



Harrison Fire Rescue Annual Report Harrison, WI



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MESSAGE FROM FIRE CHIEF JARRED GERL



I am pleased to present you with the Harrison Fire Rescue 2020 Annual Report. As I reflect upon this past year, there are a number of positive aspects that surface in my mind, with the most prominent being adaptation and change.

Harrison Fire Department began servicing this community over a century ago. Try to imagine explaining to the original founding firefighters that in just over 100 years the Department would not only be fighting fires, but conducting water rescues, cliff rescues, extrication from vehicles using hydraulic tools, and servicing multiple communities with a population of over 16,000!

As a young “probie”, I was all ears and enjoyed listening to the entertaining stories told by veteran members of the Department reminiscing on the “old days” of firefighting. Those stories were often told with a gleam in their eye accompanied with belly chuckles. Stories of the way they were dispatched, to stories of guys frozen onto the bumpers of firetrucks, never ceased to amaze me. Let’s just say safety protocols and equipment standards were a little different not so long ago! Oh, and yes, firefighters rode on the outside of fire engines when responding to calls.

Those stories were both entertaining and humorous on so many levels. Nowadays, some of those same veteran members use cell phones to receive dispatch notifications, don carbon fiber SCBA’s, and even attend Department meetings virtually. Who would have thought? Progress can be a wonderful thing.

As the ancient Greek philosopher Heraclitus referenced, “The only constant in life is change.” It should come as no surprise that 2020 brought with it some unique challenges. Challenges not only with everyday family life, but for our emergency services as well. From quarantines, to State mandates, we needed to make some necessary adjustments to keep both the public and our responders safe. Almost every aspect of the organizational norm was examined, and operational protocols followed suit.



With teamwork rooted as the foundational basis for how our Department functions, we found ourselves thinking outside the box. A simple necessity to overcome the constraints of working during a global pandemic and maintaining a safe environment, all while doing our best to social distance. Although COVID-19 disrupted the “regular” way of doing business, the resiliency of our Department members is nothing less than outstanding.

We do not have all the answers for what comes next, however that has not stopped the dedicated men and women who respond daily to help people when they need it most. Just as some of our veteran members adjusted their way of doing things, we learn from our experiences and adapt to meet the ever-changing needs of our community. I confidently speak for the Department when I say we are looking forward to what 2021 brings. We will continue to work as a team, ensuring our community remains well-protected and a fantastic place to live. Someday, I hope to be the “veteran” who can laugh while reminiscing on the way we used to do things.

In conclusion, I want to say thank you to the residents, Village Board, Fire Commission and Village workers who have been instrumental in empowering our Department to successfully serve. From community donations, to the letters of thanks, your unwavering support for us means a great deal to the volunteers of Harrison Fire Rescue.

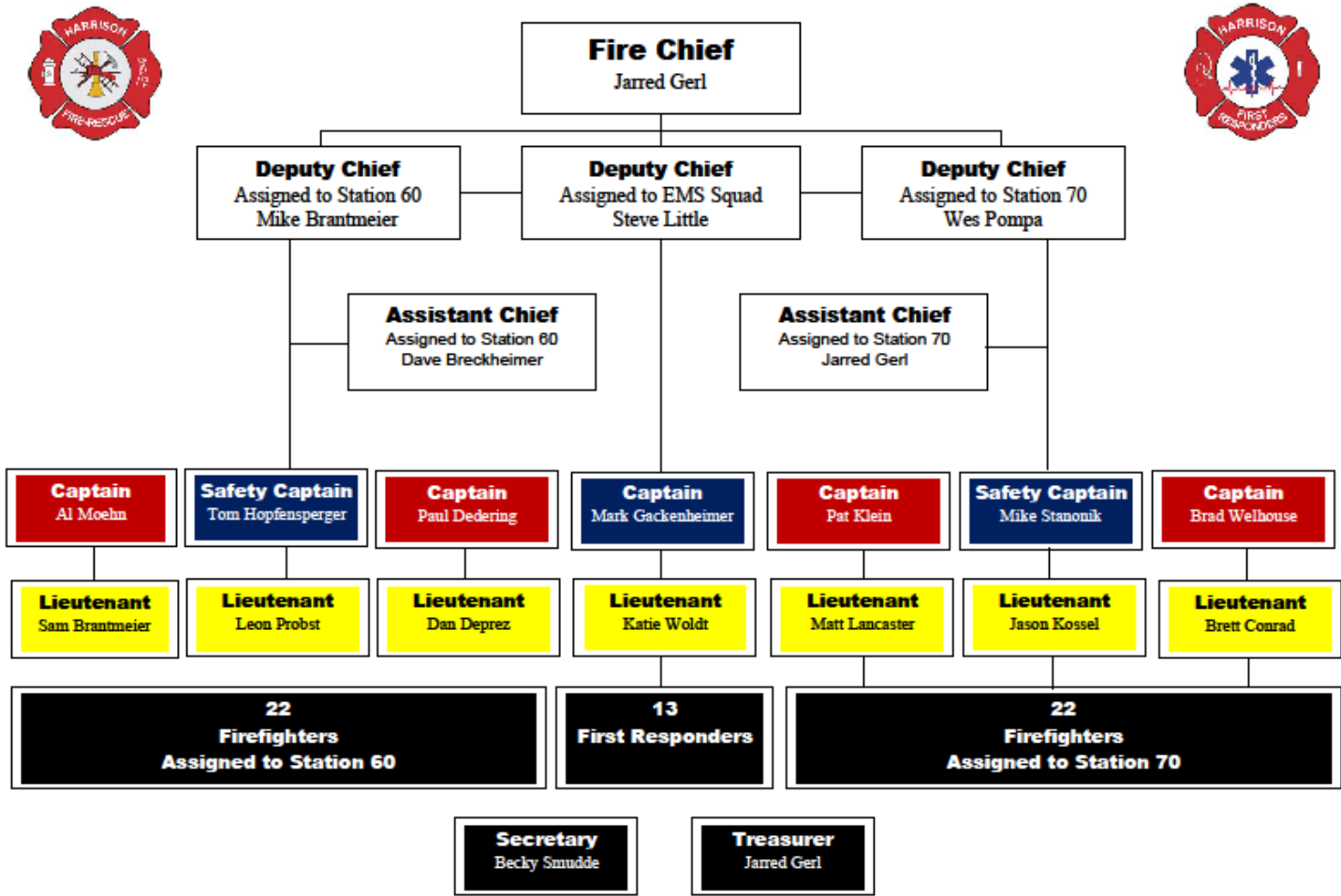
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Chief – Harrison Fire Rescue



ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE



Station 60

- 30 volunteer roster

Station 70

- 30 volunteer roster

EMS

- 16 volunteer roster

A full roster includes:

- Chief of Harrison Fire Rescue
- 60 firefighters (30 assigned to each station)
- 16 total first responders





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**MISSION, VISION &
CORE VALUES**



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Mission

Preserving life and property throughout our entire community with a commitment to service, professionalism, and performance excellence.

Vision

Our members will stand ready to respond, pursuing every opportunity to ensure our citizens safety through preparation, dedication, and trust.

Core Values

We strive to build trust both within Harrison Fire Rescue and the community we serve. We will earn that trust through:

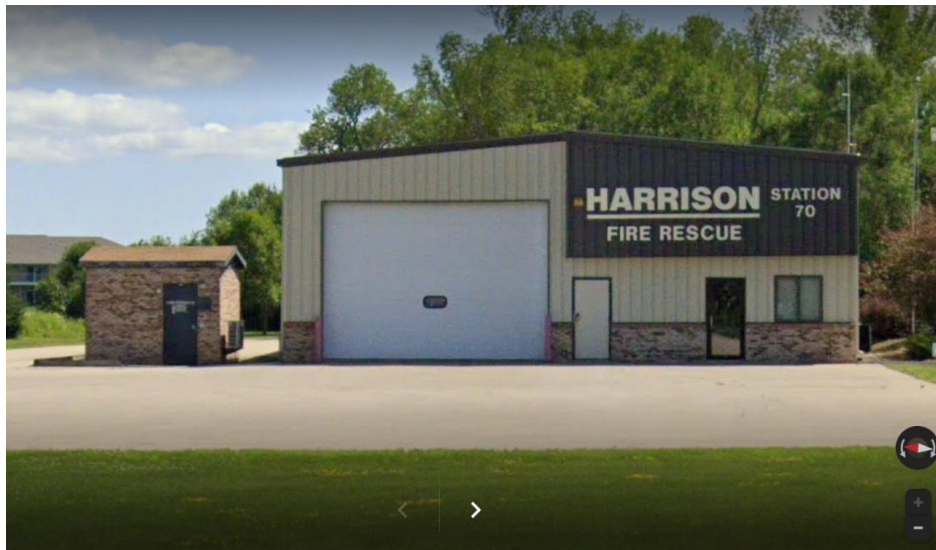
- Compassion - To be kind and caring to those in their time of need.
- Integrity - To be honest and trustworthy.
- Dedication - To be committed and motivated to continuously pursue excellence.
- Teamwork - To have appreciation and admiration for each other and those we serve.



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STATION DETAILS





8714 Lake Park Road
Harrison, WI 54952

STATION 70

- Engine 71 - 2010 Rosenbauer 1500gpm CAFS, 1,000gal tank, SCBA refill (Main Engine)
- Engine 74 - 1999 Pierce Saber 1250gpm pump, 1,000gal tank (Backup Engine)
- Tender 75 - 2010 Rosenbauer 3,000 gal tank, 2 - 3,000gal dump tanks
- Utility Truck 76 - 2019 Ford F350 6.2L Crew Cab
- Water Rescue 73 - Water rescue equipment
- Snowmobiles 77/78 - 2012 Skidoo and 1991 Arctic Cat
- Inflatable Fortuna



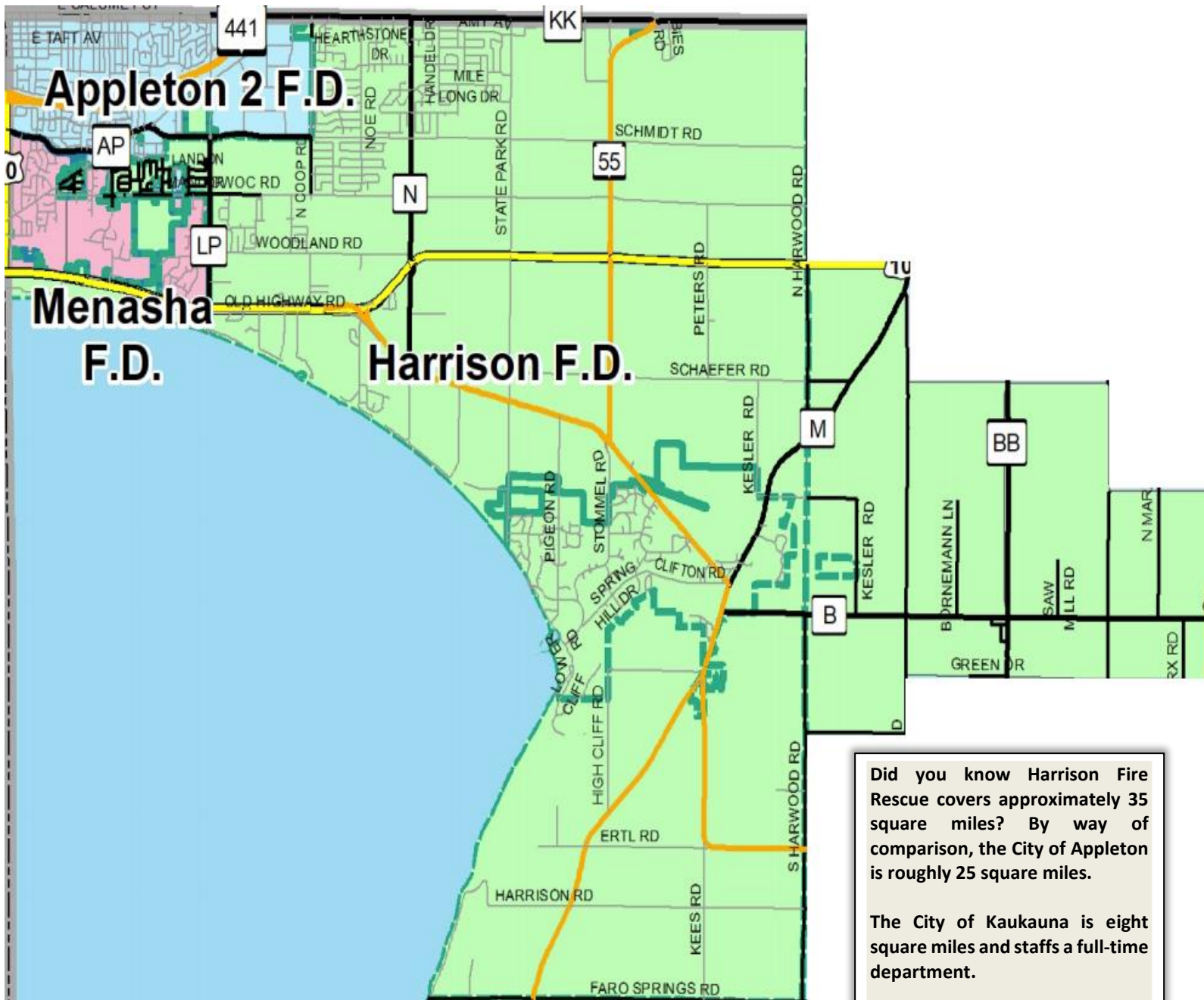
W469 Clifton Rd,
Sherwood, WI 54169

STATION 60

- Engine 65 - 2019 Custom Fire 1500gpm, 1,000gal tank
- Squad 63 - 2005 Pierce/Kenworth Heavy Rescue with jaws
- Tender 64 - 2013 Kenworth 3000gal tank, 60gpm pump
- Brush Truck 62 - 2002 Ford Crew Cab with 100gpm pump and 100gal tank
- Ranger 61 - 2009 Polaris Ranger 900 Traxx, 6gpm pump, 60gal tank



FIRE DISTRICT



Did you know Harrison Fire Rescue covers approximately 35 square miles? By way of comparison, the City of Appleton is roughly 25 square miles.

The City of Kaukauna is eight square miles and staffs a full-time department.

The value and professionalism our volunteer organization of 76 members brings to the Village is truly remarkable!



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ACCOMPLISHMENTS



HIRES / ACHIEVEMENTS / ACCOMPLISHMENTS

NEW HIRES

Seth Barr – EMS Squad

Gina Erickson – Assigned to Station 70

Corey Fellner – Assigned to Station 70

Brendon Hartjes – Assigned to Station 60

Alec Hopfensperger – Assigned to Station 60

Dave Jones – Assigned to Station 70

Andrew Kazik – EMS Squad

Aaron McGowan – Assigned to Station 70

Josh Medina – Assigned to Station 70

Ryley Rosenfeldt – Assigned to Station 70

Sam Schuhart – Assigned to Station 70

Ben Simons – EMS Squad

Joe Tenor – Assigned to Station 70

Jolene Wittmann - EMS Squad



PROMOTIONS

Dave Breckheimer – Assistant Chief Station 60

Katie Woldt – EMS Lieutenant

Becky Smudde – Department Secretary

RETIREMENTS

Jeff Wisnet – Station 60 (45 years of service)

Larry Grassl – Station 60 (30 years of service)





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STATISTICS &
DATA



TRAININGS

Water Rescue

Hydraulic Jaws Extrication

High / Low Angle Rope Rescue

Driver Operations

Emergency Medical Training

Firefighting Basic Skills

Farm Safety

Hazardous Materials Response

Ice Rescue

Pump Operations

Specialized Rescue

Wildland Fire

Rapid Intervention Team

WE Energies Presentation

Alternative Fuel / Hybrid Cars

Incident Command



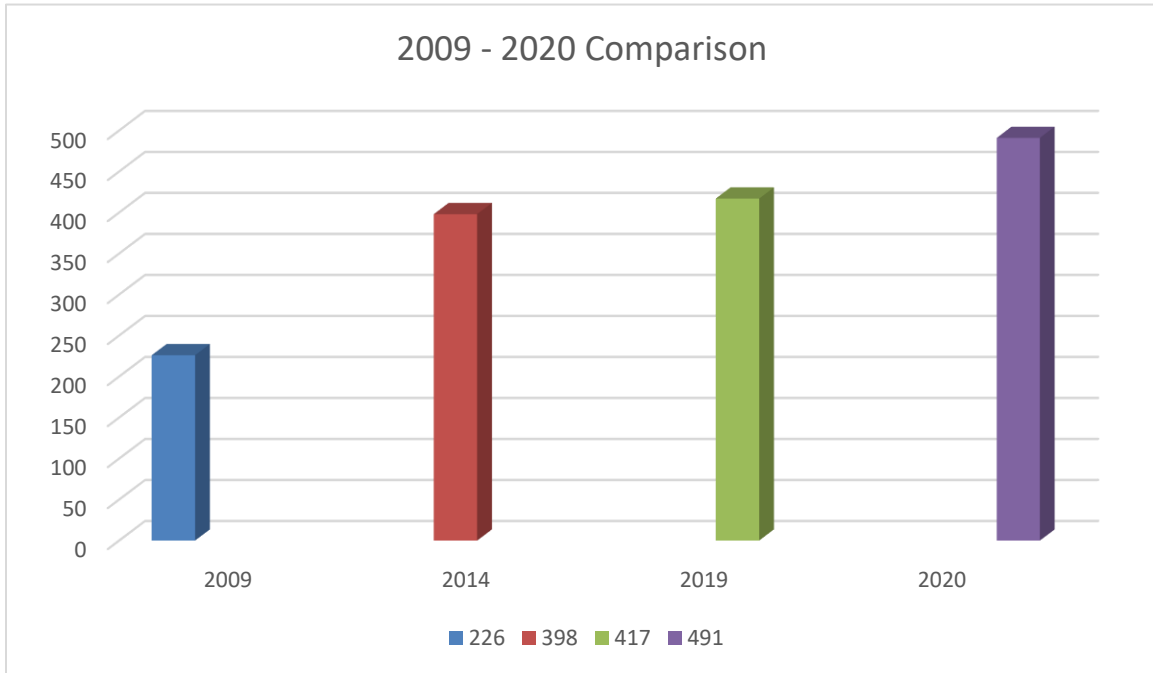
FIRE PREVENTION DATA

Fire Inspectors	4
Public fire education programs	Temporarily Suspended
Fire and life safety facility inspections	329
Residential safety plans conducted	New for 2021
Fireworks permits issued	2
Burn permits issued	344
Public fire and injury prevention education programs provided	Temporarily Suspended

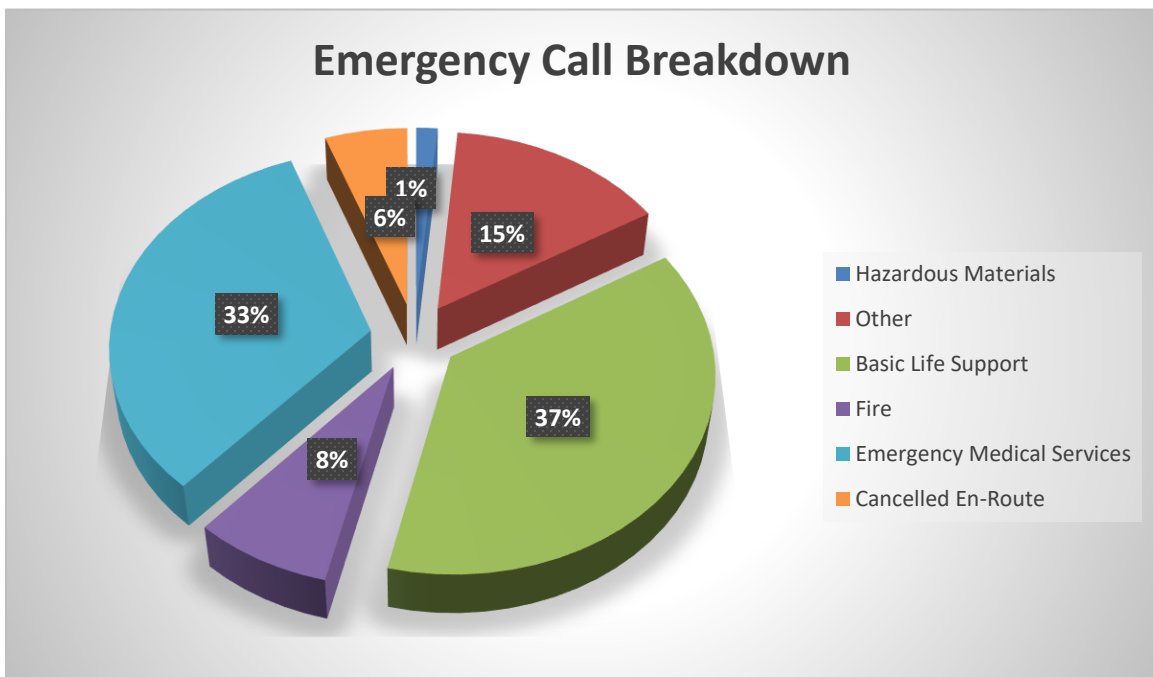


INCIDENT DATA

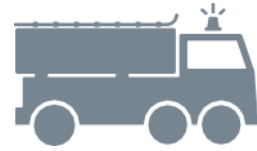
Incident Volume



Emergency Call Breakdown



491 Total Incidents



351 Rescue & Emergency
Medical Services Incidents



16,770 Protected Daily



329 Inspections of Facilities



22,732 Size in Acres





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FIRE PREVENTION



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Fire affects thousands of people, families, and businesses every year. Harrison Fire Rescue is committed to community education and prevention programs with the goal of keeping people safe. Every year our members visit local schools, daycare facilities, assisted living residencies, and personal homes to share the message of preparedness. We never charge and consider it a wonderful way to connect with the people we serve.

- ▶ There are two public schools in our response area.
- ▶ There are two parochial schools in our response area.
- ▶ There are two assisted living properties in our response area.



WHEN TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE

Every medical call we receive is held in the highest regard and classified as serious. There are however unique life- safety situations when time is of the utmost importance. When these instances occur, the Department has the resources to request medical helicopters be dispatched to our location.



EDUCATION

Emergency Responders

The term “volunteer” in the emergency services has changed significantly over the course of time. Gone are the days of showing up and being handed gear. Our members are still volunteering in the truest sense of the word, but volunteering has now been paired with the ideals of commitment and education. Our members are highly trained and qualified professionals having State certifications and licensure.

Prior to responding for emergencies and performing essential duties, our firefighters and EMS personnel are required to pass numerous State certifications. This entails enrolling in classes through accredited higher-learning institutions and passing written and practical exams.

Continuing Education

Did you know the members of Harrison Fire Rescue hold an impressive number of professional certifications? This is no small feat considering they serve on a volunteer department. Professional growth through continuing education is something the Department encourages, and our members embrace. Although continuing education is not a requirement, the number of members who take advantage of it showcases the dedication and commitment of your volunteer responders.

Recent Certifications

Firefighter I

Cory Fellner
Joe Tenor
Alec Hopfensperger
Brendon Hartjes

Firefighter II

Sam Brantmeier
Craig Majewski
Cory Woldt
Troy Gillis
Nick Probst

Driver Operator

Seth Barr

Fire Officer

Craig Majewski

Emergency Services Instructor

Jason Kossel

Contact

Have we caught your interest? If the answer is yes, and you have an inclining to learn more, please contact any member of the Department or send an email. We are always looking for good people to join the team and make a difference in OUR community. I’m looking forward to hearing from you.

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