

# 2021



## Harrison Fire Rescue Annual Report



Harrison, WI



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





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## MESSAGE FROM FIRE CHIEF JARRED GERL



I am pleased to present the Harrison Fire Rescue 2021 Annual Report. Last year, I wrote how emergency departments need to adapt and grow to meet the ever-changing needs of the communities they serve. Rest assured, your department has risen to the challenge and retains one of the strongest, most qualified group of volunteers around. Our membership is strong because we hold ourselves to a very high standard. I think people recognize this fact and believe it to be a motivator when applicants determine whether Harrison Fire Rescue is the organization for them.

Twelve years ago, our total incident volume amounted to 226 calls. As Harrison continues to grow and develop into the largest municipality in Calumet County, so too does our incident response volume. As incidents increase, there is an effect where the situation dynamic and variety of types of calls changes as well. It's no longer simply putting out fires or responding to vehicle accidents. It takes a great deal of training to stay apprised of developments and keep up with the times. Years ago, electric and alternative fuel vehicles were rare. Nowadays, they're commonplace. I never fathomed I would someday be driving a hybrid pickup truck. The crazy thing is, I didn't special order it. It's the norm for this manufacturer.

As technology develops, so does our training and approach when responding to incidents. It takes time to learn and keep up with the times. Rushing in and using JAWS is a scenario for disaster considering high voltage cables, airbags tucked throughout the frame, and no standardization amongst manufacturers. All of which can kill the uninformed responder.

We also live in a geography diverse area that adds an element of training to our required skillset. Your responders need to be trained in a variety of techniques that other departments never have to consider. Largest lake in Wisconsin needing water/ice rescue? Check. High Cliff State Park and the need for rope rescues? Check. Major highways throughout our area? Check. One of the fastest growing villages in Wisconsin? Check. I think you get the idea...

In 2021, Harrison Fire Rescue set a record by responding to 532 emergency calls. Remember 2009? Simple math puts response at approximately 1 ½ calls per day. Kudos to the men and women who willingly and regularly leave their family and

full-time jobs to help those in need and help keep our community safe. This brings me to the next piece of enlightenment I want to share. Please consider a scenario where you, or a loved one needed immediate medical assistance. Do you know what to expect after making that 911 call? For many reading this, you probably never had a reason to process through it. I bet your thinking now and I have your attention.

When you dial 911, you will automatically be connected with the Calumet County Sheriff's Department located in Chilton. Dispatchers will gather as much information as necessary and dispatch the Harrison Fire Rescue EMS Squad. Every licensed, State certified emergency medical responder on our department is issued a pager (yes, they still exist) that is connected to the County dispatch center. After gathering the needed information, the 911 dispatch center will set off emergency tones specific for medical emergencies in our response area. Following the tones, a dispatcher will relay real-time voice communication over the pager frequency. All our responders hear the same information at the same time. This happens 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

EMS squad members respond directly to the incident using their personal vehicles. This is important information because you may not hear sirens or see emergency lights when we arrive on scene. Harrison Fire Rescue does not own an ambulance. When we are paged to an incident, Calumet County dispatch will also notify Gold Cross Ambulance, but they will be responding from outside the area.

All our EMR's will be identifiable by department issued equipment, attire, and credentials. They carry multiple bags containing the necessary supplies to properly treat and provide professional care.

I am hopeful this little bit of information provides you with a better understanding on how the emergency process works and it helps you to mentally prepare should the need to call arise. We're here to help.

Yours in safety,

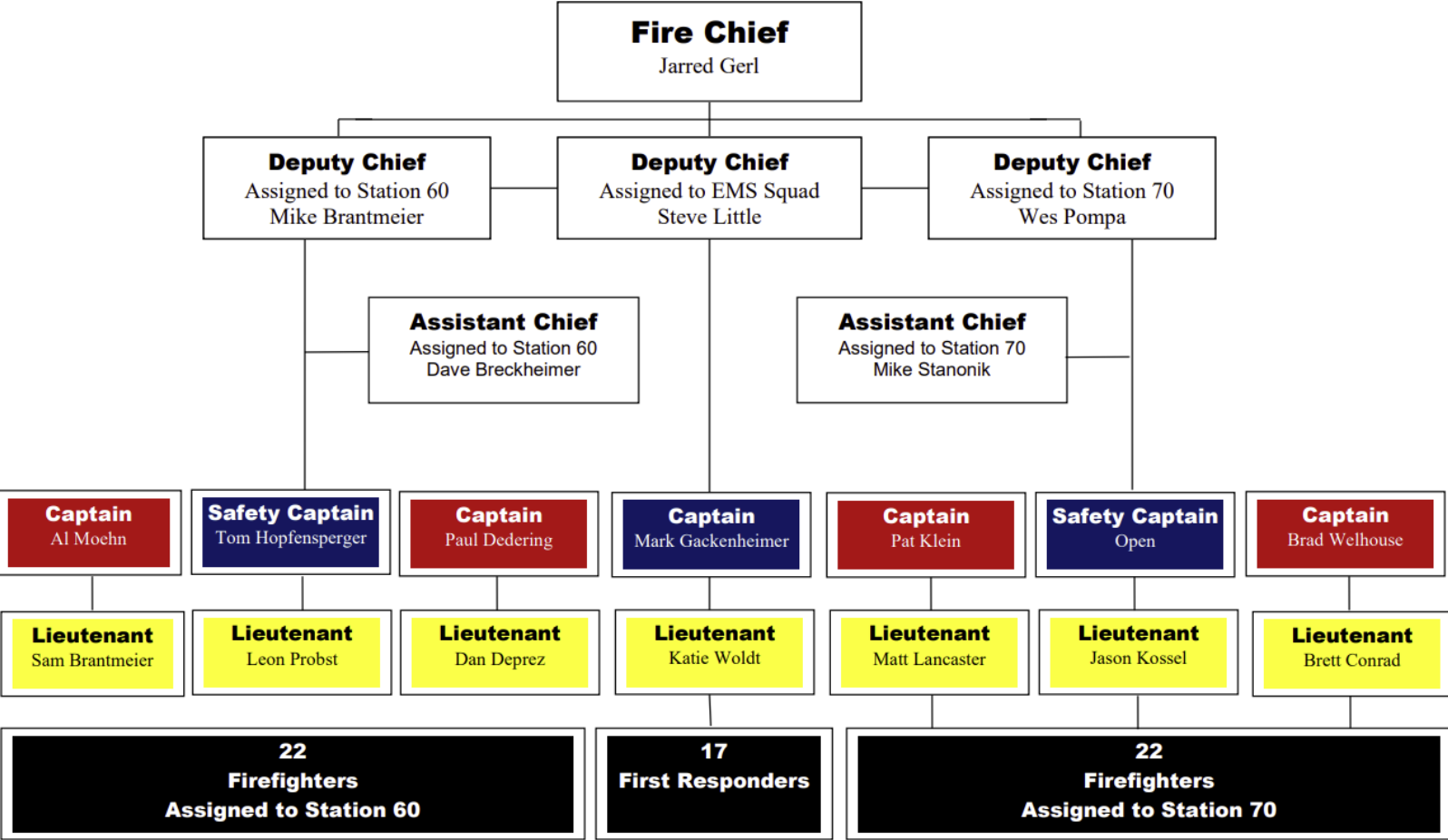
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Chief – Harrison Fire Rescue



# ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE



There are some members who serve in a dual capacity role (Firefighter and Emergency Medical Responder).  
 Our current member count is 67.





# 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.

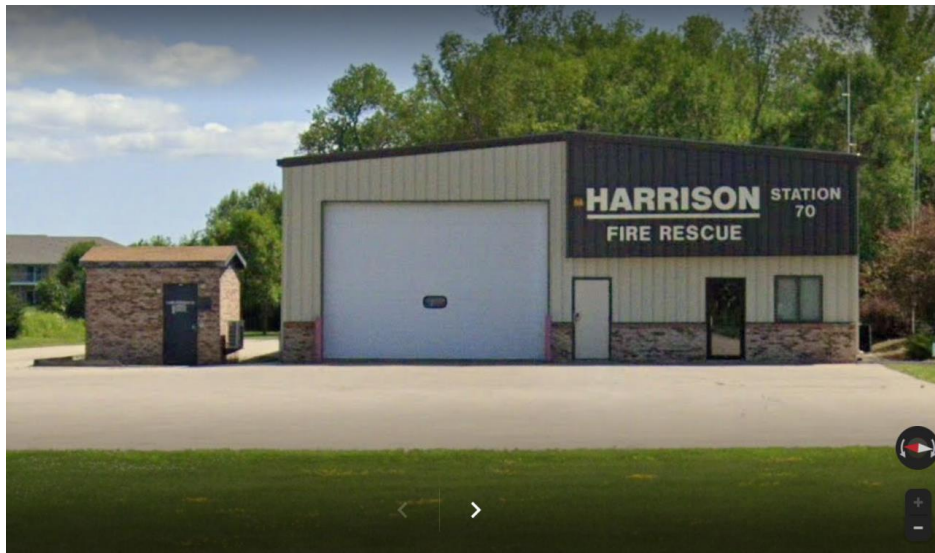






# STATION DETAILS





8714 Lake Park Road  
Harrison, WI 54952

## STATION 70

Engine 71	2010	Rosenbauer 1500 gpm, CAFS, 1,000 gallons, SCBA refill ability
Engine 74	1999	Pierce Saber 1250 gpm, 1,000 gallons
Tender 75	2010	Rosenbauer, 3,000 gallons, two 3,000 gallon dump tanks
Utility 76	2019	Ford F250 crew cab
WR73	1997	Bluebird retro fitted with water rescue equipment
Snowmobile 77	2012	Ski-Doo
Snowmobile 78	1991	Arctic Cat



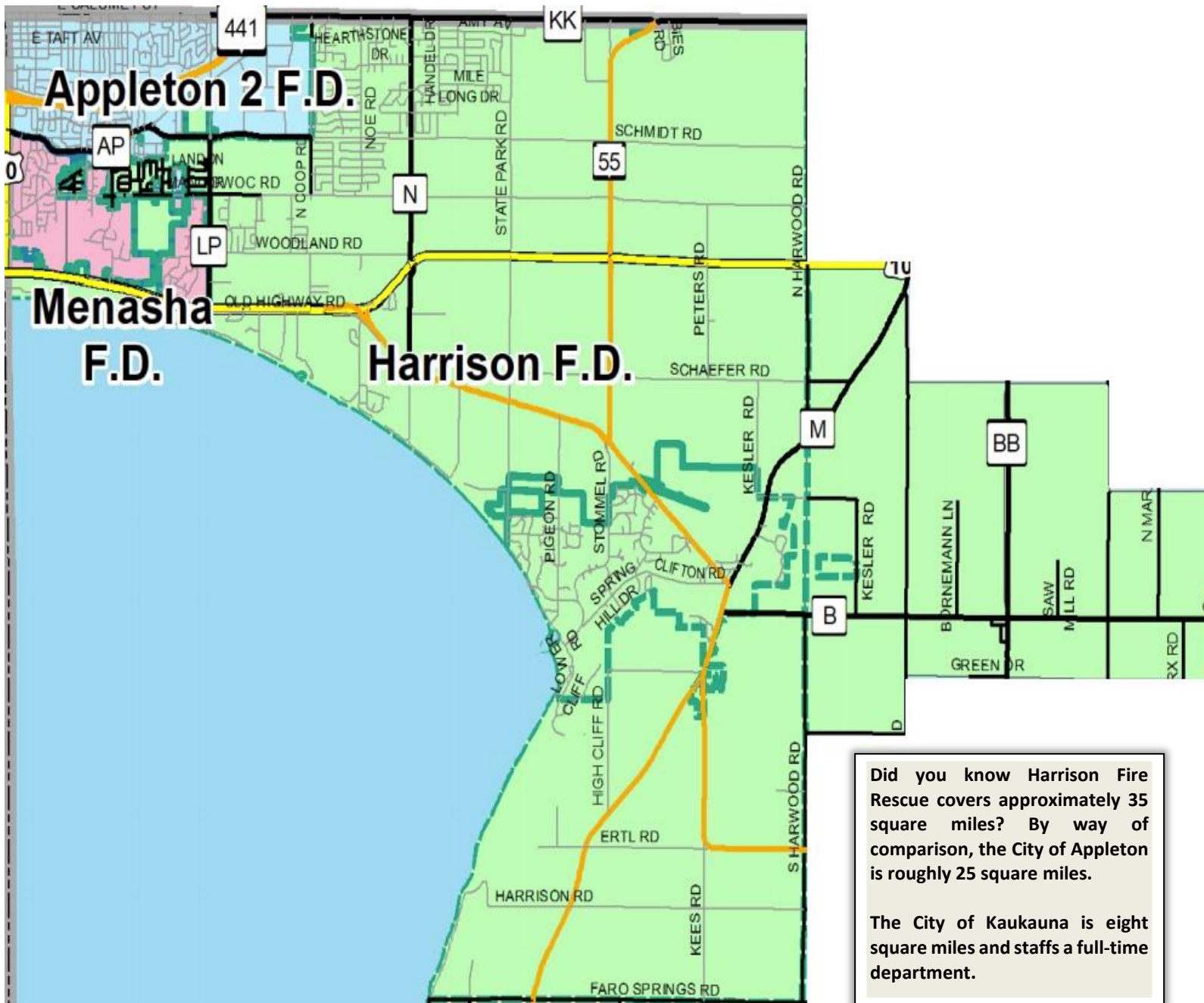
W469 Clifton Rd,  
Sherwood, WI 54169

## STATION 60

Engine 65	2019	Custom Fire 1500 gpm, 1,000 gallons
Squad 63	2005	Kenworth Heavy Rescue with jaws
Tender 64	2013	Kenworth 3000 gallon, 60 gpm pump, 1 dump tank
Brush Truck 62	2002	Ford Diesel, crew cab with 100 gpm pump and 100 gallon tank
Ranger 61	2008	Polaris Ranger 900 with tracks, 6 gpm pump, and 60 gallon tank.



# FIRE DISTRICT







# ACCOMPLISHMENTS



# HIRES / ACHIEVEMENTS / ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## NEW HIRES

Silver Nicoll – EMS Squad
Zane Smith – EMS Squad
Jamison Wells – Assigned to Station 60
Grant Laue – Assigned to Station 70
Bill Meyer – Assigned to Station 70

## PROMOTIONS

Mike Stanonik – Assistant Chief Station 70
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## RETIREMENTS

Jay Dahl – EMS Squad (7 years of service)
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# STATISTICS & DATA



# TRAININGS

Training plays a prominent role in the organization, and our members hold learning in high regard. Our culture values opportunities to enhance individualized comprehension through learned experiences.

In addition to staff meetings, the Department has regularly scheduled training sessions on the first, second, and third Monday of each month.

<b>Firefighting I Basic Skills</b>
<b>Firefighter II Enhanced Skills</b>
<b>Live Burns</b>
<b>Wildland Fires Rapid Intervention Team</b>
<b>Incident Command</b>
<b>Driver Operations</b>
<b>Pump Operations</b>
<b>Low Angle Rope Rescue</b>
<b>High Angle Rope Rescue</b>
<b>Water Rescue</b>
<b>Ice Rescue</b>
<b>Farm Safety &amp; Hazards</b>
<b>Hazardous Materials Response</b>
<b>Grain Bin Rescue</b>
<b>Specialized Rescue</b>
<b>Alternative Fuel / Hybrid Cars</b>
<b>Emergency Medical Training</b>
<b>Mass Casualty</b>
<b>Hydraulic Jaws Extrication</b>
<b>Active Shooter Training</b>
<b>Outside Speakers</b>

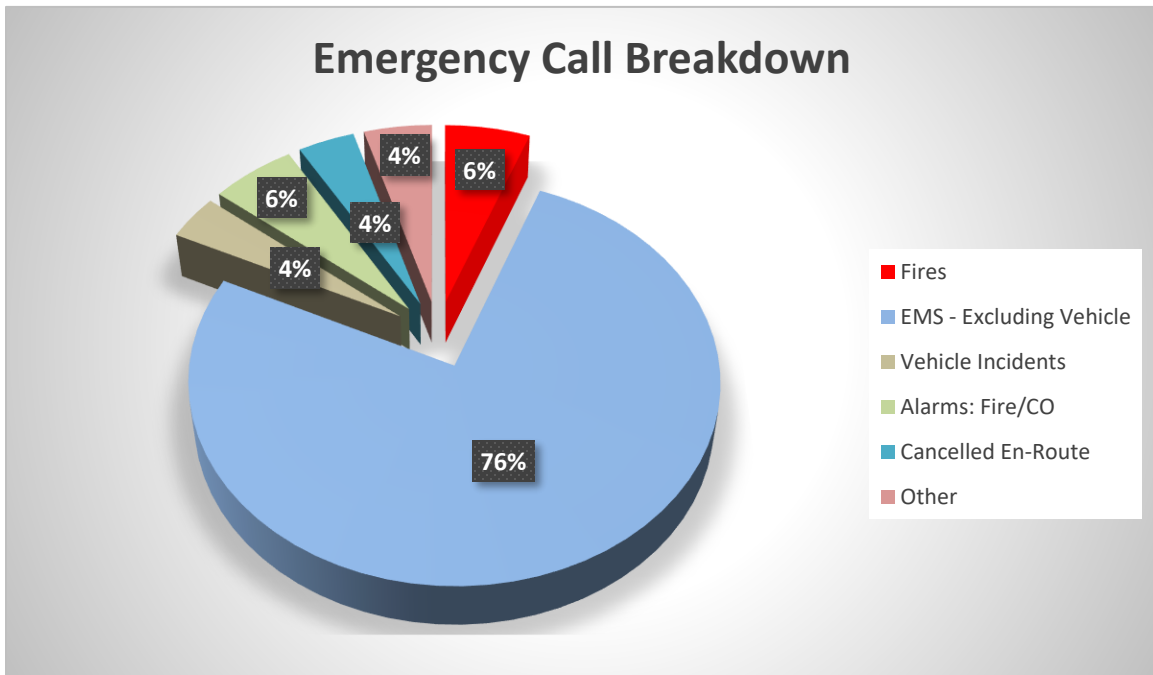
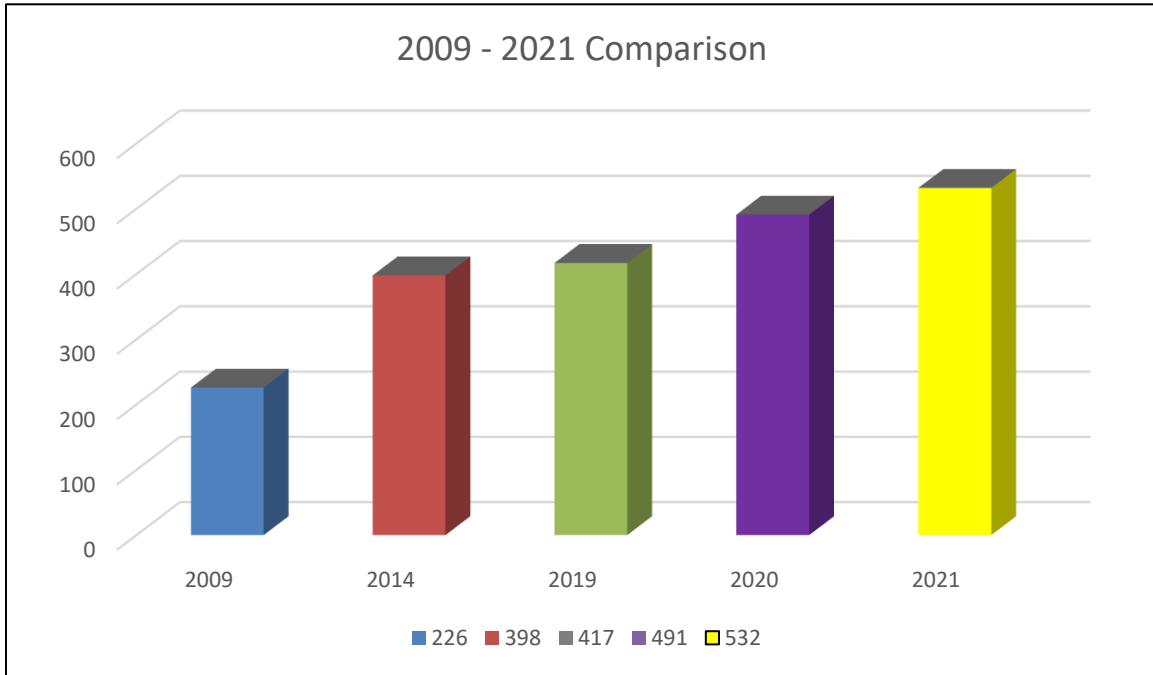


# FIRE PREVENTION DATA

Fire Inspectors	6
Fire education programs	5 School Partnerships
Fire and life safety facility inspections	503
Residential safety inspection requests	3
Fireworks permits issued	0
Burn permits issued	444
Community outreach presentations	18



# INCIDENT VOLUME



**532** 

**Total Incidents**

**446** 

**Required An Emergency Medical Services Response**

**16,770** 

**Approximate Population Within Response Area**

**503** 

**Inspections of Facilities**

**22,732** 

**Approximate Protection Area in Acres**







# SAFETY AWARENESS



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People make the difference! Whether it's a simple smile, a gesture that catches your attention, or the way in which someone shows appreciation. It's the little things that have significant impact on our lives. At the core of any volunteer group lies the belief of "paying it forward". The special volunteers that make up the membership of Harrison Fire Rescue fit into that mold perfectly.

Our members get express their purpose through actions and share the message of safety awareness on an ongoing basis. While performing their duties, our responders get to meet some very special people in the process. Oftentimes it feels like we're the ones benefitting from the interactions. The feeling of reward will be noticeably present on thankful faces having a friendly smiles.

All this happens because of individuals like you. People who value and support public safety. Your gratitude is what keeps us going and growing. It's the little things like giggly kids learning about fire safety and inquisitive adults who finally let curiosity get the best of them to ask that burning question. We live in a phenomenal community where groups partner to make Harrison the place to be 😊



## PARTNERSHIP IN SAFETY!

In the light of recognizing partnerships and those who make a difference, we want to recognize Gold Cross Ambulance Service and Douglas Cavanaugh of Country Financial. They partnered to donate an A.E.D to Harrison Fire Rescue and are wonderful examples of how selfless acts of kindness make Harrison special. Thank you for being class acts and furthering our ability to help those in need.





# CONTINUING 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

Dave Jones	Gina Erickson
Aaron McGowan	Sam Schuhart
Ryley Rosenfeldt	Josh Medina

### Firefighter II

Corey Fellner	Sam Schuhart
Jon Verbeten	Alec Hopfensperger
Brendon Hartjes	

### Fire Officer I

Craig Majewski

### Emergency Services Instructor

Troy Gillis	Nick Probst
Pat Klein	Craig Majewski
Cory Woldt	

### Emergency Medical Technician

Andrew Pawlowski

## Contact

Have you ever considered joining a volunteer fire/rescue department? If the answer is yes or you have an inclining to learn more, please reach out. Feel free to contact any member of Harrison Fire Rescue or send me an email. We're always looking for good people who want to make a difference in OUR community. I'm looking forward to hearing from you.

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Harrison Fire Department



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