

DATE: February 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 January 2023

In summary, the Fire Department activities for **January 2023** included responding to a total of **219** emergency incidents. There were **37** fire-related incidents, **124** emergency medical-related incidents, **23** emergency/service-related incidents and **35** mutual aid responses.

This month, the average response time from receiving a call to Department crews responding averaged **66** seconds. Response time from receiving a call to Department crews arriving on the scene was **4** minutes and **24** seconds.

In the month of **January**, there was **\$300** of content loss due to fires in Hinsdale. Members were called to assist Clarendon Hills, Darien, La Grange, Oak Brook, Villa Park, Western Springs, Westmont and Willowbrook.

In the month of **January**, 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.



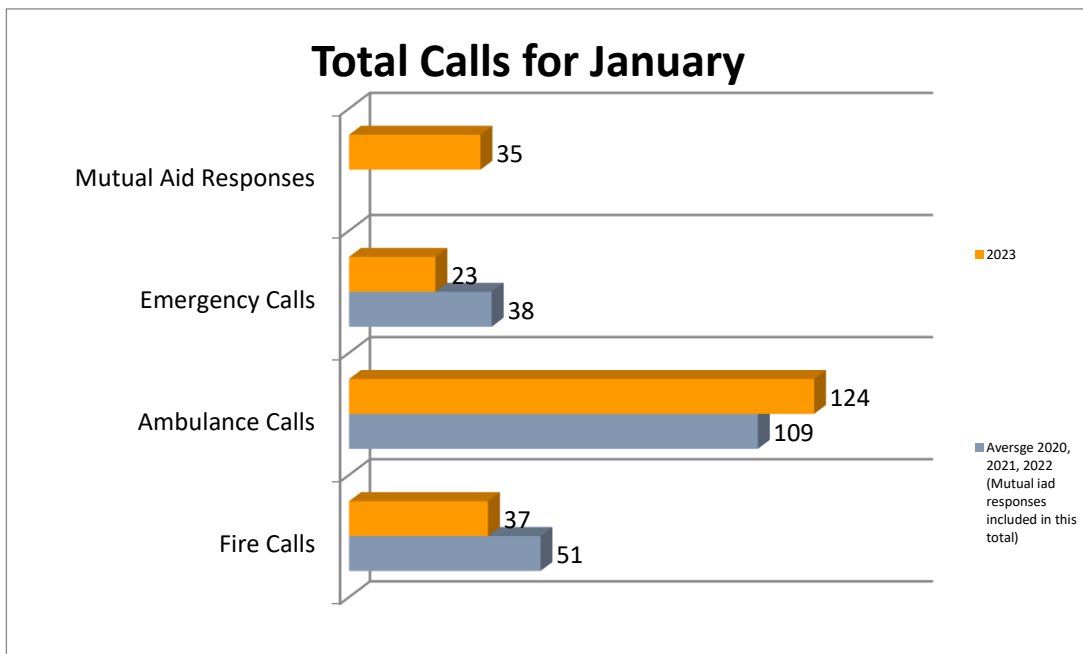
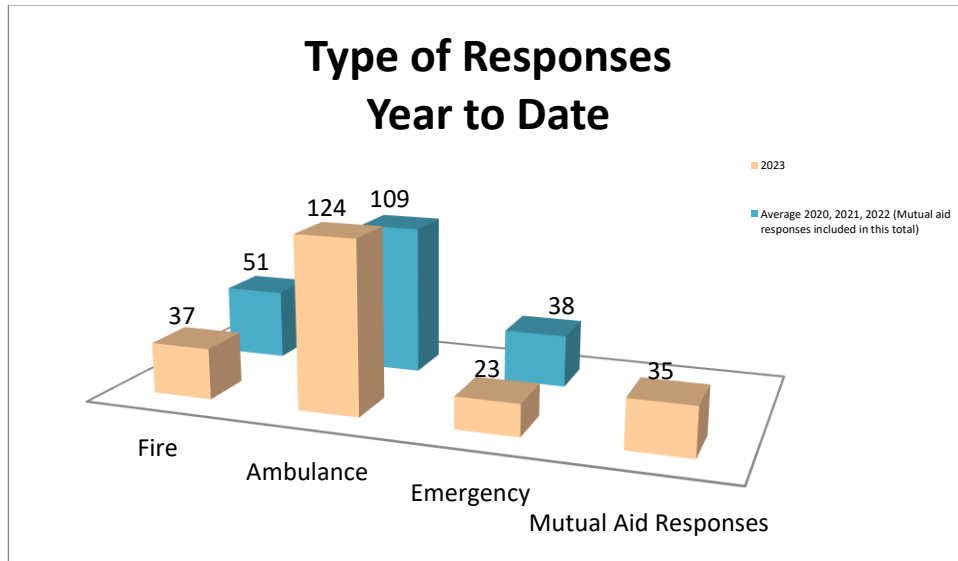
Emergency Response

In January, the Hinsdale Fire Department responded to a total of 219 requests for assistance. There were 38 simultaneous responses and one train delay this month. Department responses are divided into four basic response categories (Fire, Ambulance, Emergency and Mutual Aid Related):

Type of Response	January 2023	% of Total	Three Year Average January 2020-2021-2022
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)	37	17%	51
Ambulance: (Includes ambulance requests, vehicle accidents and patient assists)	124	57%	109
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)	23	10%	38
Mutual Aid Responses: (Includes mutual aid fire, ambulance and emergency responses to areas outside of Hinsdale)	35	16%	*Included in fire, ambulance and emergency totals prior to 2023
Simultaneous: <i>(Responses while another call is on-going. Number is included in total)</i>	38	17%	22
Train Delay: <i>(Number is included in total)</i>	1	<1%	4
Total:	219	100%	198

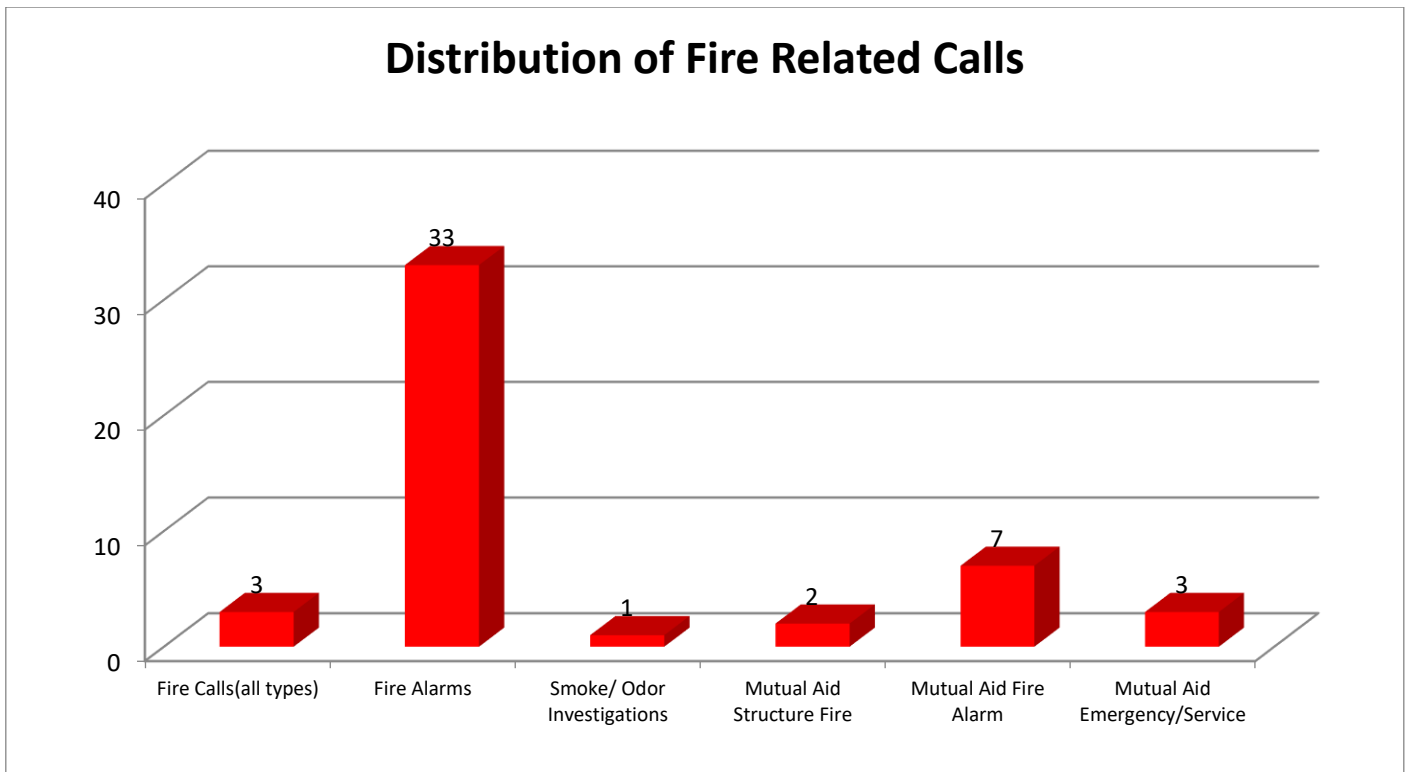
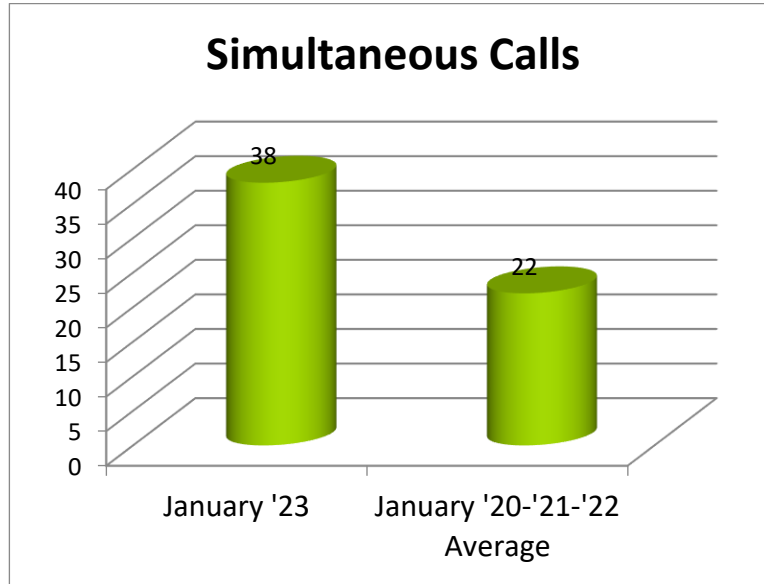


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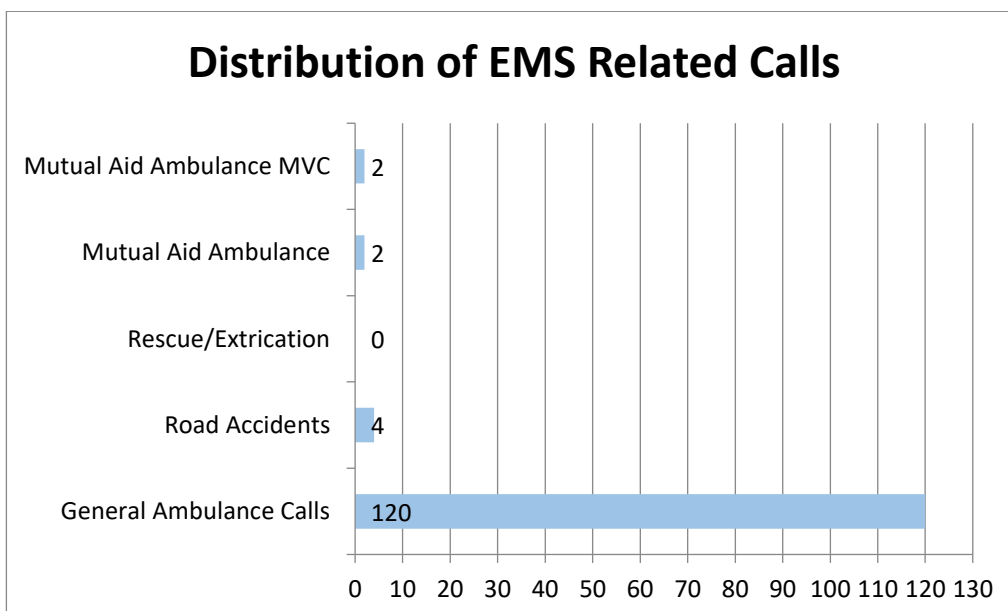
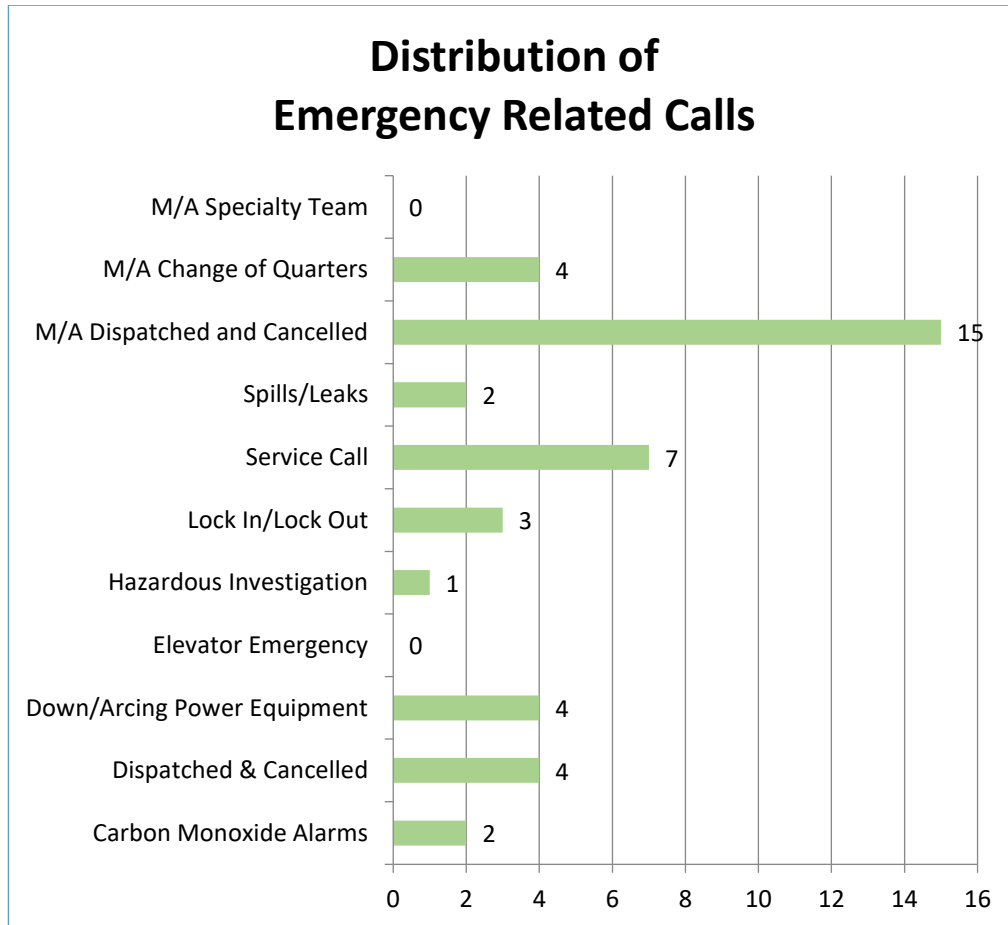


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Incidents of Interest

Date & Call #

01/17/2023

23-0130-

Gold shift members were dispatched to the scene for an unconscious patient. This patient was very sick and had to be sedated and intubated in the field. It was an intense call that utilized many skills that are practiced often but not regularly performed in the field.

01/02/2023

23-0010-

Gold shift members dispatched to Westmont for the box alarm fire at 39 N. Cass Ave. On arrival E84 was ordered to begin primary search. Crew searched floor 1, then moved to floor 2. E84 later began overhaul.

After crew members swapped for fresh bottles they continued by throwing a ladder to division A for exterior overhaul and moving inside to the second floor for additional overhaul. E84 then reported to rehab as ordered by command. Gold shift members assisted with fire investigation after completing rehab. After the investigation was complete, E84 was released by Chief 183.

01/15/2023

23-0106-

Black shift members responded to a call of a car fire. Computer-aided dispatch (CAD) advised of a 911 call for an individual trying to set fire to the car. E84 arrived to find a fire inside an SUV on the driver's seat. Both the driver's side windows, as well as the rear window had been broken. Shift members were able to open the driver's door via the handle. The fire was subsequently extinguished utilizing a pressurized water can.

Upon investigation, there was a notable smell of gasoline and a discarded cigarette on the driver's seat, the area of the fire's origin. The eyewitness report and evidence found on the scene suggest this to be a vehicle arson fire.

01/04/2023

23-0031-

Red shift members responded to an activated fire alarm. Upon arrival occupants in the building and fire crews smelled cooking smoke. Investigation revealed a back apartment/business filled with smoke due to an oven fire. Crews quickly extinguished the fire, which was contained to the oven, and vented the unit. No injuries were reported. The loss of the oven was valued at \$300.

01/13/2023

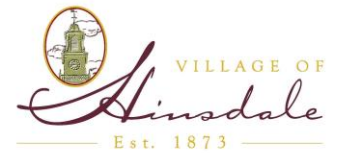
23-0096-

Red shift members responded to a mutual aid call in Clarendon Hills for a single car accident. Upon arrival M86 found a single occupant who appeared to be exhibiting stroke-like symptoms. The patient was quickly moved to M86 for advanced lifesaving procedures (ALS). Red shift members continued to assist Clarendon Hills by driving M86 to the Hinsdale Hospital Emergency Department while their medic crew treated the patient.



Hinsdale Fire Department – Monthly Report

January 2023



Training/Events

In the month of January, Hinsdale was 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.

This two-part program first addressed understanding each entities duties and obligations when responding to a train emergency. This further focused on how different agencies come together to work as part of a larger team when responding to these types of emergency events. Part two focused on specific train equipment that could be encountered during such an event.

This multi-day course allowed shift members across departments to take part in this training event, which also included information on responding to train derailments and responding to train disasters involving hazardous materials.

Additionally, in the month of January, members of the Hinsdale Fire Department devoted over 462 hours to training. As an aptly described, emergency services department, tasked with the role of both firefighter and paramedic, the Hinsdale Fire Department routinely trains in ways relating to both disciplines. This month those areas focused on responding to situations involving downed firefighters in structure collapse scenarios, rescues with ropes and ladders, identifying building construction types and size-up reporting, a method of evaluating the nature and scope of a fire, when responding to a call.



Public Education/Community Engagement

The Hinsdale Fire Department distinctly recognizes the honor and responsibility of its members to conduct a variety of activities designed to educate and involve the public to prevent fires and emergencies and to better prepare the public in the event a fire or medical emergency occurs.

Planning and scheduling have been underway throughout the month of January for the department's Fire Safety Public Education Program. This program, taught by members of the Hinsdale Fire Department, brings fire safety directly into the classrooms of Hinsdale schools. Members of the department utilize this time to educate school-age children on the importance of fire safety and how they can assist in preventing fires, as well as what they should do in the event of an emergency. This three-part program begins in kindergarten with "fear of the gear," which familiarizes young children with various fire gear worn by firefighters. Kindergarteners are taught what different parts of the gear are worn for and teaches them not to be afraid of a firefighter's appearance with their gear on. In first grade, children are taught to memorize their home address and why this is so important. They also learn how to make a 911 call using a 911 simulator. The program culminates with the second-grade presentation of hazard house. This portable "house" allows the fire department to educate students on how to recognize various hazards within the home and how to avoid and prevent them from turning into an emergency. The department is excited to have a new hazard house and 911 simulator this year to add to their repertoire during these outreach events.

On January 21st Black shift members conducted a safety talk and station tour for a Cub Scout Troop based out of Lane Elementary School in Hinsdale. This community-coveted event brought together a group of approximately 10 adults and children to tour the fire house, educate the Cub Scouts on when to call 911 and how to communicate and describe their location to the operator. The group also learned how to properly bandage a wound, which along with the other aspects of the presentation, allowed them to earn their first aid merit badge.

This January also saw the commencement of CPR and AED (Automatic External Defibrillator) training to the community by members of the Hinsdale Fire Department. The department routinely trains people from the general public wanting certification in CPR, as well as healthcare professionals who need additional layers of instruction to maintain their mandated level of certification. These programs, led by the Hinsdale Fire Department, will continue to be taught throughout the year.



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

January 2023 had a total of 52 Fire Inspection Activities:

Inspections - 32

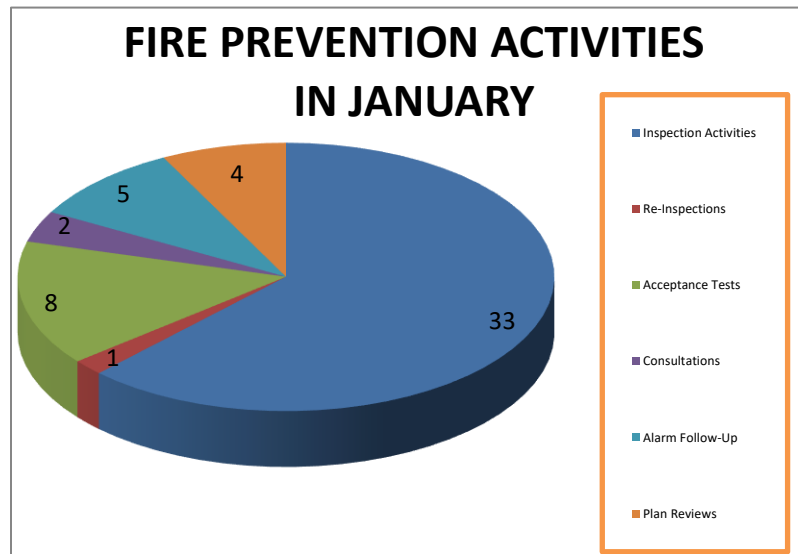
Re-Inspections – 1

Acceptance Test – 8

Consultations - 2

Alarm Follow-Up - 5

Plan Reviews - 4



\$6,175.00 in inspection fees were forwarded to the Finance Department for the month of January.