



DATE: March 14, 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 February 2023

In summary, the Fire Department activities for **February 2023** included responding to a total of **209** emergency incidents. There were **28** fire-related incidents, **106** emergency medical-related incidents, **25** emergency/service-related incidents and **50** mutual aid responses.

This month, the average response time from receiving a call to Department crews responding averaged **62** seconds. Response time from receiving a call to Department crews arriving on the scene was **4** minutes and **42** seconds.

In the month of **February**, there was **\$181,000** in loss due to fires in Hinsdale. Members were called to assist Clarendon Hills, Downers Grove, Indian Head Park, La Grange, Lombard, Oak Brook, Oak Brook Terrace, Western Springs and Westmont.

In the month of **February**, 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** in overtime.



Emergency Response

In February, the Hinsdale Fire Department responded to a total of 209 requests for assistance. There were 41 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>February 2023</i> | <i>% of Total</i> | <i>Three Year Average February 2020-2021-2022</i> |
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| 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) | 28 | 13% | 43 |
| Ambulance: (Includes ambulance requests, vehicle accidents and patient assists) | 106 | 51% | 108 |
| 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) | 25 | 12% | 39 |
| Mutual Aid Responses: (Includes mutual aid fire, ambulance and emergency responses to areas outside of Hinsdale) | 50 | 24% | *Included in fire, ambulance and emergency totals prior to 2023 |
| Simultaneous: (Responses while another call is on-going. Number is included in total) | 41 | 20% | 28 |
| Train Delay: (Number is included in total) | 1 | <1% | 1 |
| Total: | 209 | 100% | 190 |

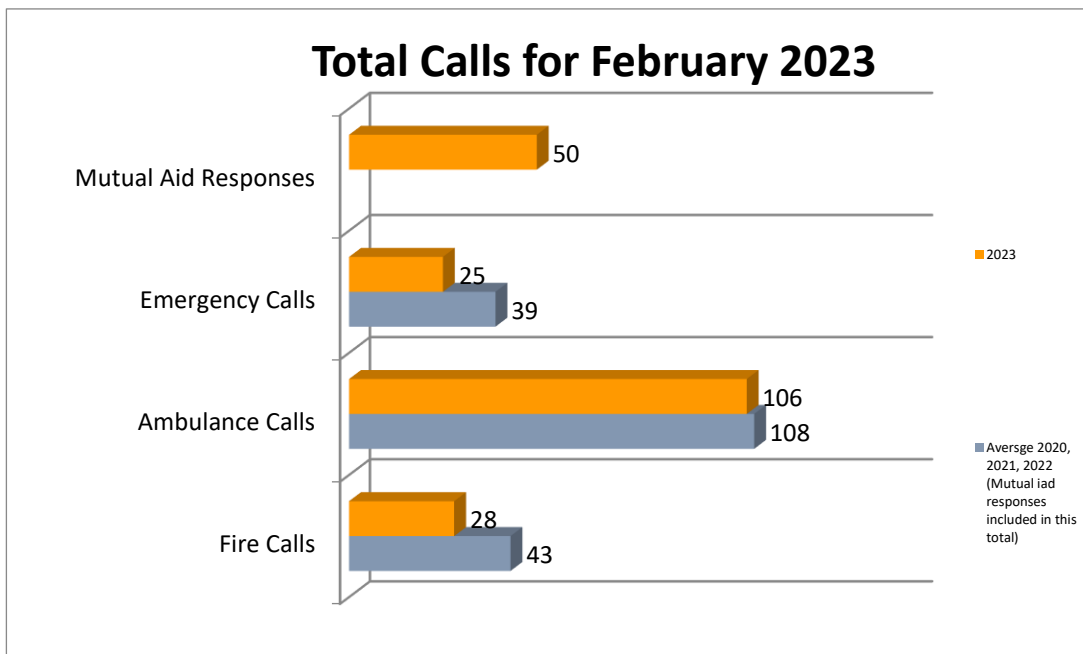
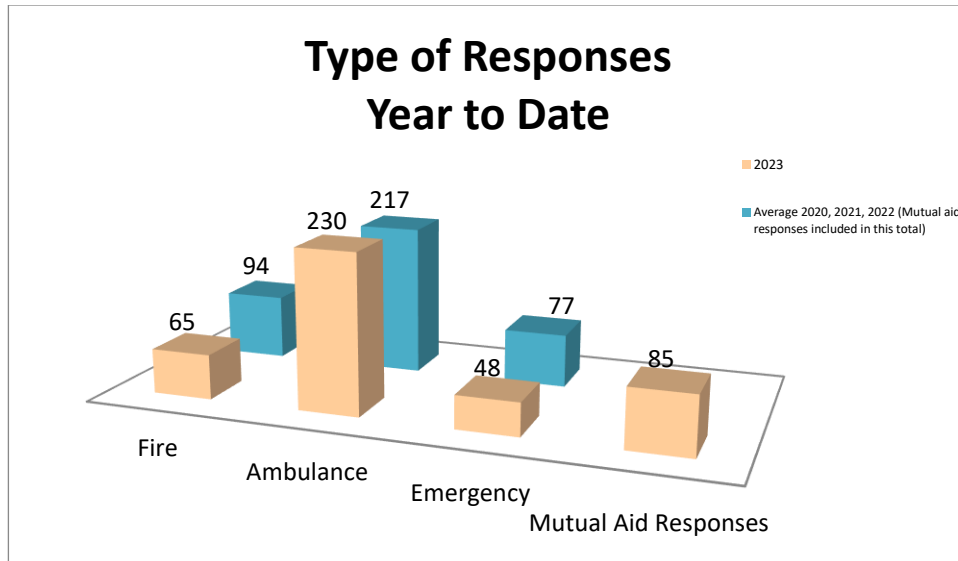
Year to Date Totals

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| Fire: 65 | Ambulance: 230 | Emergency: 48 | Mutual Aid: 85 |
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| 2023 YTD Total Calls: 428 | 2020-21-22 Average Total Calls: 388 |
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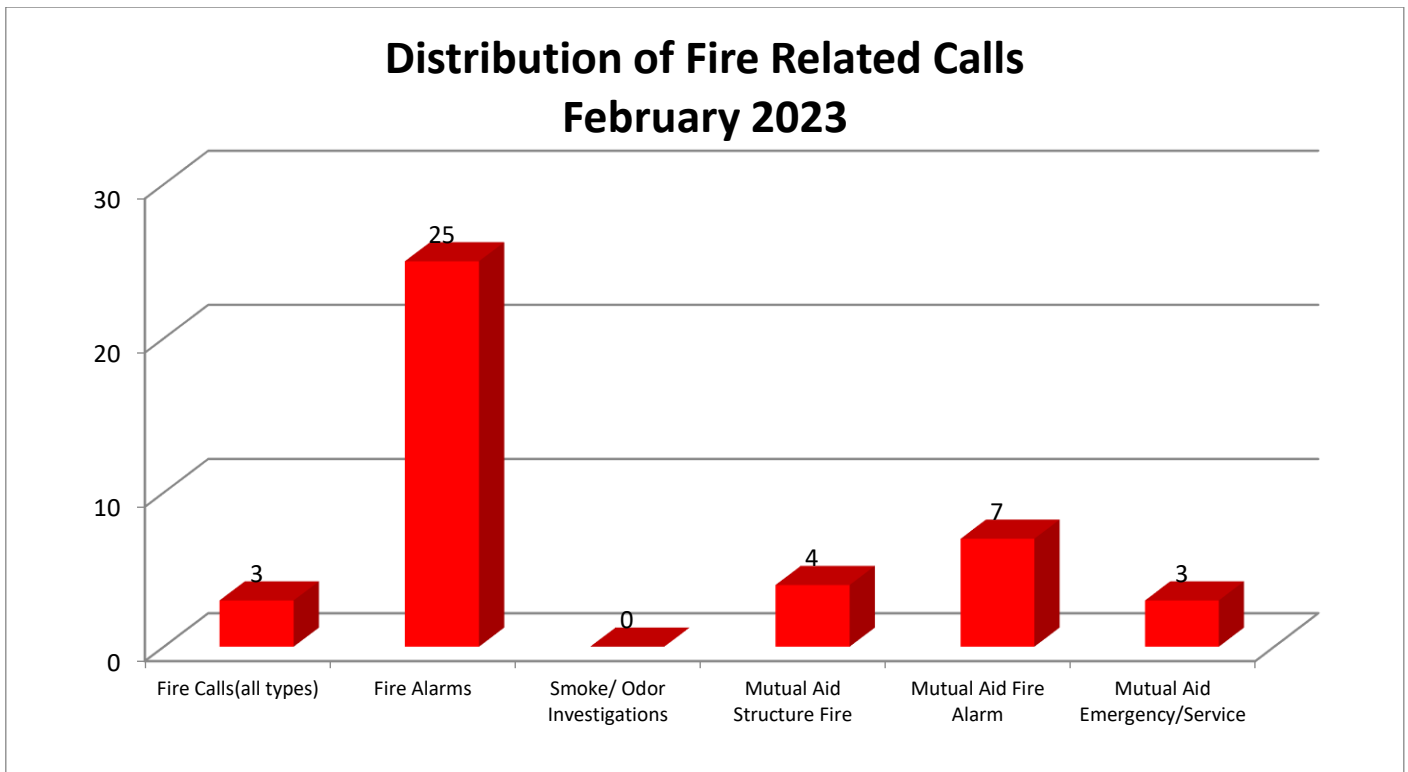
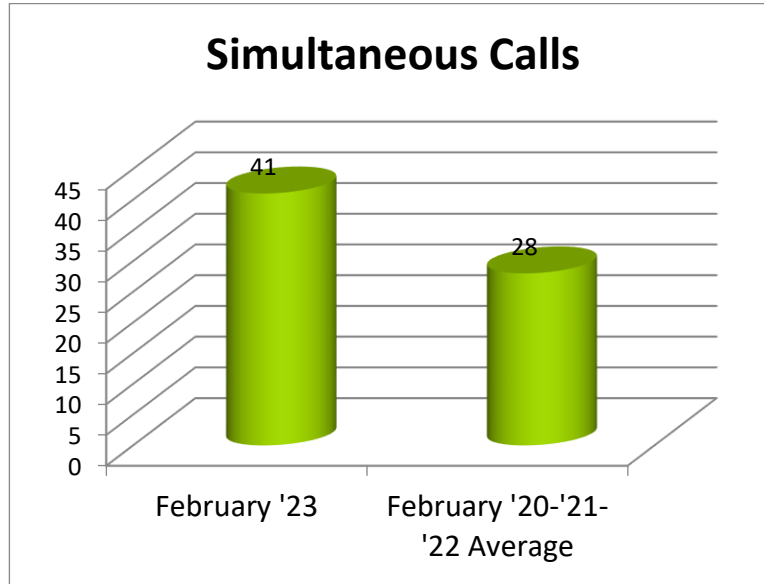


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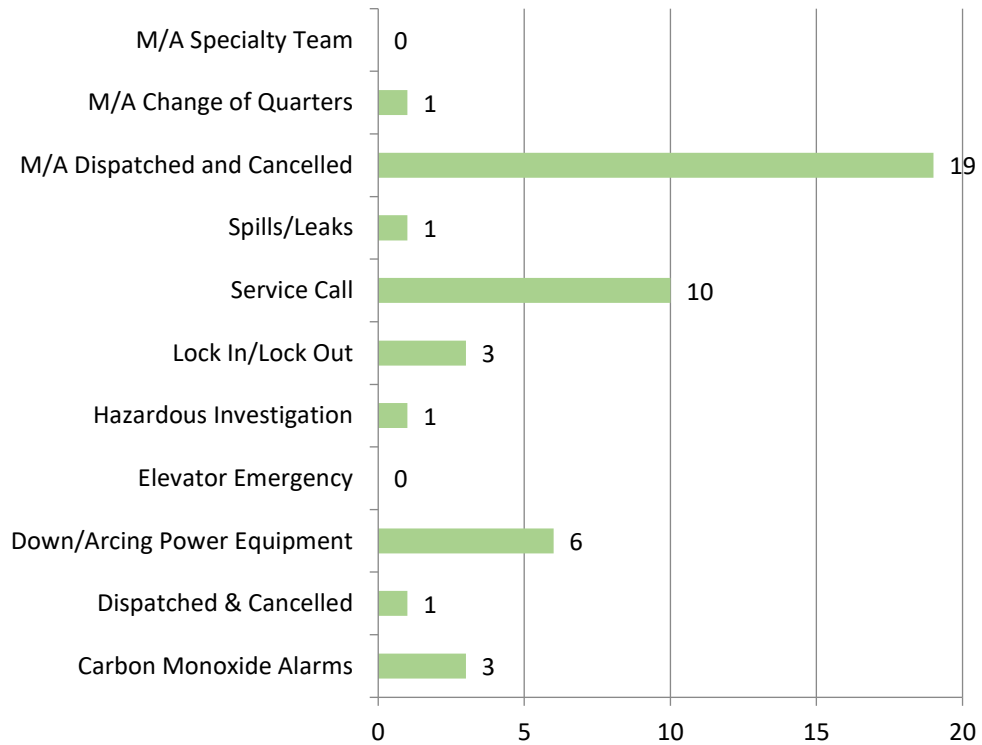
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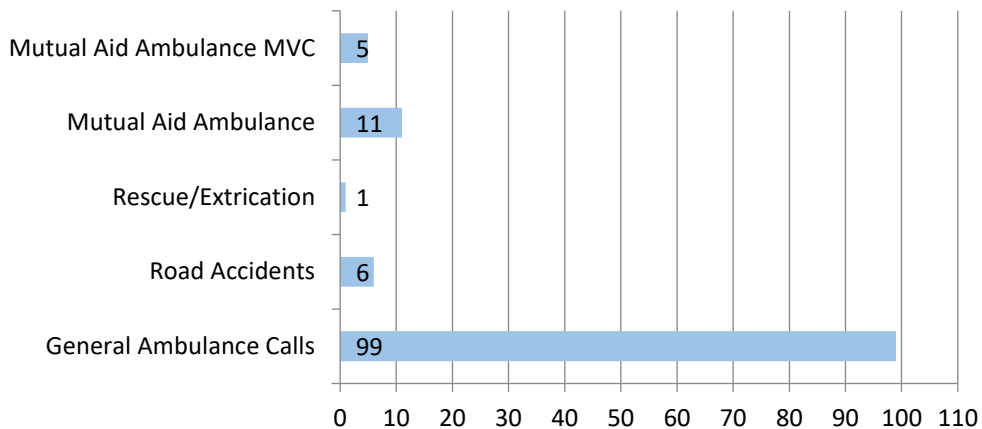


Emergency Response

Distribution of Emergency Related Calls February 2023



Distribution of EMS Related Calls February 2023





Incidents of Interest

Date & Call #

02/04/2023

23-0245-

Gold shift members responded to the report of a structure fire on Taft Road. Engine 84, Medic 84 and Tower 84 all responded, as well as a full fire response initiated by DuPage Public Safety Communications (DuComm). On arrival Engine 84 found fire coming from the garage on the north side of the home. A hose line was stretched to the area while next arriving companies began evacuating the home and searching for hidden fire. Engine 84 kept the fire contained to the exterior surfaces of the garage area and prevented extension into the home. A small amount of smoke was present which was removed from the home. Hinsdale firefighters completed scene documentation and fire investigation activities. No injuries were reported as a result of the fire. Based on the burn patterns and information currently available it appears that the fire began in one of the large garbage bins and spread to the garage.

02/25/2023

23-0398-

On February 25th, Gold shift members responded for the report of a vehicle on fire on the 10 North block of Monroe Street. Upon arrival they discovered a work van that was fully involved with fire. The company made an attack on the fire and extinguished it. Later it was discovered that there was additional fire igniting from fuel vapor escaping from the fuel pump beneath the car. The additional fire was extinguished using a dry chemical extinguisher. Engine 84 assisted with packaging the car for towing as well as sweeping and washing down the scene.

02/06/2023

23-0261-

Red shift members responded with Engine 84, Medic 84 and Tower 84 to the scene for reports of smoke in a building on Radcliffe Way where team members found a fire in the wall behind an outlet. Prior to their arrival, the homeowner's nanny saw the fire and used an extinguisher to knock the flames down. Once station 84 units arrived, members opened up the wall, extinguished the fire and disconnected power to that room.

02/11/2023

23-0296 -

Black shift members responded to an EMS run on Ogden Avenue, which turned out to be a full cardiac arrest of an 88-year-old in a rehabilitation clinic. The patient eventually regained a pulse while in the care of Hinsdale Fire Department personnel, but arrested again in the Hinsdale Hospital Emergency Room.

02/23/2023

23- 0378-

Black shift members responded to Westmont Station 2 while the Westmont Fire Department worked at a Technical Rescue Incident involving one of their Department of Public Works employees. While in Westmont, Engine 84 responded to four additional emergency calls within their response district.



Training/Events

In addition to the daily training in EMS, Technical Rescue, Hazardous Materials, Firefighting and vehicle checks, members completed the following specialized training:

On February 1st, the Hinsdale Fire Department wrapped up a three-day event as the host location for the Metra Passenger Train Emergency Preparedness Class. This semi-annual education event brings together Fire, Police and Public Works team members from Hinsdale and neighboring municipalities to train Emergency Response Agencies in the case of a train disaster. If a train accident or incident should occur, Metra relies and calls upon first-responders to provide aid in many different areas, including evacuation, medical and fire services, traffic control and perimeter maintenance.

In February shift members completed practical training on victim rescue and extrication due to vehicle entrapment using techniques including the Rescue Jack system to lift a vehicle.



Members of the Hinsdale Fire Department are pictured above during extrication training. The vehicle seen here was donated by Hinsdale Hospital and will also be used in future extrication drills.



Public Education/Community Engagement

Since 1964 every February has been federally designated as American Heart Month in the United States. In addition to raising awareness on maintaining a healthy heart, special attention is given to the importance of knowing how to perform CPR. With the majority of cardiac arrests occurring outside of a healthcare facility, it is critically important to learn this life-saving skill. In the month of February, and throughout the year, members of the Hinsdale Fire Department train members of the community, as well as healthcare providers during CPR classes held in the firehouse and at various locations throughout the Village of Hinsdale.



A Hinsdale Firefighter/Paramedic can be seen here demonstrating chest compressions during a CPR class.



Public Education/Community Engagement

On February 24th, members of the Hinsdale Fire Department had the honor of being asked to participate in a reveal celebration for Savannah, a 13-year-old Hinsdale resident. This brave young individual is currently undergoing treatment for Osteosarcoma, a cancer affecting the bones. Savannah was the recipient of a dream bedroom makeover provided by the contractors, designers, painters and volunteers of Special Spaces Illinois. This non-profit organization partnered with Normandy Builders to transform Savannah’s bedroom in a single day. The event, which was also featured on the local ABC7 morning show, garnered an outpouring of support and positivity from the community.



Pictured here are members of the Hinsdale Fire Department who were among those in attendance at the reveal celebration for Savannah.



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

February 2023 had a total of 59 Fire Inspection Activities:

Inspections - 14

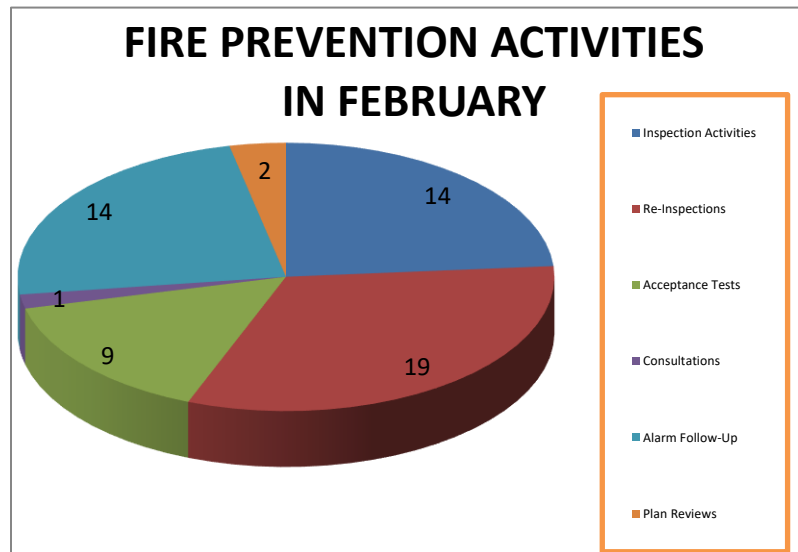
Re-Inspections – 19

Acceptance Test – 9

Consultations - 1

Alarm Follow-Up - 14

Plan Reviews - 2



\$1,565.00 in inspection fees were forwarded to the Finance Department for the month of February.