

DATE: May 8, 2023

TO: Thomas K. Cauley, Village President
Village Board of Trustees
Kathleen A. Gargano, Village Manager

FROM: John Giannelli, Fire Chief

RE: Executive Summary - Fire Department Activities for April 2023

In summary, the Fire Department activities for **April 2023** included responding to a total of **203** emergency incidents. There were **31** fire-related incidents, **125** emergency medical-related incidents, **15** emergency/service-related incidents and **32** mutual aid responses.

This month, the average response time from receiving a call to Department crews responding averaged **56** seconds. Response time from receiving a call to Department crews arriving on the scene was **4** minutes and **23** seconds.

In the month of **April**, there was **\$1,000** in loss due to fires in Hinsdale. Members were called to assist Burr Ridge, Clarendon Hills, Indian Head Park, La Grange, Oak Brook, Western Springs, and Wheaton.

In the month of **April**, Chief Giannelli and Deputy Chief Carlson covered short shifts due to shift staffing shortages. The total hours covered were **64**, thereby saving the Village an estimated **\$3,840** in overtime.



Emergency Response

In April, the Hinsdale Fire Department responded to a total of 203 requests for assistance. There were 36 simultaneous responses and one train delay this month. Department responses are divided into four basic response categories (Fire, Ambulance, Emergency and Mutual Aid Related):

<i>Type of Response</i>	<i>April 2023</i>	<i>April 2023 % of Total</i>	<i>Three Year Average April 2020-2021-2022</i>
Fire: (Includes incidents that involve fire, either in a structure, in a vehicle or outside of a structure, along with activated fire alarms and/or reports of smoke)	31	15%	43
Ambulance: (Includes ambulance requests, vehicle accidents and patient assists)	125	62%	113
Emergency: (Includes calls for leaks and spills, hazardous material response, power lines down, carbon monoxide alarms, trouble fire alarms, house lock outs, elevator rescues, and other service related calls)	15	7%	30
Mutual Aid Responses: (Includes mutual aid fire, ambulance and emergency responses to areas outside of Hinsdale)	32	16%	*Included in fire, ambulance and emergency totals prior to 2023
Simultaneous: (Responses while another call is on-going. Number is included in total)	36	18%	27
Train Delay: (Number is included in total)	1	<1%	1
Total:	203	100%	186

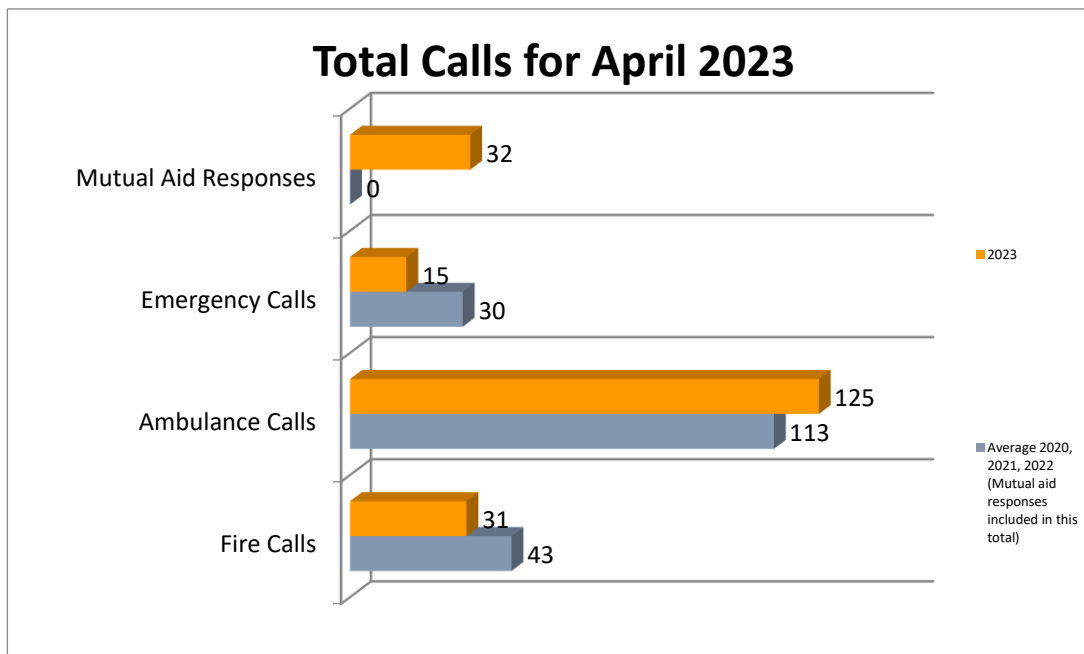
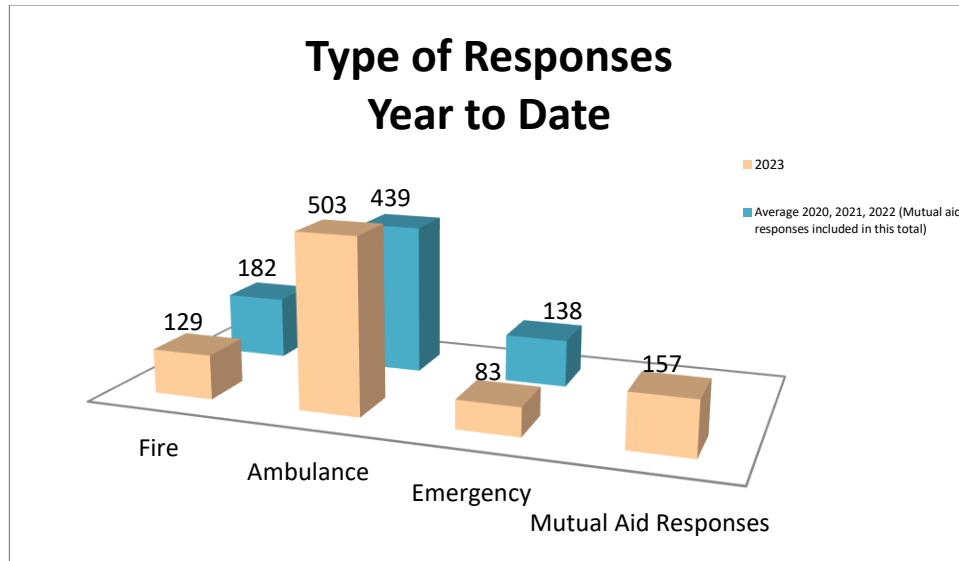
Year to Date Totals

Fire: 129	Ambulance: 503	Emergency: 83	Mutual Aid: 157
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2023 Total Calls: 872	2020-21-22 Average Total Calls: 759
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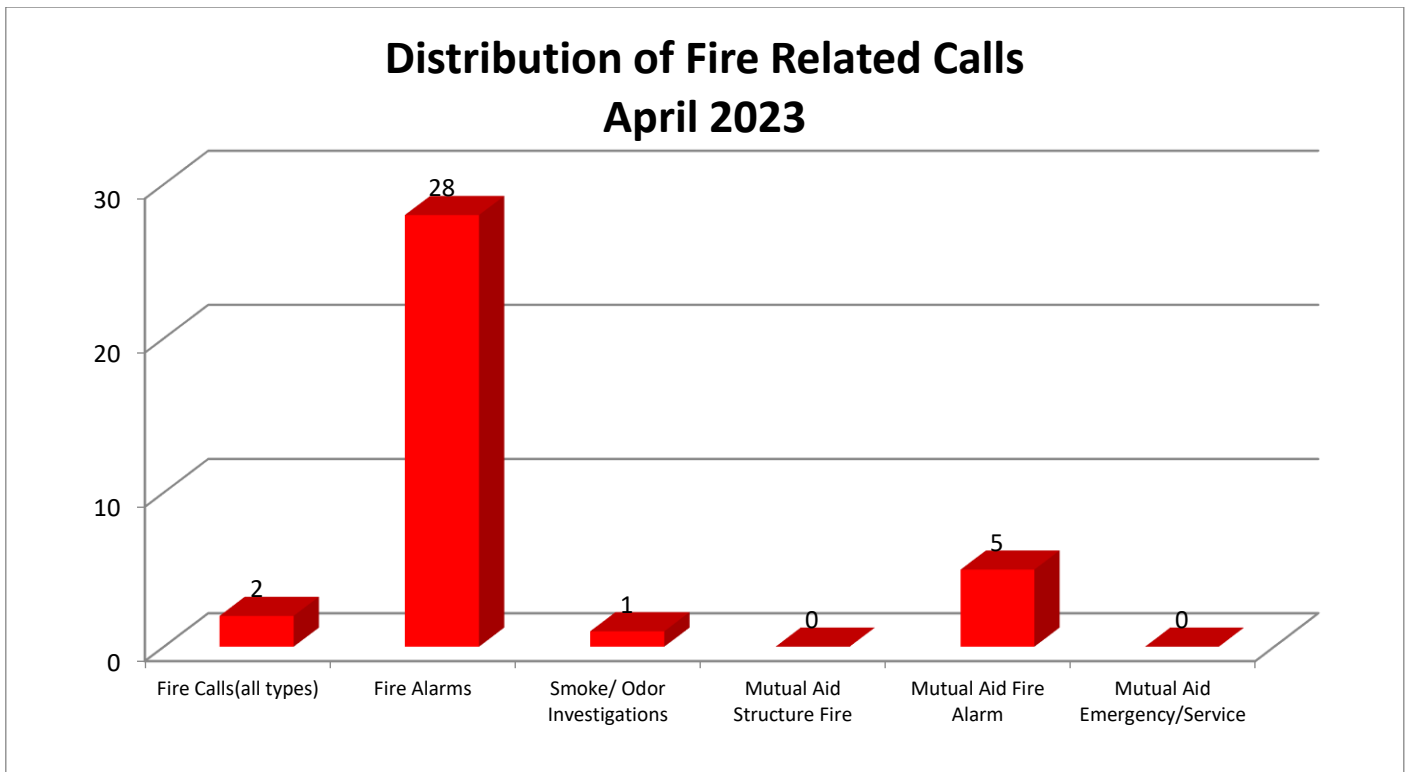
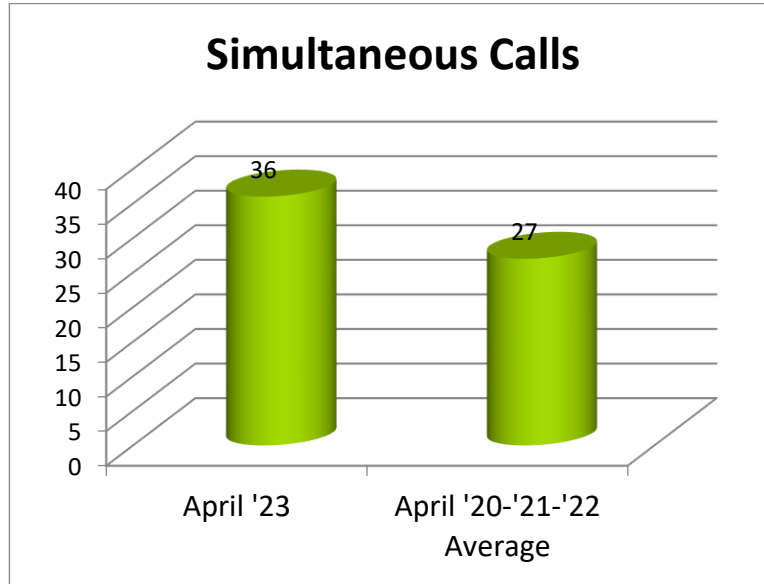


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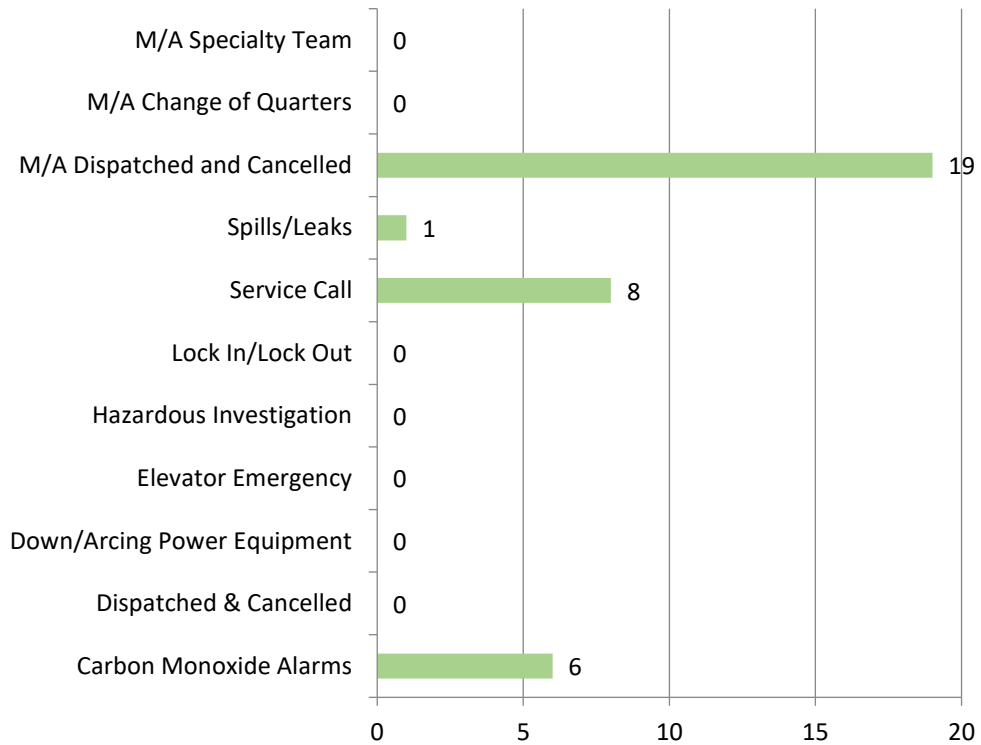
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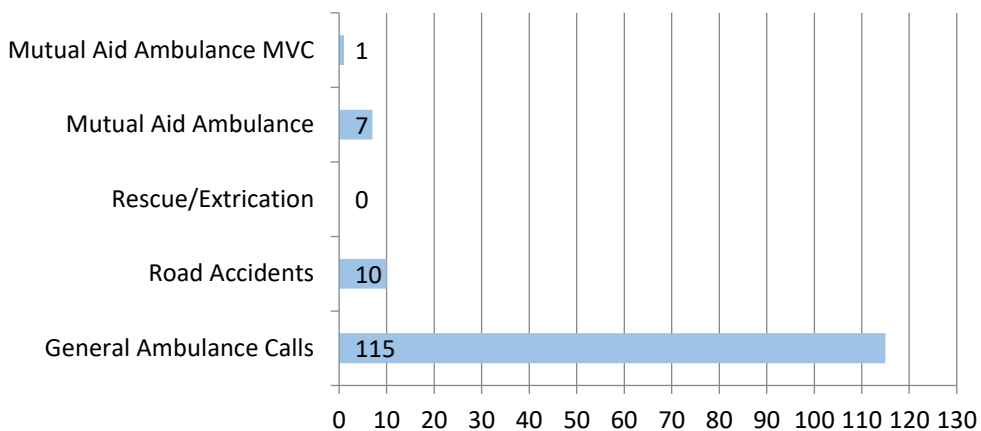


Emergency Response

Distribution of Emergency Related Calls April 2023



Distribution of EMS Related Calls April 2023





Incidents of Interest

Date & Call #

**04/17/2023
23-0793-**

Gold shift members responded for an unknown outside fire. The resident heard a buzzing and saw a flash of fire at the neighbor's patio area. Upon inspection, charring was found to an outside electric conduit that had been cut. The picture to the right shows charring to this area. E84 crew members used an alternating current "hot stick" detector and found the wires in the conduit to be live. Fire Department members shut off the main breaker at the electric panel. However, this did not shut the power off outside. ComEd arrived and pulled the meter to the house which successfully shut down power to the outside conduit. The homeowner was advised to call an electrician to restore power to the house. Community Development will follow-up to make sure it is corrected.



**04/28/2023
23-0860-**

Red shift members responded for a fire in an outdoor grill. The homeowner started the grill and heard an unfamiliar sound; he observed fire under the grill involving the propane cylinder. The homeowner used an ABC extinguisher to control the fire. Members completed extinguishment with a CO2 extinguisher and removed the propane cylinder. They cooled the cylinder and found that it was leaking at the valve. Members monitored the cylinder and immediate area until it was no longer a flammable hazard. We assisted in properly disposing of the defective cylinder. The damage was limited to the grill, which was valued at \$1,000 dollars.

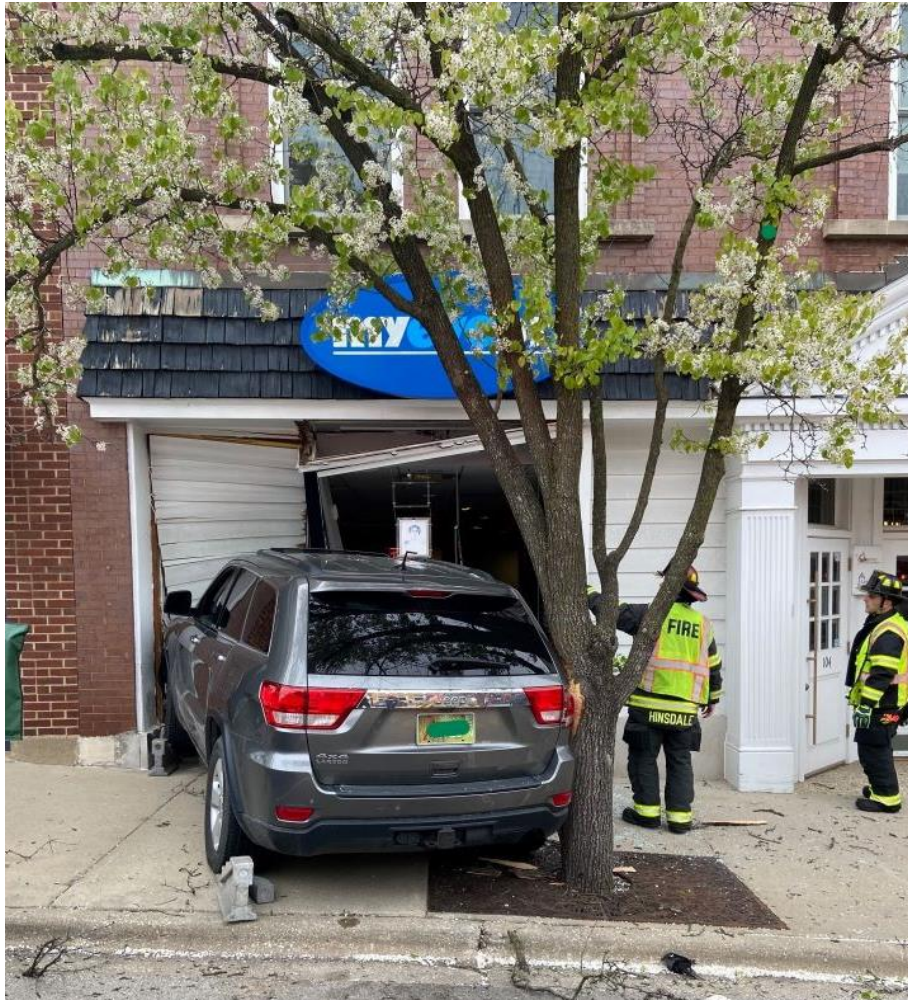


Incidents of Interest

Date & Call

**04/28/2023
23-0857-**

Red shift members responded to the scene for the report of a vehicle that drove into the storefront at 104 South Washington Street. Upon arrival, a SUV had collided into the front display window of an optometrist office. Members assessed the driver who did not have any injuries. No one inside the building was injured. Members also stabilized the car and evaluated the stability of the building. The fire department worked with Hinsdale Police, Community Development and the building owner to ensure people's safety in the building and surrounding area. They contacted a board up company to close the damaged opening.





Training/Events

In addition to daily training in EMS, technical rescue, hazardous materials, firefighting, and vehicle checks, members completed the following specialized training:

Members completed Nicor Gas Residential Overview and Emergency Response Procedures training, BNSF Railway Overview and Railway Derailment, Hazmat, and Fire Responses training, Lithium Ion Battery Hazmat Drill training, and Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) Emergency Management training.

Members of the department also trained in live fire situations during drills at the Darien burn tower. During these live fire emergency simulations, members of the department demonstrate skills involved in responding to an actual fire call, including hose deployment, fire hydrant attachment, breaking down doors, cutting through rebar, and climbing aerial ladders to rescue victims from a burning building.



The photos above were taken during live fire training at the burn tower in Darien.



Public Education/Community Engagement

Public education and community engagement activities are consistently a focal point of the Hinsdale Fire Department. It is with great pride that the members of the department represent the Village in various ways throughout the community. In the month of April, activities included the Little Adventurers Vehicle visit at Fil-Am Seventh-Day Adventist Church and a visit to St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church where the department answered interview questions submitted by sixth grade students. Members of the department also conducted an infant first aid safety program for a group of 20 girls hoping to babysit this summer. Another highlight from the month of April was a visit to the Fire Department from Brownie Girl Scout Troop 56415. This young group of Hinsdale residents and their leaders applied for and received a grant allowing them to generously purchase Teddy Bears for the Fire Department to carry on their vehicles and give to pediatric patients during emergency calls. During their visit the troop members also received a tour of the station.



Pictured above is Brownie Girl Scout Troop 56415 during their visit to the Hinsdale Fire Department for a tour and to drop off Teddy Bears donated by the troop for pediatric patients.



Fire Prevention & Safety Education

- The Bureau continues to schedule and conduct annual inspections and testing in addition to plan reviews.
- The Bureau continues to work with businesses to ensure their alarm status are in service.

Inspection Activities

April 2023 had a total of 74 Fire Inspection Activities:

Inspections - 26

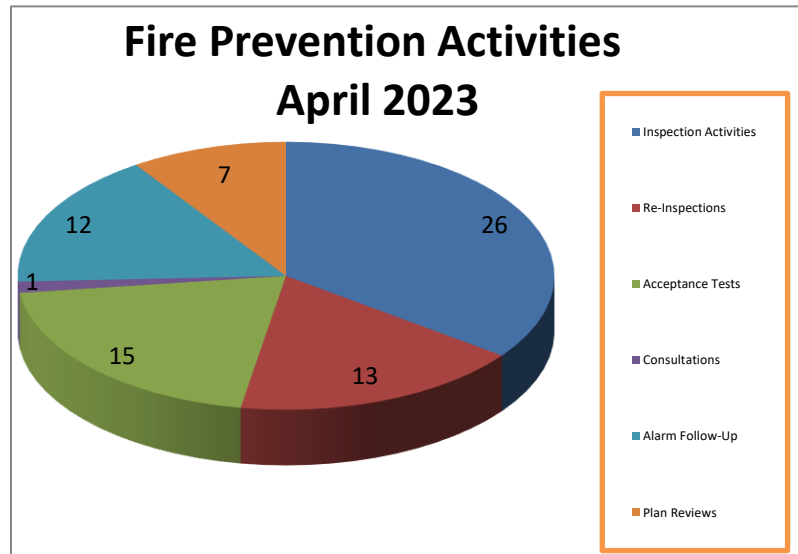
Re-Inspections - 13

Acceptance Test - 15

Consultations - 1

Alarm Follow-Up - 12

Plan Reviews - 7



\$3,254.00 in inspection fees were forwarded to the Finance Department for the month of April.