

DATE: August 7, 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 July 2023

In summary, the Fire Department activities for **July 2023** included responding to a total of **228** emergency incidents. There were **30** fire-related incidents, **118** emergency medical-related incidents, **29** emergency/service-related incidents and **51** mutual aid responses.

This month, the average response time from receiving a call to Department crews responding averaged **59** seconds. Response time from receiving a call to Department crews arriving on the scene was **4** minutes and **23** seconds.

In the month of **July**, there was **no dollar** loss due to fires in Hinsdale. Members were called to assist Burr Ridge, Clarendon Hills, Countryside, Indian Head Park, La Grange, La Grange Park, Lyons, Oak Brook Terrace, and Western Springs.

In the month of **July**, 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 **\$3,840.00** in overtime.



## **Emergency Response**

In July, the Hinsdale Fire Department responded to a total of 228 requests for assistance. There were 54 simultaneous responses and no train delays this month. Department responses are divided into four basic response categories (Fire, Ambulance, Emergency and Mutual Aid Related):

<i>Type of Response</i>	<i>July 2023</i>	<i>July 2023 % of Total</i>	<i>Three Year Average July 2020-2021-2022</i>
<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>30</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>61</b>
<b>Ambulance:</b> (Includes ambulance requests, vehicle accidents and patient assists)	<b>118</b>	<b>52%</b>	<b>113</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>29</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>39</b>
<b>Mutual Aid Responses:</b> (Includes mutual aid fire, ambulance and emergency responses to areas outside of Hinsdale)	<b>51</b>	<b>22%</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>54</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>Train Delay:</b> (Number is included in total)	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>213</b>

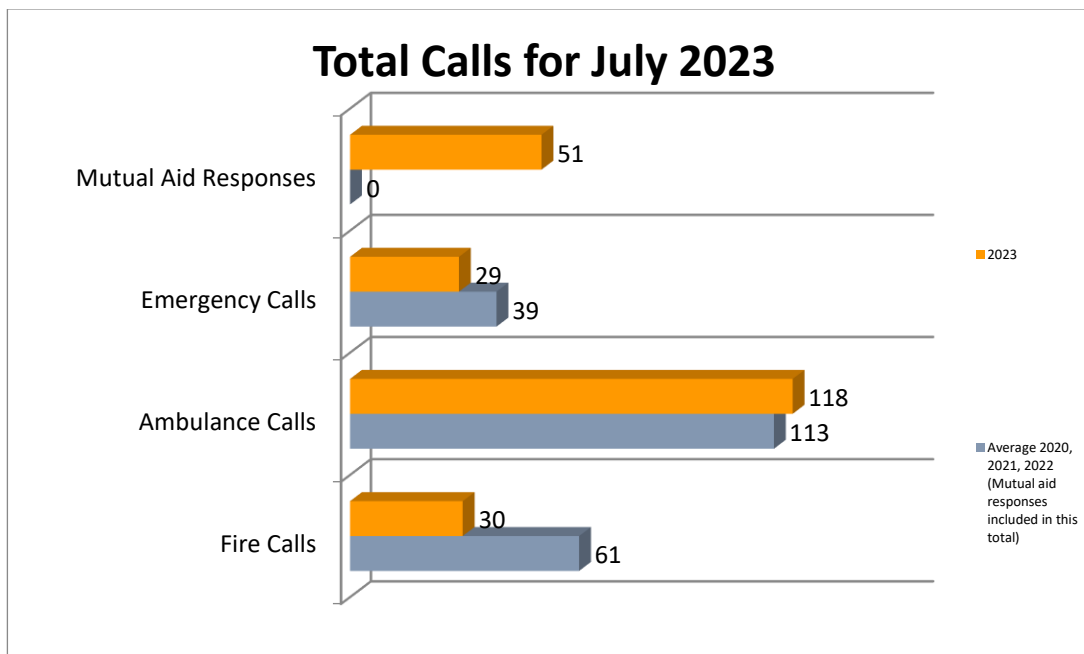
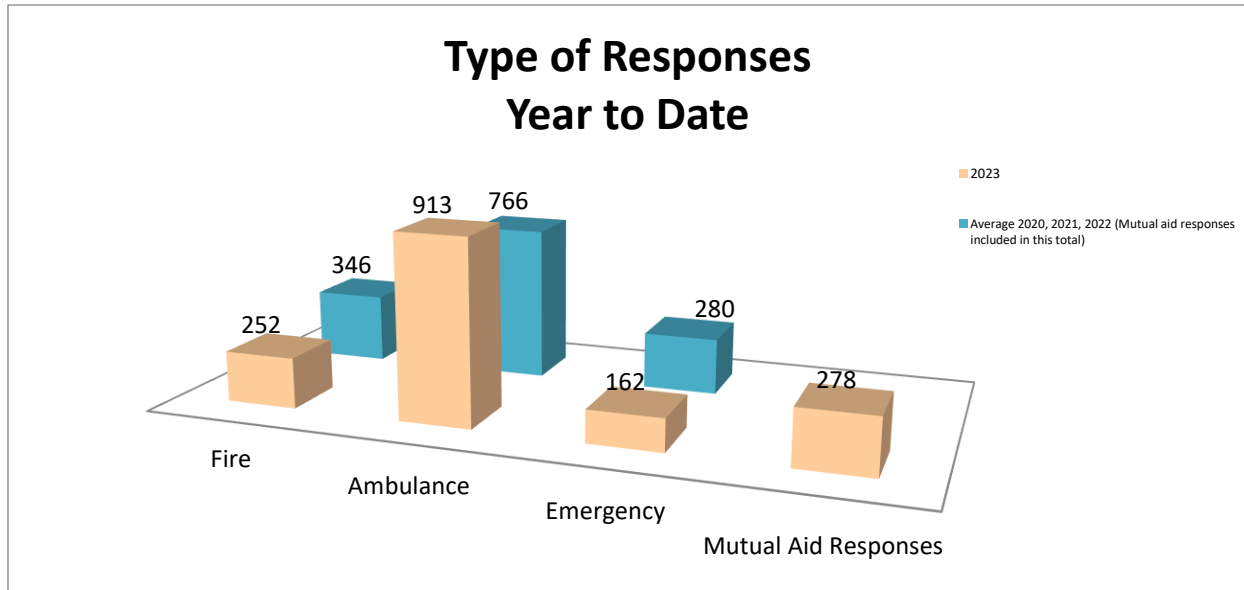
**Year to Date Totals**

Fire: 252	Ambulance: 913	Emergency: 162	Mutual Aid: 278
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2023 Total Calls: 1605	2020-21-22 Average Total Calls: 1392
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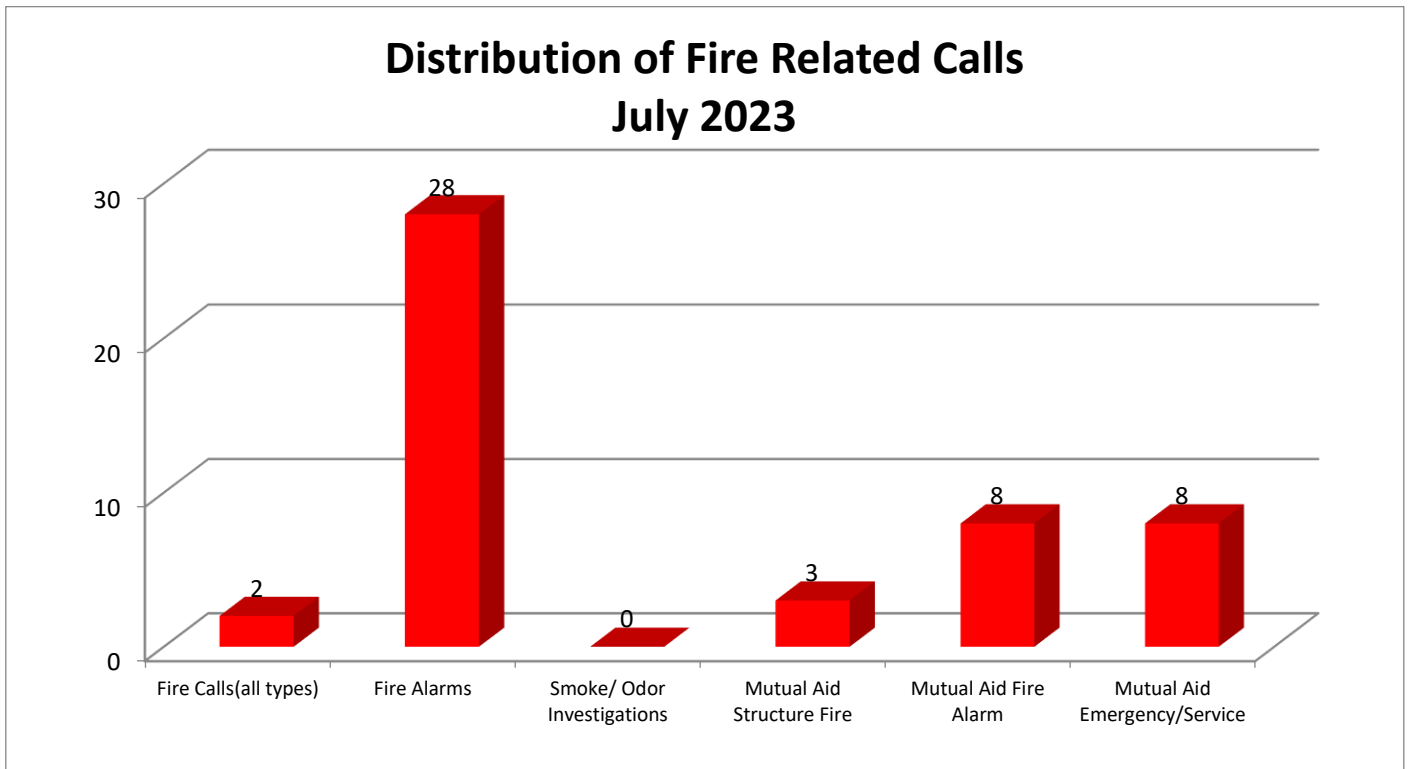
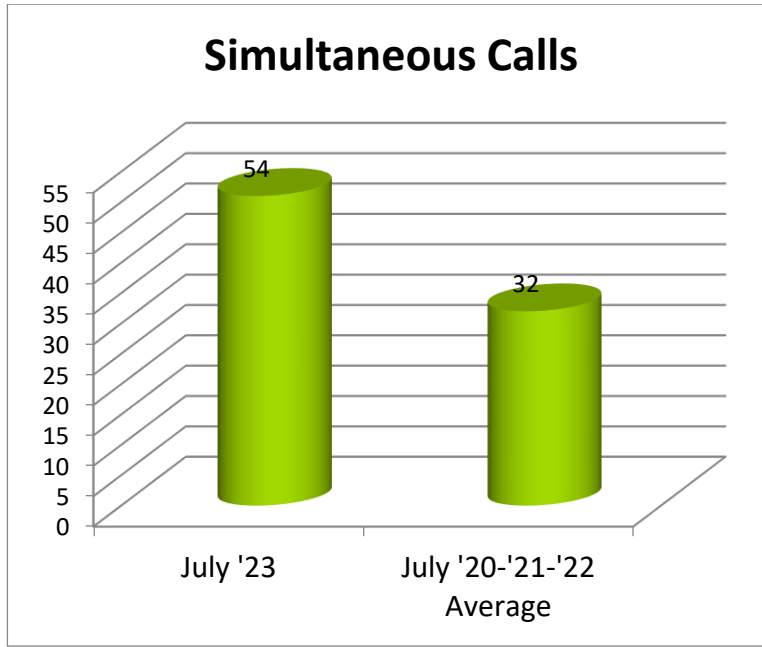


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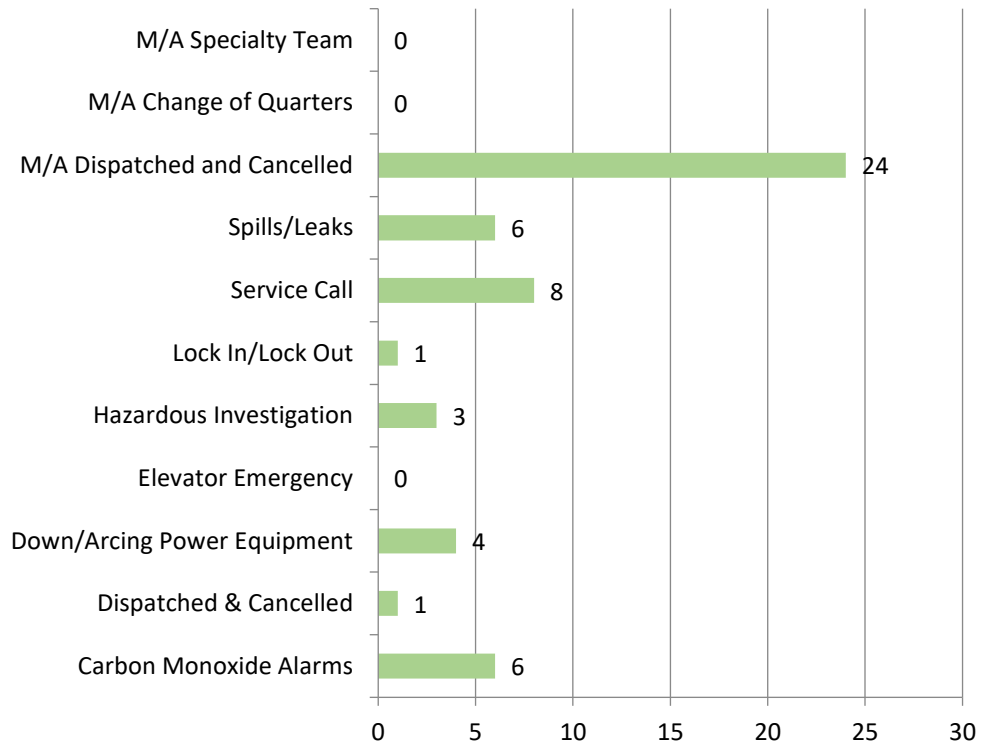
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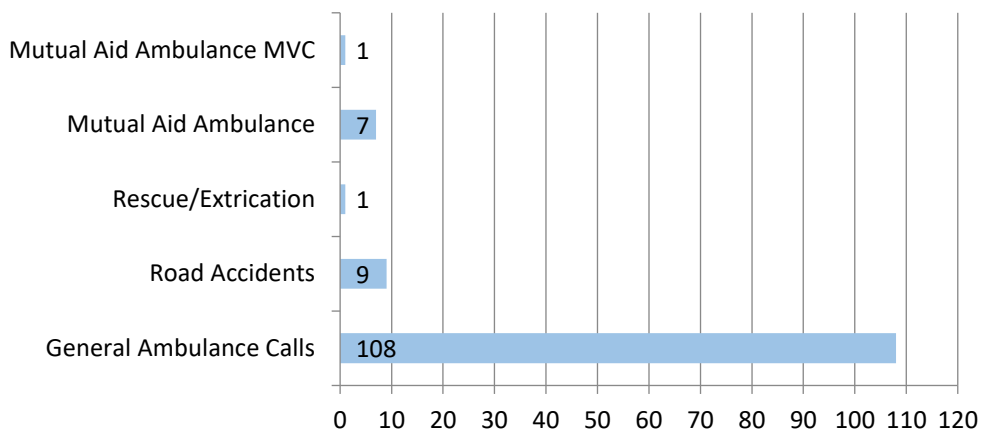


## Emergency Response

### Distribution of Emergency Related Calls July 2023



### Distribution of EMS Related Calls July 2023





## **Incidents of Interest**

### **Date & Call #**

**07/17/2023**

**23-1323-**

Black shift members responded to the call for a report of a car that had driven into a building. There were several victims on the scene. A pedestrian was struck outside the business and critically injured. He was transported to Hinsdale Hospital and then later flown to Comer Children's Hospital at the University of Chicago Hospital in critical condition. Three people inside the building were struck by the vehicle or debris from the accident. They were transported to Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital in serious condition. Another individual from inside the building was treated and released from the scene. Fire personnel from Oak Brook, Pleasantview, Downers Grove, Westmont and the La Grange Fire Department assisted Hinsdale in the call.

**07/27/2023**

**23-1574-**

Red Shift members responded to a call for a patient that was electrocuted. Crews were informed by the patient that while washing windows, the pole touched a power line. Department members noted what appeared to be burn marks and an entrance and exit wound on the patients' foot. The patient was transported to the hospital in stable condition for further evaluation.

**07/28/2023**

**23-1590-**

Gold Shift members responded as mutual aid to the apartment building fire in Oak Brook Terrace caused by a lightning strike. Tower 84 was assigned to advance in the fourth-floor stairwell for search and rescue and fire suppression. Tower 84 was also assigned to the roof to cut openings and direct water on the fire. Crews later backed Tower 84 into the courtyard and pumped water through the aerial nozzle onto the building throughout the night. No significant injuries were reported, however, damages caused by the fire are estimated to be in the millions.





## **Training/Events**

Training highlights in the month of July included:

- Walk-Thru at 21 Spinning Wheel Road with Mutual Aid Companies from Clarendon Hills, Western Springs, Oak Brook and Pleasantview
- Kennedy Lane and Claymoor Condominium Walk-Thru
- MayDay Fire Engineering Webcasts
- Pumping Drills at Lions Park Pool in Clarendon Hills
- DuPage County Fire Investigation Task Force Drill



Engine 84 during pumping drills.





## **Public Education/Community Engagement**

The Hinsdale Fire Department is proud to serve the community, and dedicated to building meaningful relationships with the residents and visitors who place their trust in us. During the month of July, crew members had the opportunity to foster those connections through the Fourth of July Parade, fire truck visits to block parties and community CPR training. This month, the Hinsdale Fire Department also joined efforts with the Hinsdale Police Department to host a “Battle of the Badges Blood Drive.” This event brought together members of both departments, along with Village staff members and members of the community to support the event and donate blood. We are happy to report the blood drive surpassed its blood donation goal and that both departments were named “Battle of the Badge Champions.”



Village President Tom Cauley rides in Tower 84 during the Fourth of July Parade.





## 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

July 2023 had a total of 103 Fire Inspection Activities:

Inspections - 46

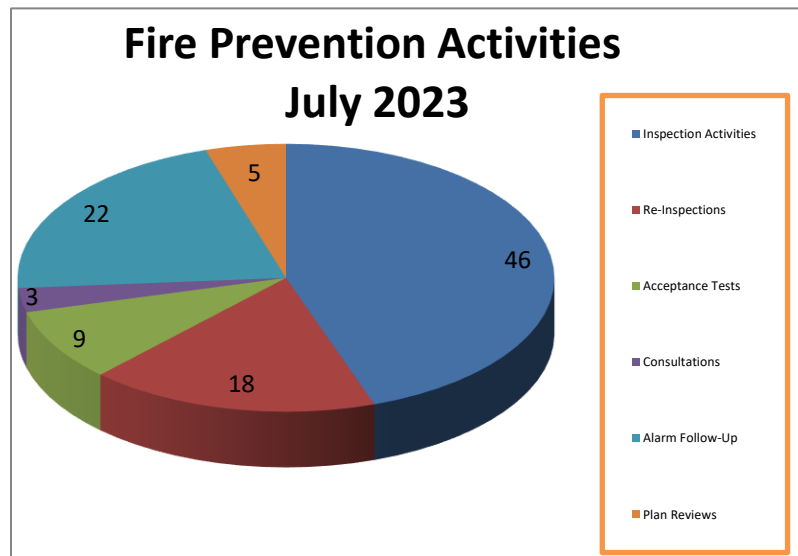
Re-Inspections - 18

Acceptance Test - 9

Consultations - 3

Alarm Follow-Up - 22

Plan Reviews - 5



\$7,428.00 in inspection fees were forwarded to the Finance Department for the month of July.