

DATE: September 12, 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 August 2023

In summary, the Fire Department activities for **August 2023** included responding to a total of **275** emergency incidents. There were **49** fire-related incidents, **151** emergency medical-related incidents, **28** emergency/service-related incidents and **47** mutual aid responses.

This month, the average response time from receiving a call to Department crews responding averaged **52** seconds. Response time from receiving a call to Department crews arriving on the scene was **4** minutes and **33** seconds.

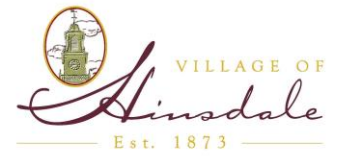
In the month of **August**, there was **\$50,000** in loss due to fires in Hinsdale. Members were called to assist Bedford Park, Burr Ridge, Clarendon Hills, La Grange, Lemont, Oak Brook, and Western Springs.

In the month of **August**, Chief Giannelli and Deputy Chief Carlson covered short shifts due to shift staffing shortages. The total hours covered were **56**, thereby saving the Village an estimated **\$3,360.00** in overtime.



## Hinsdale Fire Department – Monthly Report

August 2023



### Emergency Response

In August, the Hinsdale Fire Department responded to a total of 275 requests for assistance. There were 65 simultaneous responses and three train delays this month. Department responses are divided into four basic response categories (Fire, Ambulance, Emergency and Mutual Aid Related):

<b>Type of Response</b>	<b>August 2023</b>	<b>August 2023 % of Total</b>	<b>Three Year Average August 2020-2021-2022</b>
<b>Fire:</b> (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)	<b>49</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>51</b>
<b>Ambulance:</b> (Includes ambulance requests, vehicle accidents and patient assists)	<b>151</b>	<b>55%</b>	<b>112</b>
<b>Emergency:</b> (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)	<b>28</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>57</b>
<b>Mutual Aid Responses:</b> (Includes mutual aid fire, ambulance and emergency responses to areas outside of Hinsdale)	<b>47</b>	<b>17%</b>	*Included in fire, ambulance and emergency totals prior to 2023
<b>Simultaneous:</b> (Responses while another call is on-going. Number is included in total)	<b>65</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>39</b>
<b>Train Delay:</b> (Number is included in total)	<b>3</b>	<b>≅1%</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>220</b>

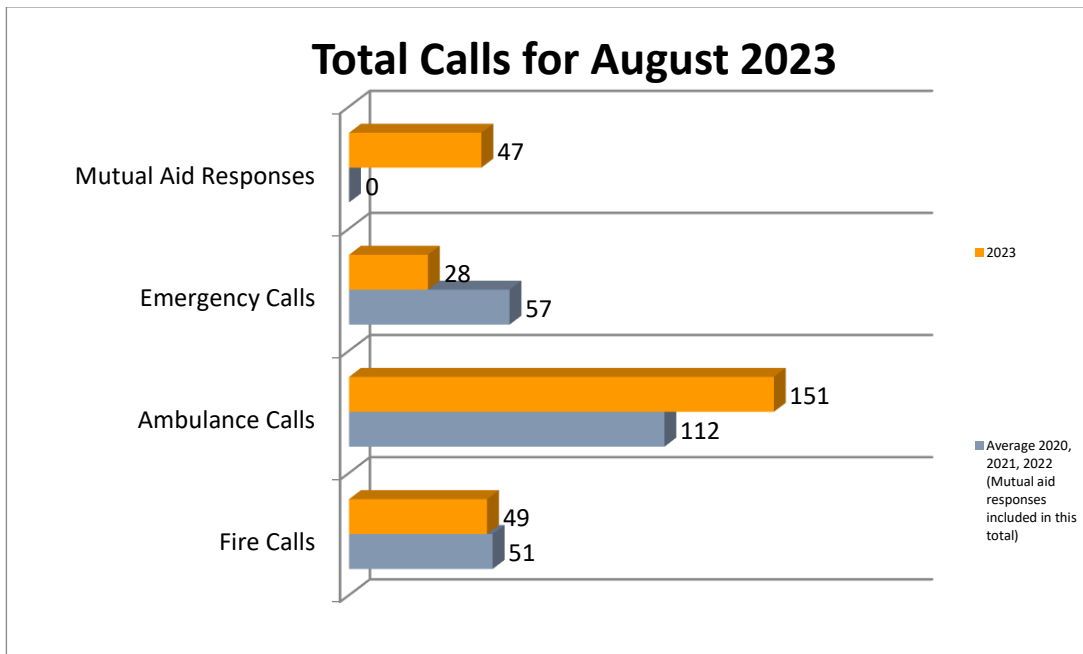
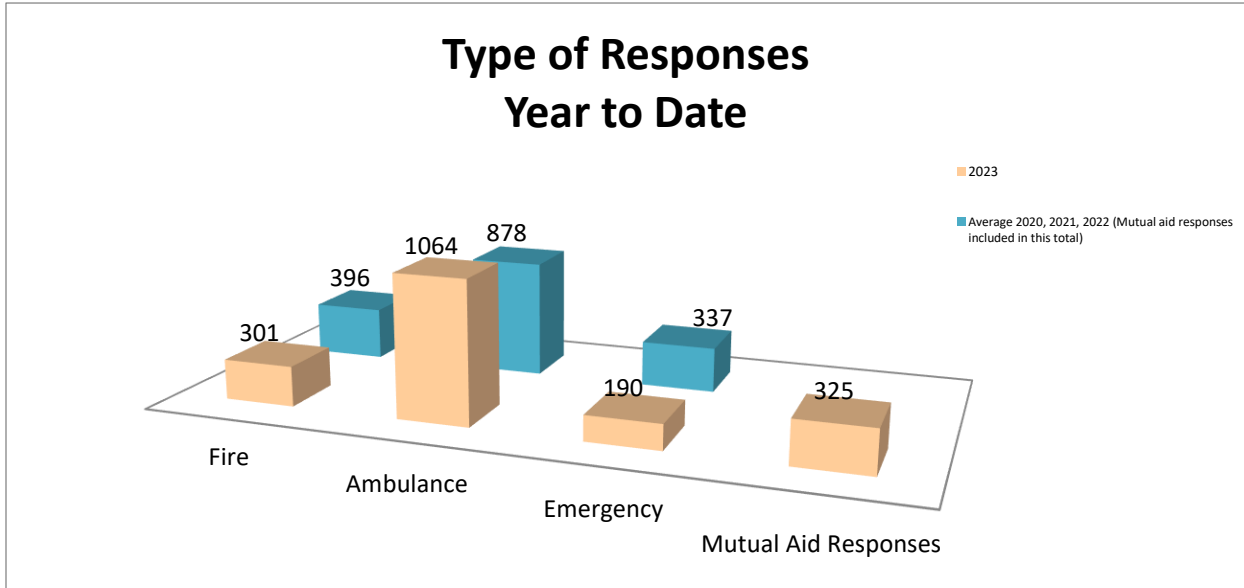
#### Year to Date Totals

<b>Fire: 301</b>	<b>Ambulance: 1064</b>	<b>Emergency: 190</b>	<b>Mutual Aid: 325</b>
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<b>2023 Total Calls: 1880</b>	<b>2020-21-22 Average Total Calls: 1611</b>
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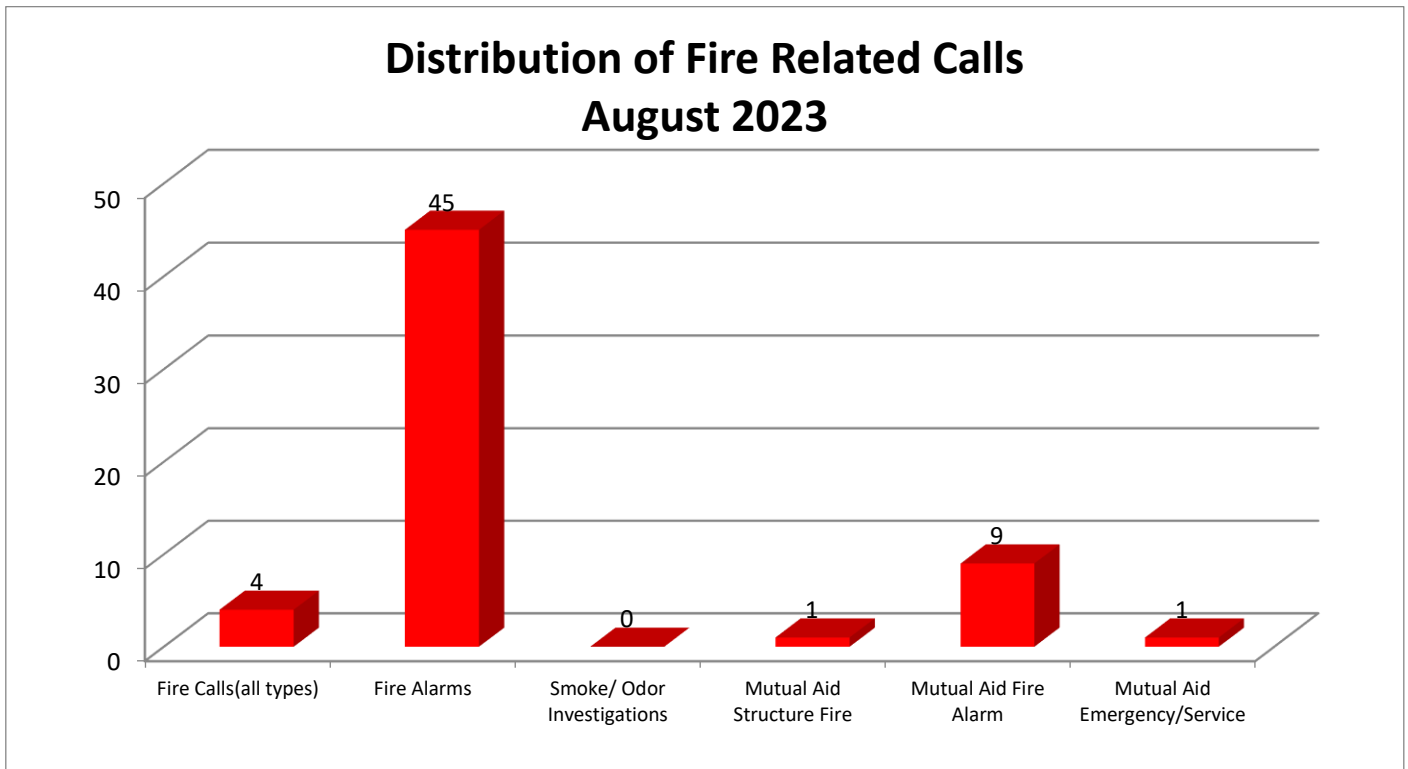
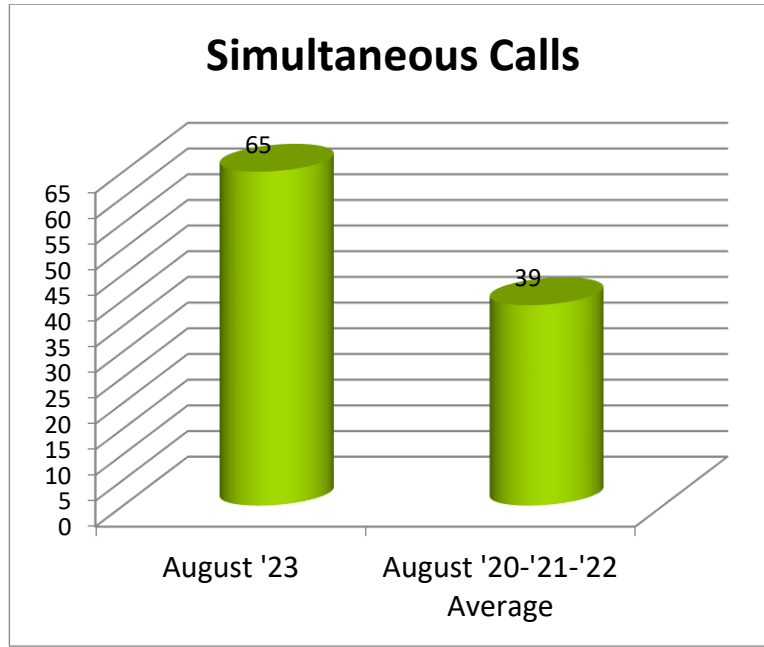


## Emergency Response





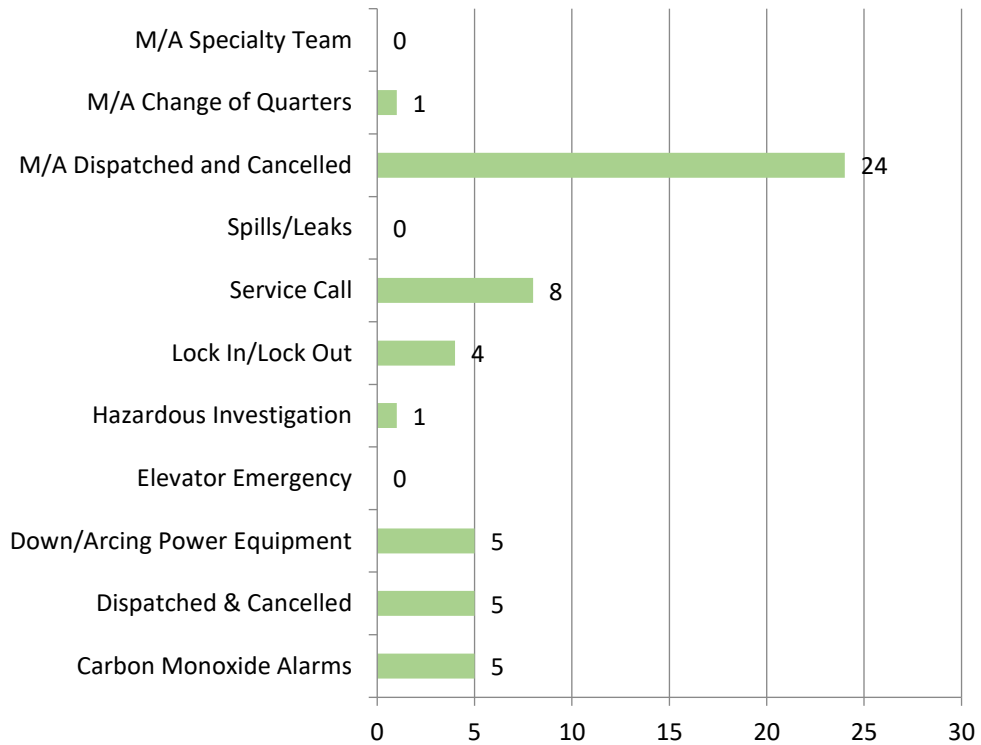
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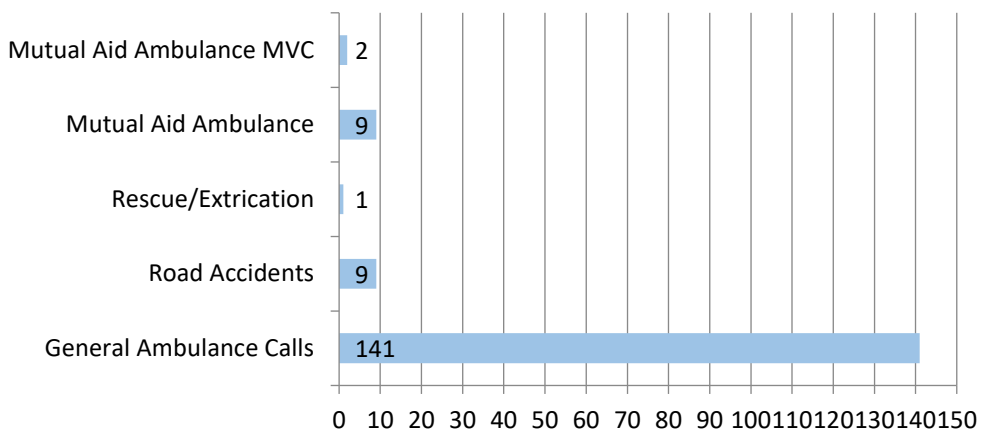


## Emergency Response

### Distribution of Emergency Related Calls August 2023



### Distribution of EMS Related Calls August 2023





## **Incidents of Interest**

### **Date & Call #**

**08/12/2023**

**23-1708-**

Gold shift members responded to a call for a detached garage and fence fire at a residence on Phillippa Street. Upon arrival crews immediately began to stretch hose lines to the rear of the home to extinguish the fire. Efficient mitigation efforts spared two vehicles inside of the garage from fire damage. The home's occupants, and those of a neighboring home had evacuated prior to the arrival of the fire department, and no injuries were sustained. Mutual aid companies assisted Hinsdale in operations once the fire was extinguished.



Comed disconnected power to the home and later arrived on scene along with Nicor to check for any issues. The cause of the fire was investigated and determined to be accidental, originating inside a garbage can that was located next to the garage. Damages from this fire are estimated to be around \$50,000.

**08/20/2023**

**23-1774-**

Red Shift members responded to a call near 8<sup>th</sup> and Stough Street for wires down. Upon arrival crews found a large tree down in the street with a downed light pole. The large tree branch fell and hit the light pole causing it to land under the tree in the street along with pulling down power lines attached to the pole. While waiting for Comed to arrive, crew members used a saw to cut up the large tree and drag it out of the street. Comed later arrived to de-energize power to the light pole and remove it from the street.

**08/25/2023**

**23-1827-**

Black Shift members responded to a motor vehicle accident with injuries at Ogden and Monroe. Upon arriving, crew members began working to extricate a patient from one of two vehicles involved in the incident. Crew members used extrication tools to prop open the driver's side door and remove the victim who was treated with advanced life support care (ALS) and transported to Hinsdale Hospital in stable condition.



## **Training/Events**

In addition to daily paramedic and firefighting training, the department participated in the following specialized training during the month of August:

- Vehicle extrication training at the Hinsdale Department of Public Works
- Annual pool rescue and open water training at the Hinsdale Community Pool
- Multi-company extrication training with the Oak Brook Fire Department
- Rapid Intervention Team (RIT) training at the Institute of Basic Life Principles property



Crew members can be seen here during Rapid Intervention Team training.





## **Public Education/Community Engagement**

The theme for community engagement in the month of August was definitely block parties for the Hinsdale Fire Department. Crew members were asked to attend events every week throughout the month to interact, educate, and demonstrate fire department apparatus to community members. Crew members also attended National Night Out in Oak Brook along with the Oak Brook Fire Department to provide attendees the opportunity to see and “touch” a real fire truck. In addition, the department continues to provide CPR instruction at the fire station and at various locations, upon request, throughout the Village.



Tower 84 is seen here being demonstrated during a block party in August.





## 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

August 2023 had a total of 119 Fire Inspection Activities:

Inspections - 53

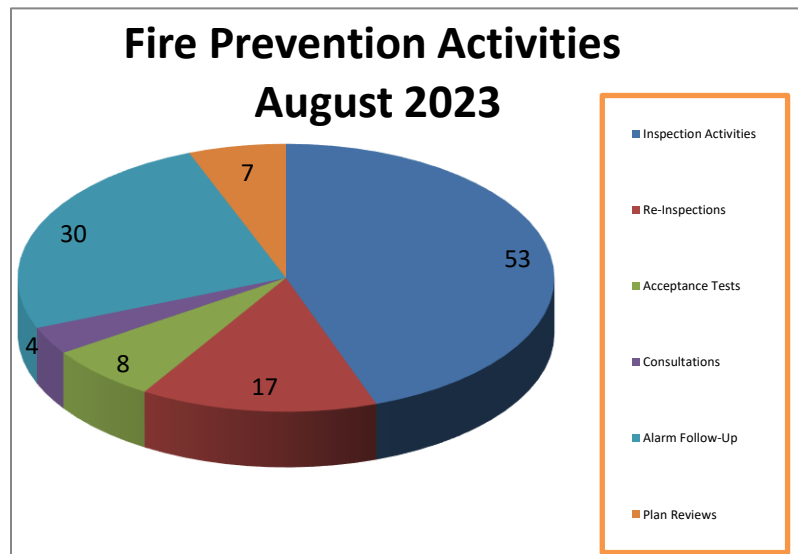
Re-Inspections - 17

Acceptance Test - 8

Consultations - 4

Alarm Follow-Up - 30

Plan Reviews - 7



\$5,491.00 in inspection fees were forwarded to the Finance Department for the month of August.