I have explained in past reports, these numbers are somewhat fluid. The Shift Lieutenant has control of the number of inspections they perform in any given month. Things such as training, department projects and even the weather, are all contributing factors to the inspection totals for any given month.

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, assisting in the picking up and/or dropping off vehicles for service, as well as just the day-to-day paperwork that needs to get done. These activities may not be difficult but do take up time that I like to account for.



**RIVER FOREST FIRE DEPARTMENT
FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU
MONTHLY REPORT
July 2024**

Monthly Activities	Monthly Totals		YTD-Year to Date	
	Jun-23	Jun-24	2023	2024
**FPB Inspections	9	9	98	108
**Company Inspections	8	11	87	109
FPB Re-Inspections	3	12	44	66
Company Re-Inspections	2	8	45	36
Special Inquiry/B/L Site Inspections	1	1	3	11
Construction Inspections (Rough/Finals)	6	3	29	21
Inspections with Building Department	0	1	1	3
Inspections with/for State Fire Marshal	0	0	4	4
Permit Inspections (tent, hot work, UST)	0	2	2	11
TOTAL INSPECTIONS	29	47	313	369
School/Business Emergency Plan/Drills	0	0	13	2
Violation Notices Issued	10	9	92	112
Violations Noted	21	16	244	244
Violations Corrected	7	17	127	135
Permits Issued	0	7	3	12
**Complaints Received & Investigated	1	0	2	1
All Meetings/Consultations	6	7	42	29
Training Activities	4	1	25	2433
Fire Suppress/Alarm System Test/Final	1	0	9	1
Fire Suppression Hydro's	0	0	3	0
**Plan Reviews and Revisions	14	23	55	93
**Average turn around (Business Days)	3.14 days	4.6 days	3.12 days	4.09 days
Public Education Programs	3	2	22	31
Public Education Program Contacts	31	3	363	1001
Misc Fire Prev Activities (See Narrative)	8	9	52	51

** Performance Measures for the Chief
Fire Marshal Kevin Wiley

Training Division: Lt. John Carter

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

- Loyola CE was not held in July.
- Division 11 Hazardous Materials Team drill held in North Riverside. Subject was monitors
- Division 11 Technical Rescue Team drill held in Cicero. Subject was structural collapse and preparing for Democratic National Convention.
- Several members attended a 3-day Aerial Water Operations drill in Cicero. River Forest Truck 219 was supplied by Engines from Cicero, Berwyn and Oak Park and water flowed from the aerial device.
- All 3 shifts were given the opportunity at Fenwick Priory to train on forcible entry on certain doors and search and rescue. Forcible entry concentrated on inward swinging door with the irons (halligan and flat head), through the lock entry, hinge removal entry and jamb removal-shove knife entry. Search and rescue concentrated on limited visibility and following a hoseline to a downed firefighter and dragging firefighter to safety.
- All 3 shifts participated in a standpipe operations drill at Concordia University parking structure. Shifts trained on hydrant connection, standpipe hookup, high-rise pack deployment and hydraulic calculations.
- All shifts were trained on a purchased CSR2 pulley system. This is a prebuilt 4:1 pulley system with 100 feet of life safety rope that can be used to lift or lower personnel or a victim in case of a below grade rescue or other situations that it may be needed for
- Lt. Carter went to Chicago Union Station to meet with John Radzinski who is the Emergency Preparedness Training Coordinator for Metra Railroad. I was able to go into the railyard with him and take pictures of various components to be used in case of an emergency
- At DC Bochenek's request, with the Democratic National Convention starting in 2 weeks, an Emergency Procedure for Metra Railcars PowerPoint was developed for all 3 shifts to review. This was based on the Metra training class that all 3 shifts attended last year.

Individual Shift Reports

Black Shift Report- Lieutenant Q. Boyd

Activities: Black Shift received 64 calls, 19 of which were fire-related and 45 of which were EMS calls.

Incidents/Events of note: None

Shift Training and Hours:

Fire: 91.5 hours

EMS: 19 hours

Specialty: Crews utilized Dominican Priory for firefighter rescue/survival as well as forcible entry, Standpipe operations were done at Concordia parking garage, LT Boyd attended the monthly Division 11 TRT drill.

Public Service & Community Outreach:

Two CPR Classes taught by Firefighter Bucholtz

Departmental Goals & Benchmarks:

Inspections: 56/61

Hydrants: Flushing completed, hose monster in progress

Hose Testing: Completed

Red Shift Report- Lieutenant E. Howe

Activities: Red shift responded to a total of 81 calls. 28 calls were fire-related, 47 were for EMS, and 6 were service calls.

Incidents/Events of note: On July 30th Members of Red Shift responded to Forest Park for a house fire. Engine 213 members assisted in extinguishing the fire on the 3rd floor and searched the other levels of the house for potential victims.

Shift Training and Hours:

Fire: 105.6

EMS: 60.00

Specialty:

Public Service & Community Outreach:

- Red Shift assisted in the RFFD Blood drive

Departmental Goals:

In-Company Inspections: 42/78

Hydrant Testing: Completed

Hose Testing: Completed

Added new hose load to Truck 219

Gold Shift Report – Lieutenant M. Smith

Activities: Gold Shift had a total of 93 calls. 32 fire-related, 56 were EMS calls, 5 were service calls

Incidents/Events of Note: On July 5th, Gold Shift responded to 1250 Ashland Ave for the rubbish fire. Engine 213 arrived and found several burning piles of firework materials. E213 deployed a 1 ¾ inch hose line and extinguished the fires. On July 13th, Gold Shift responded to 46 Park Ave for the carbon monoxide alarm. E213 arrived and found approximately 300 ppm of CO. The crew found that the source of CO was the oven. The electric and gas for the appliance were shut off and the house ventilated.

Shift Training and Hours:

Fire: 112.75

EMS: 32.5

Specialty: 8

FF Zipperich and FF McKenna attended the Division 11 Hazmat Drill in Berwyn. FF McKenna attended the Division 11 Truck/Engine drill in Cicero.

Public Service & Community Outreach:

Firehouse Tours 0 0 visitors

CPR Classes 1 3 students

Car Seat Install 0

Departmental Goals & Benchmarks:

Inspections: 38/78

Hydrants: 14/136

Hose Testing: 0

EMS/Paramedic Activity FF/PM Finfrock

On July 1st, RFFD put our new ambulance into service. RFFD responded for a TOTAL of 135 patients in July. Of those patients Ambulance 215 treated and transported 109, while 21 patients refused further treatment/transport from the fire department. In addition, crews responded to 5 patients for a lift assist. The 109 patients were transported to the following hospitals:

Loyola University Medical Center- 11
 Rush Oak Park Hospital- 79
 Gottlieb Memorial Hospital- 14
 West Suburban Hospital- 4
 Hines VA- 1
 MacNeal- 0

800 N. Harlem- 19 patients
 7617 North Ave- 9
 Mutual Aid from A215- 21 times
 Abdominal Pain- 4
 Adult Respiratory Distress- 5
 Allergic Reaction- 1
 Altered Mental Status- 2
 Animal Bite- 0
 Assault/Battery- 1
 Behavioral/Psych- 13
 Burns- 0
 Chest Pain- 7
 Cardiac Arrest- 1
 Choking- 2
 CO Poisoning- 0
 Diabetic Problems- 0
 Electrocution- 0
 ETOH- 1
 Eye Problems- 0
 Fall- 31
 General Aches/pain- 7
 Hemorrhage/Bleeding- 1
 Medical Alarm- 0
 No Complaint- 6
 Opioid Overdose- 1
 Peds Respiratory Distress- 0
 Pregnancy- 0
 Sick Person- 25
 Traffic Accident- 10
 Traumatic Arrest- 0
 Traumatic Injury- 5
 Unconscious/Unresponsive- 9
 Unknown Problems- 0
 Weakness- 3

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

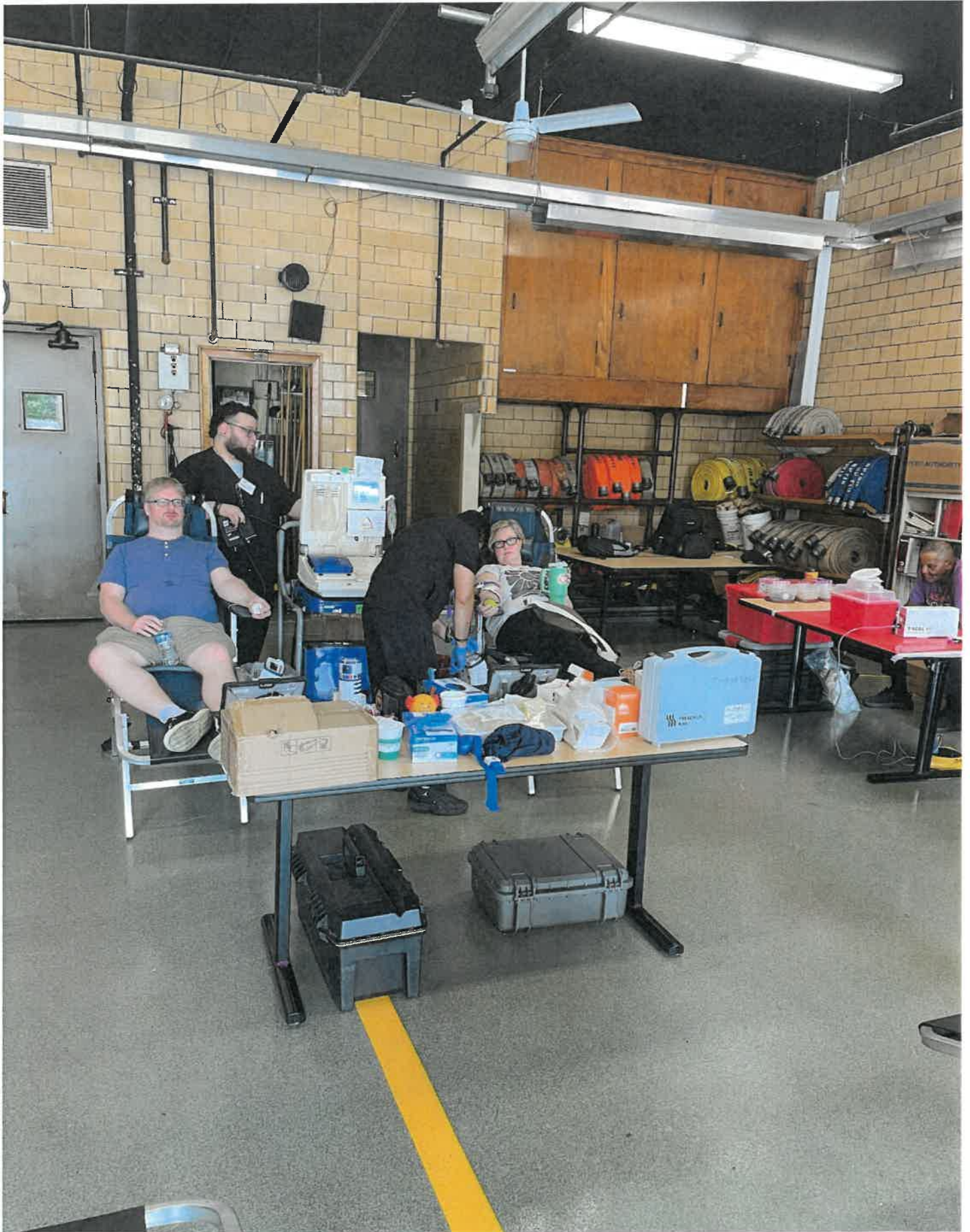
Lt Howe continues to fine-tune vehicle the vehicle and equipment maintenance program. The highlights of maintenance and repairs performed this month are listed below.

Maintenance:

- 200- Preventative Maintenance completed
- 202- Nothing to report, zero issues.
- 201- Nothing to report, zero issues.
- 218- Preventative Maintenance completed.
- 213- Nothing to report, zero issues.
- 222- Nothing to report, zero issues.
- 219- Nothing to report, zero issues
- 215- out of service **In for maintenance**
- 214- Nothing to report, zero issues.
- Roof saw returned to service, new ignition coil.

On Saturday, July 27th the River Forest Fire Department hosted its first ever blood drive. This was in partnership with Vitalant Blood Donation and the Illinois Fire Chiefs Associations Education and Research Foundation. Vitalant donates money to the foundation for every donation received. This drive collected just under 30 life saving units of blood.







LETTERS OF APPRECIATION

CAST WATER SAFETY FOUNDATION

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July 24, 2024

Village of River Forest
Dave Bochenek
400 Park Avenue
River Forest, IL 60305

Dear Dave,

Thank you for your generous gift of the Ride in a River Forest Fire Truck for the CAST Water Safety Foundation's "Free Floating" evening this summer.

More than 200 people joined us at Robert's Westside to learn about our mission to prevent childhood drowning- the leading cause of death for children ages 1-4 - while raising more than \$75,000 to fund core CAST initiatives.

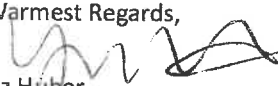
Because of your generosity, the CAST team will continue to:

- Expand awareness for best practices in water safety.
- Facilitate critical research to share with the pediatric community about the impact of self-rescue lessons.
- Provide comprehensive training and mentorship for CAST instructors
- Provide self-rescue swim lesson access including scholarships for families of first responders, the military, nurses, teachers, children with disabilities and families with financial need.

Since CAST was founded in 2018, thousands of children nationally have had access to CAST programming. Together we are ensuring a growing number of children and their families are now taking part in a safer lifestyle around water.

Thank you for believing in CAST, for supporting us through funding, and for your courage and kindness to talk about our work with others. Please consider sharing our link castwatersafety.org with those that you love. A share can save a life.

Warmest Regards,


Liz Huber
Founder & Director

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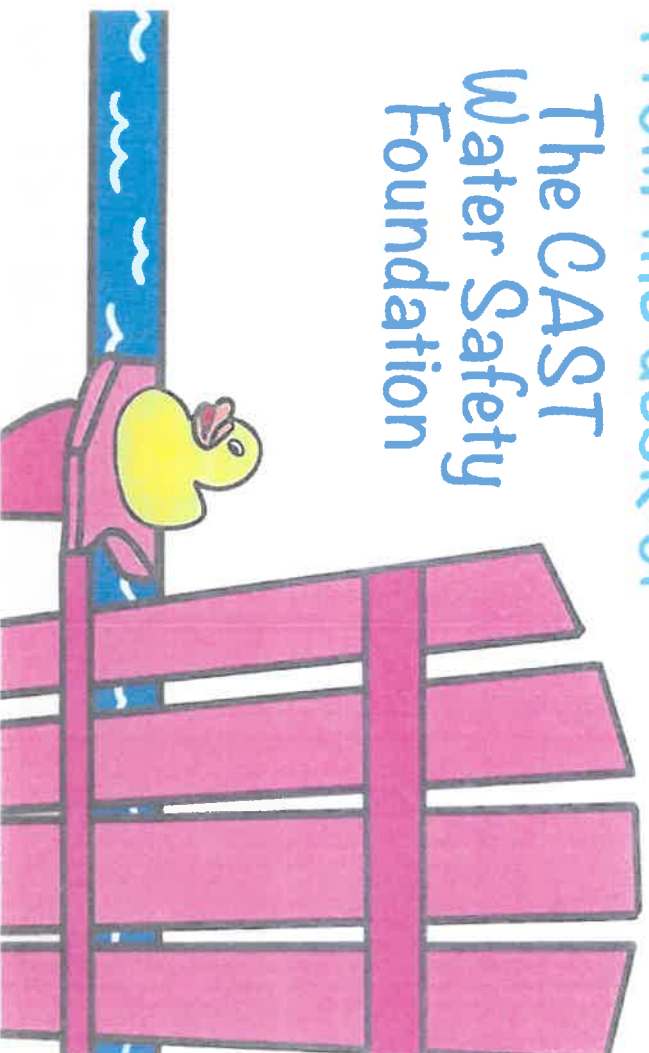
You donated the following item or items:

Ride in a River Forest Fire Truck for up to three riders with lights and sirens, with other emergency vehicles providing an escort

The valuation of a noncash donation for tax purposes is your responsibility. You should consult your tax advisor if you have any questions regarding the value of your donation. CAST did not provide goods or services in return for the donation. Please retain this letter as your official receipt and acknowledgement. The CAST Water Safety Foundation is a section 501(c)(3) publicly-supported charitable organization and the Federal tax number is 83-1243277.

*Dave -
You are so kind.
Thank you for inspiring
us. LH*

From the desk of
The CAST
Water Safety
Foundation



Dave,
Where do I start? We are so grateful to have connected with you + for your continued kindness, generosity + support since then. It meant a ton to have you at Expert's + while I know it is not easy to hear the "hard parts", your Candace is a game changer. Of course, we are also so excited + inspired by the firetruck ride + education/collab opportunities. Thank you for helping us grow these same uses!

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