

2022 CEDARBURG FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT





Mayor O'Keefe, Members of the Common Council and Administrator Hilvo:

I would like to present the 2022 year-in-review for the Cedarburg Fire Department. On the following pages, you will see many charts and graphs of our activities over the past year. I am very proud of the volunteer members of our department, along with our paid staff, for their hard work and dedication to our community. Without them, there would not be much of a report to give.

2022 was a busy year for the department. We saw a 22.4 % increase in our call volume, ending the year with a total of 1480 calls. The majority of this increase came from EMS calls. Festivals and special events were back in full swing, creating many hours of stand-by time. Fundraising was also back in full swing, which also kept our members busy during the summer months and into the fall.

We were excited to add another full-time member to our team, Ethan LeGault. Ethan was promoted from within the department, making it a seamless hire. Having one full-time member on each 24/48 shift has been very helpful in reducing our response times. Our CFD team has put many hours into meetings to develop a plan and identify what we need to stay on our own for the next six years. This plan has been dubbed the Cedarburg Plan. We are excited to work together with all of you to bring the plan to fruition.

Department members are also excited with the talk of building a new firehouse. The new station will certainly help with the recruitment of volunteers and will help attract qualified full-time people as well. It will enhance the safety of our members and give them the room they need to do their jobs more efficiently. Our full-time members and some of our volunteers will spend many hours - easily one third of their life - in the firehouse.

Shown on this front cover is our group of Explorers, a dedicated group of young people (ages 14 to 18), learning all about the fire service. Our group is one of the most active in Ozaukee County! (See Pg 15 for more on the Explorers Program).

2022 was just the start of great things to come for the Cedarburg Fire Department and the greater Cedarburg community. A lot more work lies ahead for everyone. However, with hard work and perseverance, comes great things. Building on what has been established over the past 157 years, we are looking to make our future even better. This will take the hard work of our volunteers and paid staff in the fire department, without them we would have nothing.

It also takes the support of the Mayor, Common Council and the Police and Fire Commission to support and stand behind us. To each and every one of you, I say a big THANK YOU!

Sincerely

Jeffrey J. Vahsholtz

Chief





CFD 2022 Active Membership Roster

Under 1 year:

Alyssa K. Jodarksi
Abigail J. DeGuella
Daniel W. Dowty
Katrina Schoen
David B. Lee
Shelby J. Mayer
Katie A. Matusewic
Kate L. Hettenbach

1 to 10 years:

Stephanie M. Van Pietersom
Klark A. Pennings
Ryan J. Feiertag
Christopher J. Naas
Daniel M. Wolf
Nicholas J. Lesselyoung
Rachel L. Traylor
Nicole A. Naas
Karissa J. Mathias
Shaun M. Smith
Ivy J. Garland
Jordon J. Abts
Edward T. Lanser
Denver C. Dalley
Michael R. Kranz
Diana L. Klingler
Nicholas L. Janous
Jacob R. Hurlburt
Kelly Bergman
Tanya N. Zarling
Melanie L. Clausing-Miles
Lindsay L. Landers *Lt. Rescue
Robert D. Mathias
Andrew J. Hester
Dennis W. Grulkowski
Jeffrey L. Nelson
Randy A. Tews
Dustin J. Halyburton *Pub Ed / Dive Leader

Promoted to Full-Time Employed in 2021 - 2022:

Blake R. Karnitz *Fire Inspector / Lt. Rescue (12 years)
Joseph W. Hintz *Deputy Chief (14 years)
Jason Peterson MPO/FF/AEMT (6 years)
Ethan LeGault MPO/FF/AEMT (1 year)

11 to 15 years:

Kelly A. LaPorta
William A. Esselmann
Norine C. Nelson
Robert F. Jung
John E. Zarling

16 to 24 years:

Andrew W. Heidtke *Deputy Chief/Training
David M. Schwantes
Edward M. Petrarca
Nichole J. Zarling * Captain Rescue Company
Christopher C. Hoerz
Brian J. Vahsholtz *Lt. Rescue
Peter J. Pautz *Lt. Engineers
Nathan M. Matter
Craig A. Boerner * Captain Engineers
Joseph E. Grube *Lt. Engine Company
Grant D. Witte *Safety Officer
Joel L. Bublitz
James G. Bougie

25 to 34 years (Honorary Active):

Lisa M. Boerner
Kara J. Racine
Scott E. Matusewic *Deputy Chief
Suzanne V. Ernst
Carly A. Giuliani

35 to 39 years (Honorary Active):

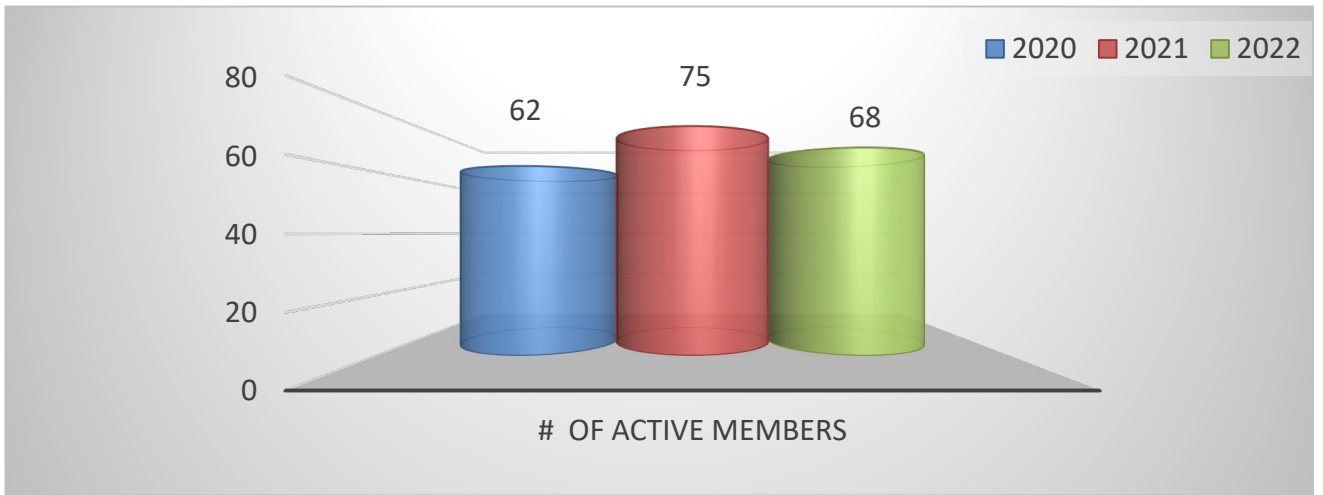
William H. Hintz * Assistant Chief
Gregory G. Boerner

40 years and over: (Honorary Active):

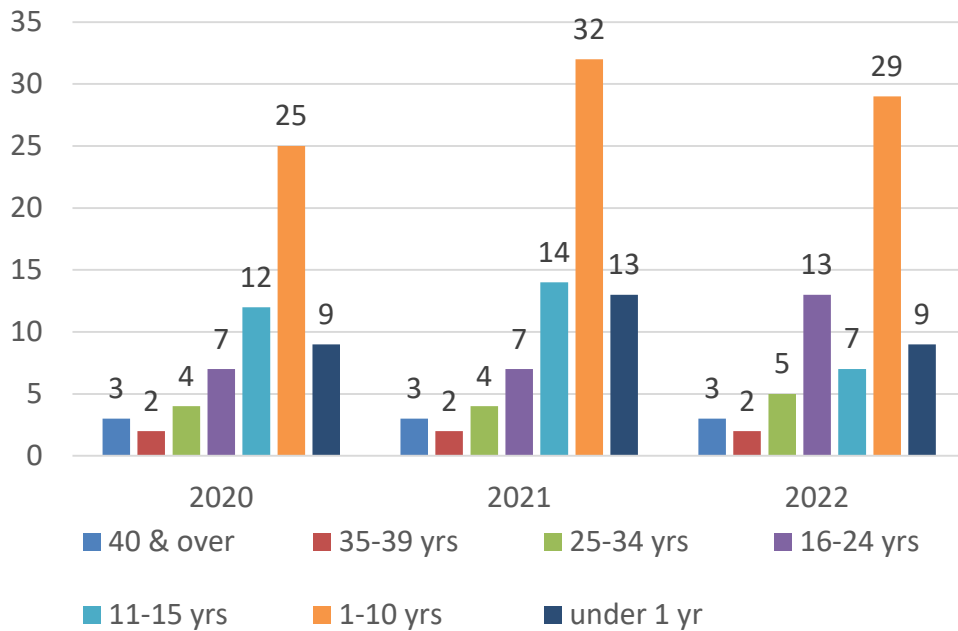
Raymond R. Jung
Jeffrey J. Vahsholtz * Chief
Edward A. Bublitz

Total: 64 Volunteer Members
4 Full-Time Employed
68 Total Active Members

*Denotes Officers/Chiefs



Members' Years of Experience





In 2022, the bell tolled one last time for the following CFD members:

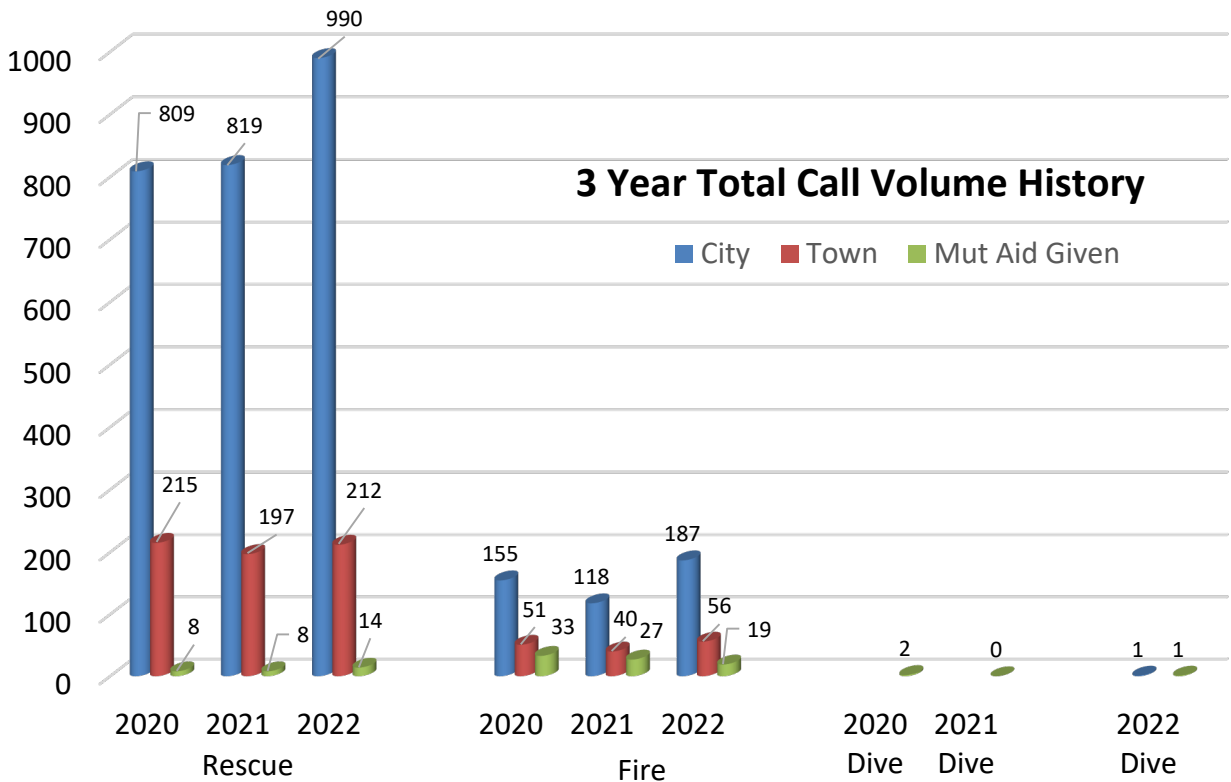
**Ronald J. Henke
Allen Bruederle Jr.
Loren Charles Quaas**

2022

The Cedarburg Fire Department responded to a total of **1,480** incidents

| | City | Town | Mutual Aid Given to other Ozaukee county departments | Total |
|--------|-------|------|--|-------|
| Rescue | 990 | 212 | 14 | 1,216 |
| Fire | 187 | 56 | 19 | 262 |
| Dive | 1 | | 1 | 2 |
| Totals | 1,178 | 268 | 34 | 1,480 |

For Mutual Aid Given and Mutual Aid Received information and statistics, see Page 7 for Rescue Incidents and Page 8 for Fire Incidents.



Types of Rescue Incidents

Total EMS Rescues

City: 990 Town: 212 Mutual Aid Given: 14

Motor Vehicle Accidents

(which are counted as part of the total EMS Rescue)

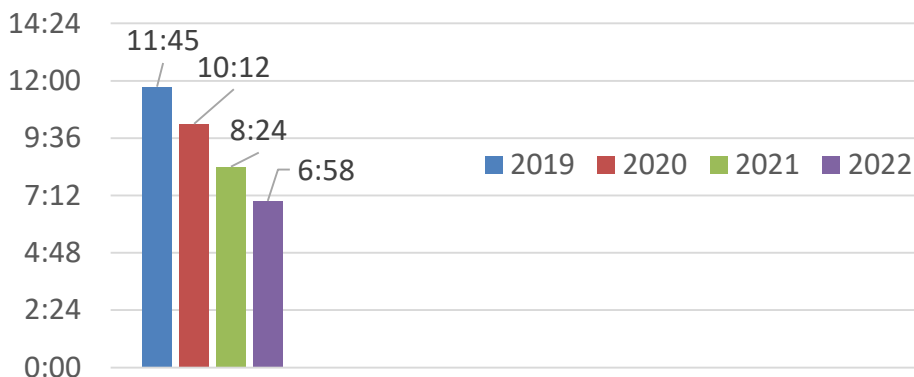
City: 23 Town: 30 Mutual Aid Given: 2

Paramedic Intercept Breakdown

| Total Intercepts | | |
|--------------------------|-------|------------------------|
| Total EMS calls | 1,216 | 82.2% of all calls |
| Total Intercept Requests | 427 | 35.1% of all EMS calls |
| Paramedic Transport | 153 | 12.6% of all EMS calls |

Leading into 2021, we identified that our response times were not ideal for the people we have sworn to protect. In identifying this gap in our service, we made it a priority to improve this and continue to provide a high level of service to our community and its visitors. The below chart shows how we have greatly improved our average response times across the City and Town of Cedarburg in a very short amount of time.

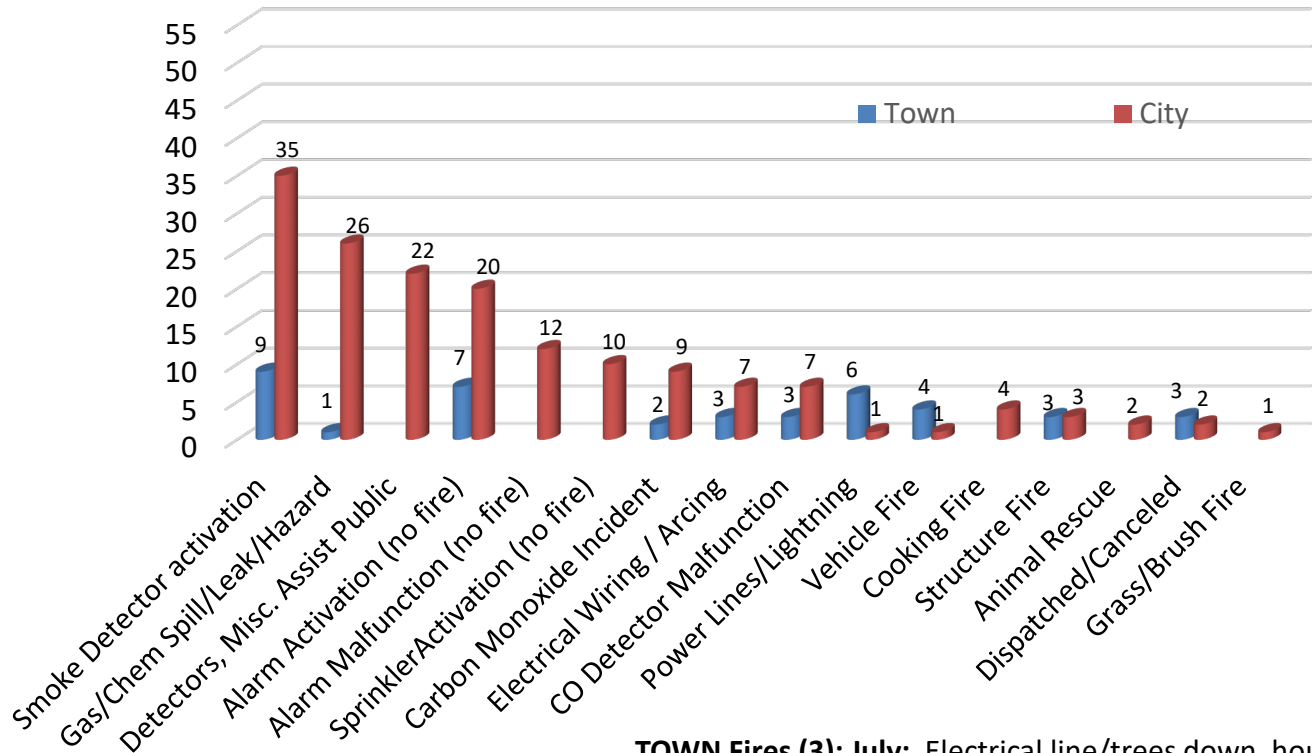
Average Response Time Min:Sec



Types of Fire Incidents

City: 187 Town: 56

Mutual Aid Given/MABAS: 19 Mutual Aid Received: 3



CITY Fires (3):

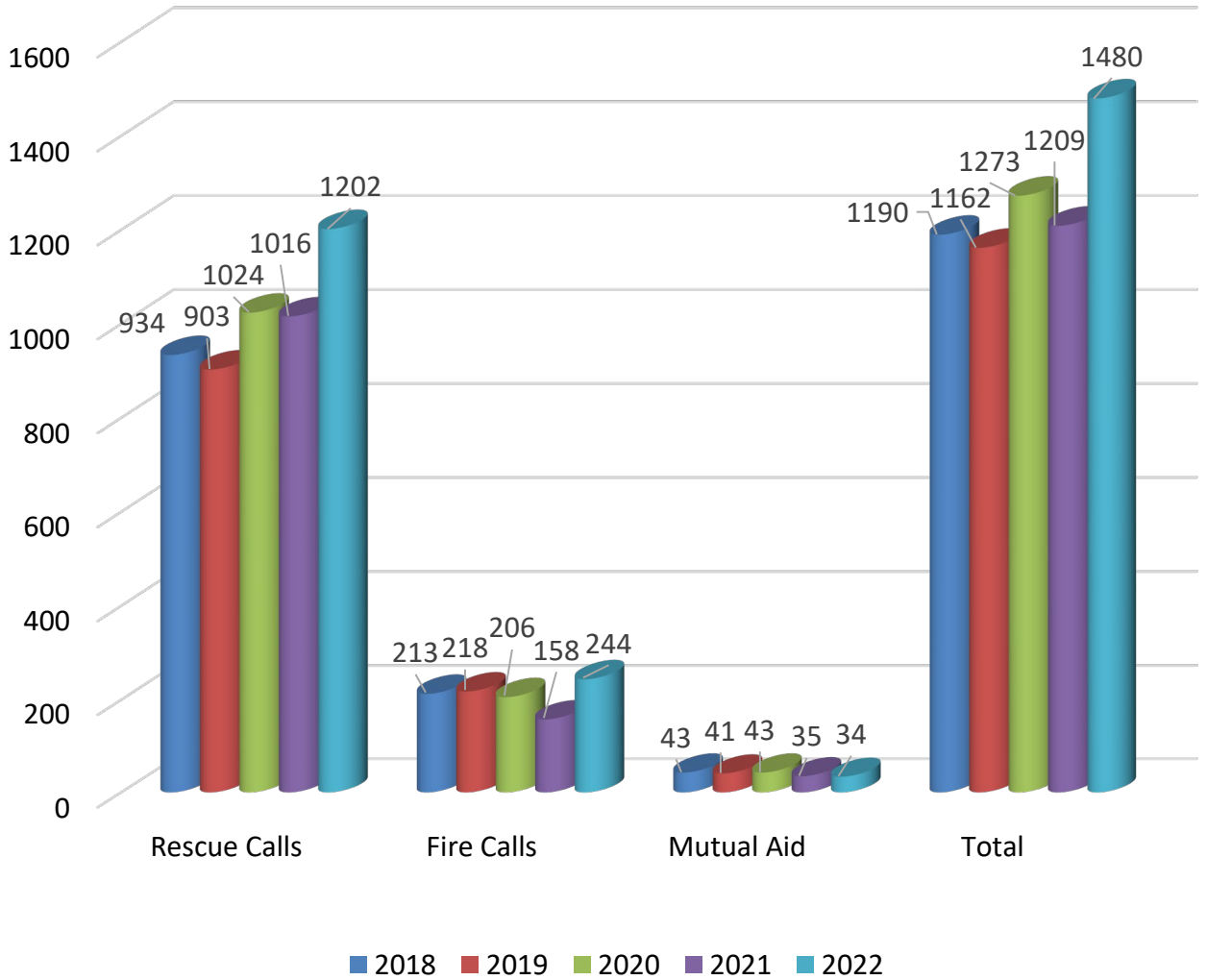
June: Kitchen/Oven fire. **August:** Garage fire. **October:** Apartment balcony fire.

Dive Team: (August) called to investigate an object in Zeunert Park quarry.

TOWN Fires (3): July: Electrical line/trees down, house siding on fire. **September:** House chimney fire which spread to Interior/Second Floor. Fire extinguished. **Four days later** another house fire, on the same street, this one fully involved. A water shuttle was set up with 12 outside departments trucking in water. Fire extinguished and extensive overhaul required. Returned to scene to investigate and check for rekindle.

| Mutual Aid (MABAS) Calls | Fire Department | Requested |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|--|
| 5 calls 1 call for Dive Team | Port Washington FD | 1 Assist overhaul, 2 Tender & Chief; 1 Tender, 1 Canceled Search for person in Lake Michigan |
| 5 calls | Mequon FD | 2 Tender, 1 Engine Stand-By, 1 Restored Alarm System 1 Extrication/Heavy Rescue |
| 4 calls | Grafton FD | 3 CFD Engine & Chief, 1 Restored Alarm System |
| 3 calls | Jackson FD | 2 CFD Tender, 1 Canceled |
| 1 call | Newburg FD | CFD Tender |
| 1 call | Saukville FD | 1 Canceled |

Annual Fire and Rescue Incident 5 year Comparison



2022 Promotions

Volunteer Firefighter/EMT, Ethan LeGault was hired as a Full-Time Paid Firefighter/EMT on October 26, 2022.

Ethan joined CFD in January 2022, after moving to Cedarburg from Saukville. Ethan was a member of the Saukville Fire Department, starting as an Explorer in 2004. He was promoted to Lieutenant in 2015, and held that position until he left in 2019. He came to CFD with certifications in Fire 1 and Fire 2, Hazmat Tech, Driver/Operator Pumper, Basic Rappelling and High Angle Ropes and Aerial Operator (HEO). Ethan is also a co-team leader of the Ozaukee County Hazmat Team, an Emergency Management Tech and pilot for the Ozaukee County Rescue Boat.

Through the Ozaukee County Sheriff's office, Ethan has completed extensive training in several facets of Emergency Management.

After joining CFD, he completed EMT Basic in Spring 2022 and enrolled in Advanced EMT in Fall 2022. Ethan is a great addition to our full-time staff, always committed to helping others and takes a keen interest in helping with daily operations of the department. Ethan also volunteers his time at our department fundraising events at Firemen's Park.



Ethan will work a 24/48 hour rotating schedule, along with Firefighter/AEMT Jason Peterson and Deputy Chief Joey Hintz.

2022 Training Summary

In 2022, our members completed a busy training schedule. During the regular monthly trainings, held on Thursday evenings, our Officers included special topics and put together some fun activities for the members, including field trainings, scavenger hunts and guest speakers.

At the beginning of the year, we toured the new WILLO facility on Highway 60, in order to become familiar with the building layout. In the spring, we hosted a Propane Emergencies training at Firemen's Park, which was coordinated with Ozaukee County Emergency Management. We also trained on our new radios which we received from Ozaukee County. In late summer, a wildland training live burn was held on three (3) properties along Lakefield Road, which were the first of many trainings we conducted jointly with the Grafton and Saukville Fire Departments.

Prior to Strawberry Festival in June, we conducted a training exercise in downtown Cedarburg to simulate our response to a fire during a festival. The Cedarburg Auxiliary Police, Public Works, and the Grafton Fire Department assisted, and Washington Avenue was closed so we could train in the festival footprint. There was also a car fire training held at Firemen's Park, to simulate an emergency outside of the festival footprint.

In July, we hosted an Electric Vehicle Safety and Awareness Training presented by EVSafe and the Wisconsin Tesla Owners. They thoroughly discussed the features of electric vehicles and how to mitigate them in an emergency. Many attended from CFD, and from other departments including Belgium, Waubeka, Port Washington, Thiensville, Saukville, the Cedarburg Police and the Ozaukee County Sheriff's Office.

Trainings were scheduled at a high pace from August thru September, sending crews to multiple live burns, hosted by both Grafton and the Germantown fire departments. Grafton also invited us to many of their trainings, held at an acquired structure, during the summer where we were able to train on live fires. We provided a crew or instructors to assist during these trainings and finally in September, when Grafton completed their final burn at their acquired structure, we returned to a more normal pace.

As noted in the chart on the following page, several of our members completed certification courses at MATC: 3 EMT Basic; 5 Advanced EMT, 2 Firefighter I, 3 Driver/Operator Pumper, and 3 Driver/Operator Aerial. Those members, who completed certification courses, put in over 1,920 hours of class time/training, not including their time spent studying.

| Training Categories | 4,714 Hours | Details |
|----------------------------------|---|--|
| Fire Suppression | 210 Hours 882 Hours 37 Hours 224 Hours | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Firefighter I Course (2 members) • Monthly Fire Trainings (includes Controlled Burns) • Jump Seat Training (8 members) • Other training (Online, Instructed, or Outside Classes) |
| EMS Rescue | 540 Hours 870 Hours 139 Hours 545 Hours 30 Hours 229 Hours | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic EMT Course (3 members) • Advanced EMT Course (5 members) • RTF Ops/Active Shooter Training (March/April) • Monthly EMS Trainings • CEVO Driving for Ambulance • Outside classes and Re-certifications for CPR |
| Engineers | 198 Hours 108 Hours 345 Hours | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motor/Pumper/Operator Course (3 members) • Aerial Operator Course (3 members) • Monthly Trainings (including Outside, Aerial and Road Tests) |
| Incident Command | 66 Hours | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Online (Fire and EMS) |
| Anti-Harassment Training | 108 Hours | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mandatory for Department |
| Dive Team Maintenance | 8 Hours 175 Hours | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New member training • Monthly maintenance on apparatus/equipment |
| Meetings | 623 Hours | Details |
| Meetings | 311 Hours 52 Hours 85 Hours 105 Hours 70 Hours | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Meetings • Executive Board • Officers Meetings • Mentorship and New Member Orientation • Additional Meetings |
| Explorers Program | 267 Hours | Details |
| Explorers (Age 14-18) | 179 Hours 88 Hours | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly Trainings and Meetings • Service Work |
| Grand Total | 5,604 Hours | |

The Department received a Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Grant of \$14,252. Those funds were used for the purchase of training manikins to be used for search and rescue. Seen in photo at right.





2022 Engine Company

During 2022, the **Engine Company** started and finished on a strong note.

We replaced 1,200 feet of aging hose with brand new 5 inch hose to our attack Engine 163 for fires in the City and Town. The new hose is lighter in weight and easier for packing and deployment. It is used for supplying water from a hydrant to an engine, or up a driveway to an engine from the road.

With the changing of technology to more battery-operated tools, CFD acquired a new Milwaukee chop saw and spare battery to use for roof, metal or concrete when needed at calls. In addition, four new portable lights which will be helpful to assist with lighting at night calls. These are located on our Heavy Rescue and Ladder Tower.

A great tool used in firefighting to aid in suppression is foam. We upgraded one of our engines to Novacool®, which is a better quality foam, and more environment-friendly.

Our members did an excellent job in 2022 putting in the hours needed to keep our equipment in top-notch condition. This includes flow testing for SCBA and masks, ladder testing, and regular checks on all equipment and meters located on every apparatus.

2022 Engineers

In 2022, CFD Engineers continued with training on pumping, aerial operations and apparatus driving. Operators also spent several hours conducting vehicle maintenance and making minor repairs.

Four members: Jacob Hurlburt, Daniel Dowty, Denver Dalley and Mike Kranz completed the state certified course to become Motor Pump Operators. They will be promoted in 2023, after they complete the necessary in-house trainings.

Three members: Jason Peterson, Eddie Lanser and Klark Pennings advanced to become Aerial Operators in 2022. They will be promoted to Heavy Equipment Operators (HEO) in 2023, after they complete the necessary in-house trainings.



Training in May for Rural Water Supply, using two engines and 2 portable tanks.



2022 Rescue Company

2022 was another busy and challenging year for the CFD Rescue Company. This was a year in which the department as a whole saw our highest call volume ever, exceeding the previous record by over 200 calls. While we were challenged by the number and severity of calls, the volunteers and full-time staff worked diligently together to ensure both ambulances were staffed to handle calls at any given time.

Administratively, supply chain issues and frequent backorders continued and in some cases worsened, but we were able to maintain our supply stock and ensure all of our equipment was ready for anyone who needed it. A committee was formed to work on designing and spec'ing a new ambulance to be added to the CFD fleet. The committee has been working diligently to design an ambulance that will increase the department's fleet of transport capable EMS units from two to three. This new ambulance is expected to arrive in 2023.

CFD was also awarded approximately \$120,000 in grant funding from the State EMS office via the EMS Flex Grant, and another \$30,000 via the annual EMS Funding Assistance Program (FAP). The money received through these grants, to be received in two installments between 2022 and 2023, will be used to outfit the new ambulance with necessary medical equipment, equip the department with high quality training aids to better train our EMTs, and equip our department with the necessary equipment to progress to a Paramedic level of service.

While this new equipment will benefit everyone in the Cedarburg community, the EMTs of the department are still the most valuable part of Rescue Company. Not only do they continue to answer the calls day and night, they do so more frequently than ever. In a time of challenge for the Fire and EMS service as a whole, our members continue to stay strong and dedicate countless hours to help their fellow citizens.

2022 Explorers Program

Cedarburg's Explorer Post is one of the last remaining posts in Ozaukee County. Shown, in their fire gear, on the front cover of this report, the post remains strong, with 7 active explorers, ages 14 – 18.

The explorers have continued to deepen their knowledge about the fire service, by consistently training, studying, and working with the Cedarburg Fire Department while maintaining high grades at school. The Explorers are supervised by AEMT Chris Hoerz, who has been a member of the department for 17 years. Other members of the department, who have been trained in youth leadership, are also available to help.

In 2022, two Explorers graduated from Cedarburg High School; Lieutenant Zach Rusch decided to continue his education at the University of Madison and Lieutenant Brandi Mathias decided to continue her education at Mount Mary University. This left an opening for new officers within the program.

Colt Cofta was promoted to Lieutenant and within the year, his strong leadership skills earned him another promotion to Captain. Colt took the lead in planning a fitness program, worked with full-time Firefighter/AEMT Jason Peterson to develop a Cadet program and assisted his Advisors as needed.

Senior Explorer Tyler Hoerz was also promoted to Lieutenant. Tyler took the lead of creating a new patch that will be used on new uniforms. Both young men have shown dedication and a passion for learning the fire service, while recruiting other high school age students to join the program. New Explorers in 2022 include: Tyler Bolser, Fergus Fidlin, Addison Milam and Kennedy Gehweiler.

Giving their time to the community, the Explorers raised funds in 2022 by working at four (4) Maxwell Street Days and two (2) Electronic Recycling Events. They also assisted the Family Sharing Program with collecting food and household products in front of Piggly Wiggly. In December, they participated in the Kapco Kids2Kids Toy Drive by taking donated toys and gifts to this annual charity event.

2022-2023 Explorers (shown on Front Cover):

From left to right: Nick Kelley, Lieutenant Tyler Hoerz, Captain Colt Cofta, Tyler Bolser, Addison Milam, and Kennedy Gehweiler.

AWARDS

The Cedarburg Fire Department held our annual Awards and Recognition program on September 10, 2022 to recognize member accomplishments from 2021. This year the banquet was held at the Cedarburg Cultural Center, which provided the perfect space for active and passive members to congregate and catch up. A catered dinner was enjoyed by everyone, and many special awards were given out on stage.

The **50 year award** is presented to a member who gives continuous service to the department and our community. **Chuck Kison** joined the department on May 5, 1972. He was active in the department serving on the Membership Committee, and worked his way up to Ladder Company Captain in May of 1978. Chuck was also very active at Firemen's park. He served on the Park Committee and Maxwell Street Day Committee. Chuck and Donna took care of boat storage for many years.

Jason Ebert, from the Badger Firefighter's Association presented Chuck with an award recognizing his 50 years of service to our department. Waubeka Fire Department Chief Jason Caswell also presented Chuck with a 50 year award from the Ozaukee County Association of Fire Departments for his years of service.



Pictured at left: Chuck, with his wife Donna, receiving his 50 year award from Chief Jason Caswell representing the Ozaukee County Association of Fire Departments.



The Cedarburg American Legion recognized two members of our department at their annual meeting. **Sue Ernst** was recognized as **EMT of the Year**, and **Grant Witte** was recognized as **Firefighter of the Year**.

Chief Vahsholtz shown with Firefighter/MPO Grant Witte, with his award from the American Legion. Sue Ernst was unable to attend the awards banquet.



AWARDS (continued)

The following service awards were also presented at the Awards Banquet in September to both honorary and active members:

30 years:

Scott Matusewic

25 years:

Robert Loomis

(was unable to attend banquet)

20 years:

Craig Boerner

Nathan Matter

Joe Grube

15 years of service:

John Zarling

5 years of service:

Melanie Clausing-Miles

Lindsay Landers



Joe Grube, with his wife Theresa, receiving his 20- year service award from Chief Vahsholtz.

First Responder of the Year Awards:

The following members were recognized for responding to the most calls in 2021, for the following categories: **Fire Calls, Rescue Calls, and Total Overall (Both fire and rescue)**

- **Bill Hintz** responded to **80** fire calls.
- **Nichole Zarling** responded to **160** rescue calls. Both shown on the right.

- **Jim Bougie** responded to **204** total calls for both fire and rescue. Jim was unable to attend the banquet to receive his award.



AWARDS (continued)

The highest award from the **Cedarburg Fire Department** presented to a member of the department is the **Meritorious Award**. This award represents someone that has a passion for the fire service, and has shared themselves, not only with their family, but also their extended CFD family. This award was presented to **Kim Esselmann**. Kim joined the Cedarburg Fire Department in 1999. BUT there is a story behind the story. In the beginning, Cedarburg American Legion ran the ambulance service in Cedarburg. Kim became a Nationally Registered EMT in 1990 and joined the American Legion Ambulance, and became EMT-Intermediate in 1992. Long story short – Kim, as director of the ambulance service, was determined to keep them independent, but that changed and the fire department took over. Kim was not happy, but she gave in finally, deciding that “pigs do fly” and in keeping with her dedication to the community, she submitted her application to CFD. In 2002 Kim was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant of Rescue Company. In 2007, she received a promotion to Captain of the Rescue Company and in 2008 received the Responder of the Year award for rescue calls. Kim continued to serve on numerous committees on the department. Not only that, on a dare to take Fire classes, she conquered and completed Fire I, Fire II, MPO, Aerial and Fire Officer I.

On July 11, 2014 after serving 15 years on the department, she was promoted to Deputy Chief of the department. Kim was the first female in the county to be promoted to a Chief Officer position that was not only responsible for EMS, but also firefighting. In 2019, Kim decided it was time to hang up her turnout gear and stethoscope and changed her membership to Passive. But not one to sit idle, she jumped in to the role of Special Events Coordinator for Firemen’s Park.

In keeping with tradition when a Chief steps down, Kim also received her Honorary Chief badge which was ceremoniously pinned on her uniform by husband and CFD member, Bill Esselmann.

Chief Vahsholtz and Kim Esselmann enjoying some memories!



Park Awards

For their time and dedication to the fundraising events held at Firemen’s Park, a group of members was recognized for their many hours of volunteer time that includes everything from park maintenance, park preparation, organization/marketing/vendor registration, food and drink ordering, County Fair, park clean up and park office management. **Shown at left: Bill Esselmann, Kim Esselmann, Peter Pautz, Andy Heidtke, Mark Montaine, and Don Curran. Not shown: Joey Hintz, who was recognized for 8 years of service as Park President.**



Fire Apparatus 2022

All fire apparatus, shown here and on the next several pages, were donated to the residents of Cedarburg by Cedarburg Firemen's Park Inc. No tax payer dollars were spent to purchase apparatus.

CFD added to the apparatus fleet in **2022. Command 168**, purchased primarily as a first response and Incident Command vehicle for the Fire Chief. This will ensure that the Chief has a vehicle when responding to calls both within our community and for Mutual Aid response to other communities in the county.



Command 168 is a 2022 Chevy Tahoe utilized by the Fire Chief. It has the capabilities to be set up as a command post for any incident. **Purchase price: \$67,000**

ENGINE 163



Engine 163 is the first due engine out of Station 1.

Purchase price: \$685,000

Specifications include:

- 2016 Pierce Quantum 6-person chassis
- 500 hp DD13 Detroit Diesel engine
- Allison automatic transmission
- 1500 GPM Pierce PUC pump
- 1,000 gallon water tank
- 25 gallon Class A foam tank
- 20 kW Harrison hydraulic generator

Fire Apparatus 2021(continued)

Engine 161 is the second due engine out of Station 1.

Purchase price: \$460,000

Specifications include:

- 2004 Pierce Quantum 6-person chassis
- 515 hp Detroit Diesel engine
- Allison automatic transmission
- 1500 GPM Waterous pump
- 1,000 gallon water tank
- 25 gallon Class A foam tank
- 15 kW PTO driven generator

ENGINE 161



TENDER 164



Tender 164 is third due out of Station 1 for rural fire calls.

Purchase Price: \$500,000

Specifications include:

- 2020 Kenworth T880, 2-person chassis
- 600 hp Cummins X15 engine
- Allison automatic transmission
- 1500 GPM Waterous pump
- 3,000 Gallon water tank
- (2) 3,000 Gallon portable water tanks

Fire Apparatus 2021 (continued)

Ladder Tower 159 was the first aerial platform in Ozaukee County. It has the ability to operate with up to 800lbs of weight at the tip and can operate at an elevation of 5 degrees below the level of the truck. The aerial platform also has a “pre-piped” waterway which allows the apparatus to be quickly placed into operation as an elevated master stream, which can flow up to 1000 GPM of water. The truck was rebuilt in 2000, with the biggest change being an interlock safety ladder system.

Ladder Tower 159 is the third unit to respond out of Station 1 for city calls and the fourth unit out for rural calls.

**Purchase price:
\$500,000**



Specifications include:

- 1988 Pierce Arrow 7-person chassis
- 475 hp Detroit Diesel engine
- Allison automatic transmission
- 1500 GPM Waterous pump (no on-board water tank)
- 105 ft. aerial platform
- 12 kW generator

TOWER 159

Engine 162 responds out of Station 2, located in the Town of Cedarburg.

It's primary purpose at rural fire scenes is to draft from a portable folding tank or other static water source, and supply water to the incident.

Purchase price: \$560,000

Specifications include:

- 2009 Pierce Quantum 6-person chassis
- 525 hp Detroit Diesel engine
- Allison automatic transmission
- 1500 GPM Pierce PUC Pump
- 1,000 gallon water tank
- 25 gallon Class A foam tank
- 20 kW PTO driven generator

ENGINE 162



Rescue Apparatus 2021

FIRST RESPONSE CAR 156



The 2021 Chevrolet Traverse was purchased in 2021, to be utilized as a First Response Car (156). This vehicle was purchased to help EMS crews provide faster patient care with a quick response from a first responder before the ambulance arrives. The vehicle has an AED, oxygen and a medical bag onboard. **Purchase price: \$70,000**

AMBULANCES 151 and 152



Specifications include:

- 2012 Kenworth T270 chassis
- PX6 Paccar Diesel engine
- Allison automatic transmission
- Medtec ambulance module

Ambulance 151 and 152 both respond out of Station 1. Running roughly three quarters of CFD's calls annually, they provide Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and patient transport to area hospitals.

Purchase price: \$204,000 each

Squad 153 is the first due apparatus out of Station 1 for motor vehicle crashes, industrial accidents and carbon monoxide (CO) incidents.

Purchase price: \$500,000

Specifications include:

- 2006 Pierce Quantum 6-person chassis
- 425 hp Detroit Diesel engine
- Allison automatic transmission
- 19 ft. walk-through body with seating for 7
- 30 kW PTO driven generator
- (2) 20 ft. light towers (4.5 kW each)

SQUAD 153



Specialty Apparatus 2020

Brush Truck 158 responds out of Station 2, located in the Town of Cedarburg. Aside from brush fires, 158 has the capabilities to run as a first responder vehicle for EMS related incidents and carries the needed equipment to respond to motor vehicle crashes. 158 is also utilized to pull the Dive/Water Rescue Trailer.

Purchase price: \$110,000

Specifications include:

- 2006 GMC 5500 4x4 5-person chassis
- Duramax Diesel engine
- 250 GPM Darley pump
- 240 gallon water tank
- 5 gallon Class A foam tank



Brush Truck 157 is first to respond out of Station 1 for brush fires.

Purchase price: \$28,000

Specifications include:

- 1989 GMC 3500 1-ton 4x4 pickup truck
- 454 cubic inch fuel-injected V8 engine
- 135 GPM Darley pump
- 200 gallon water tank
- 5 gallon Class A foam tank

The **Dive Trailer (shown above with 157)** is a 1998 cargo trailer located at Station 2. It responds for all dive/water rescue incidents and any other situations deemed necessary by the Chief.

The trailer was donated in 2002 in memory of two first responder brothers who lost their lives on 9-11-2001.

Members of CFD designed and refurbished the trailer to meet the needs of the department.

Cost to refurbish: \$20,000

Ambulance Cart and Kubota purchased in 2017



B.E.R.T. (Bicycle Emergency Response Team) Used for EMT's to respond quickly and safely to rescue incidents in crowded areas of downtown.

Specialty Apparatus 2020 (continued)



Utility 155 (shown above) is a 2019 Chevy 2500HD 4x4 pick-up truck. 155 is primarily used for trainings. It can also be utilized for school transport, scene support, or as a first responder vehicle.
Purchase price: \$60,000



Utility Truck 154 is a 2015 Chevrolet Tahoe 4x4. Utilized by the fire inspector, for training and for special events.
Purchase price: \$51,000



Command Vehicle 169 is a 2013 Chevrolet Suburban 4x4. 169 is utilized by the on-duty Chief Officer. It has the capabilities to be set up as a command post for any incident.

Purchase price: \$80,000

Antique Fire Equipment

The Cedarburg Fire Department has a collection of five pieces of antique apparatus housed in the Station 3 museum. Always a favorite at the parades and shows!

- **1907 horse-drawn Howe pumper along with a 1907 man-drawn hose cart. Picture shown below.**



- **1928 Pirsch pumper. Picture (top) above.** Originally purchased new by CFD and then purchased back from other owners and restored.
- **1924 Graham/Dodge pumper. Picture (bottom) above.** The first motorized fire truck in the department. Both pumpers are still driveable.

- **1956 FWD (now Seagrave Fire Apparatus) Geesink Ladder Truck.** The 85-foot unit was purchased in May 1957. In March 1976 it was empowered with a Detroit G-71 diesel engine. In the spring of 1978, the body and ladder was repainted and refurbished to include an enclosed cab. Original purchase price: \$35,000 In 2002, CFD purchased it back from Bristol FD for \$5,107

FIRE/EMS STANDBY

Cedarburg Festivals and Other Events

In 2022, CFD was ready for a busy year of events! Cedarburg welcomed back one of its biggest festivals, the 37th Annual Strawberry Festival in June, sponsored by BMO Harris Bank. The festival is free, family-oriented and a favorite, drawing up to 100,000 people to enjoy some of the most decadent homegrown strawberries in the area. CFD Firefighters and EMS crews held trainings prior to the festivals to be prepared for emergencies within the downtown festival footprint.

CFD volunteers were ready and on stand-by for the following events:

- Sweat for Vets (May 21st)
- Maxwell Street Day (May 29th) 163 Engine and Crew, Ambulance
- Truck and Tractor Pull (June 17th & 18th)
- Strawberry Festival (June 25th & 26th)
- Rotary Music Festival (July 3rd)
- Parade (July 4th)
- Maxwell Street Day (July 10th) 163 Engine and Crew, Ambulance
- County Fair (July 28 thru August 1st)
- Demo Derby (August 6th) 163 Engine and Crew
- Country in the Burg (August 26th and 27th) at City Park
- Wine & Harvest Festival (Sept 17th & 18th)
- Maxwell Street Day (September 4th) 163 Engine and Crew, Ambulance
- Maxwell Street Day (October 2nd) 163 Engine and Crew, Ambulance

In 2022, our EMS and Fire personnel logged over **1,220 hours standing by** ready to respond with our ambulance cart, Fire UTV and bicycle teams to quickly get through the festival crowds.



Participants get ready at the Cedarburg American Legion for the Sweat For Vets walk.

Public Education and Community Outreach

The Cedarburg Fire Department is committed to providing a range of services to the community to promote safety and preparedness in the event of an emergency. The department offers public education services such as fire safety presentations, smoke detector installations, fire extinguisher training, and emergency response planning guidance for businesses and organizations. Additionally, the department provides CPR and first aid training to individuals and groups. These services equip community members with the knowledge and skills needed to respond to emergency situations.

The department also offers community outreach programs such as ride homes in fire trucks for school auctions, station tours for local groups, open house events, and participation in community events like parades, block parties, and fairs. These activities allow community members to interact with firefighters, learn about fire safety equipment, and gain a better understanding of the department's operations. Through these outreach programs and public education services, the Cedarburg Fire Department demonstrates its commitment to the community's safety and well being.

Events in 2022:

- January 16th** Tour of Fire Station with Girl Scouts (4 children / 3 adults)
- January 23rd** Tour of Fire Station with Cub Scouts (14 children / 9 adults)
- April 23rd** Tour of Fire Station Boy Scout Troup 836
- May 27th** Survive Alive House for Thorson 2nd Graders (80 children w/12 adults)
- June 8th** Tour of Fire Station with Thorson 2nd Graders

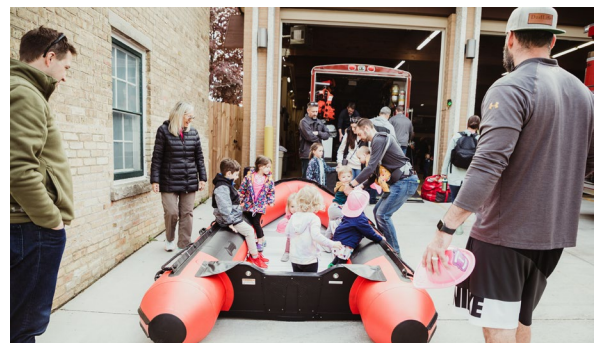
October (3 days/3 sessions per day) Full-Time FF/AEMT Jason Peterson taught a “Fire Safety in the Home” course for **over 350 students** at Parkview Elementary School.

- November 8th** Tour of Fire Station with Girl Scouts (12 children / 4 adults)
- November 15th** Tour of Fire Station with Girl Scouts (12 children / 6 adults)

Other activities open to the public at the Fire Station included:

May 18th Open House at Station 1

This event included fun activities for community families. We had 39 volunteer members at the station to answer questions about the fire service, hand out fire prevention information and items for the kids. All fire and rescue emergency trucks were pulled out of the station for the public to see up close.



June 16th Safety Town (90 children w/teacher and parent chaperones)

10 CFD volunteer members spent over 6 hours guiding the kids thru three sessions of fire safety instructions full of fun activities, a safety film and the Survive Alive House, which is always a popular summer event for these kindergarten and 1st graders entering school in the Fall. This event is organized by the Cedarburg Junior Women’s Club each summer and field trips to the fire station and police station are part of the Safety Town program.

2022 Inspection Bureau

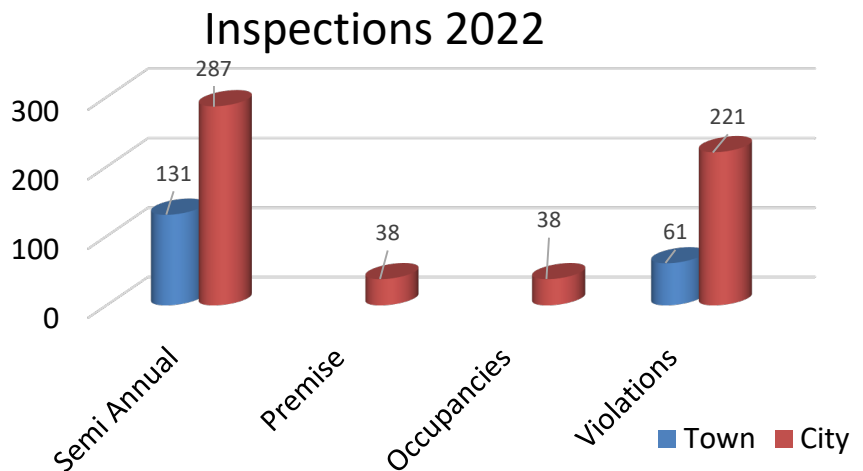
With personnel running a record number of calls in 2022, inspections were moved to be completed once per year in the City of Cedarburg and remained at twice per year in the Town of Cedarburg. Doing this not only allowed personnel to better manage time between responding to incidents and completing life safety inspections, but it will also allow our inspectors to focus more on ensuring that any violations that are found are repaired in a timelier manner. Special events continue to be a focus of the Cedarburg community and require much time to ensure they remain safe events. There is a lot of planning that goes into each of these events regarding life safety and inspections have to be done throughout the footprint of each event. Each festival requires the inspection of about twenty food vendors, whereas County Fair requires nearly double that, in addition to other aspects such as ensuring all rides have been appropriately registered and inspected. These events can be challenging in the enforcement of violations due to their temporary and time sensitive nature.

City Inspections:

Semi-annual: 287
Premise inspections: 38
New occupancies: 38
Violations found: 221

Town Inspections:

Semi-annual: 131
Violations found: 61



The City saw a larger number of new occupancies in the community, meaning more businesses are coming to Cedarburg, in addition to new buildings being built. With many proposed building projects on the horizon, 2023 looks like it will be another busy year for the inspection bureau.

2022 DEPARTMENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

As you have seen in this year-end report (pg 7), we have lowered our average response times from 11 minutes 45 seconds in 2019, to 6 minutes 58 seconds in 2022. This is an average based on both the City and Town of Cedarburg call response times.

During the latter months of 2022, CFD started working on a contract with the Southern Ozaukee Fire Department, for continued paramedic intercept service being provided to our community, and also to create a paramedic oversight program to help CFD with developing our own paramedic program. The new paramedic intercept contract is set to go into effect beginning 1/1/2023. The oversight agreement should be completed early in 2023.

In 2022, the City/Town Ad Hoc Committee voted to send a recommendation, to their respective Boards, that they stay with the Cedarburg Plan. During the year, a group of City officials and CFD staff attended consolidation talks with Thiensville and Mequon to form a Southern Ozaukee County Fire Department; and separate talks with Grafton, Saukville and Port Washington to form a Central Ozaukee County Fire Department. After attending several of the meetings with both groups, a decision was made to forego consolidation at this time, and continue with the Cedarburg Plan. This does not rule out consolidation in the future.

We recruited 12 new members into the department (8 Active and 4 Passive), successfully implementing our Orientation and Mentorship program to help them integrate their participation with call responses, trainings and fundraising activities.



2023 DEPARTMENT GOALS

- Hire two Full-time Firefighter/Paramedics
- Work with the Common Council and City staff on a referendum for 2024, and to continue the planning process for a new fire station located next to the Police Department on Wauwatosa Road.
- Continue to recruit and retain department members
- Work with Firemen's Park Inc. to form a strategic plan for Firemen's Park to address short-term and long-term goals, including park improvements and the sustainability of fundraising events.

FIREMEN'S PARK, INC

It is worthy to note that Firemen's Park Inc. is a private non-profit corporation and separate from the Cedarburg Fire Department. However, it is the same group of dedicated volunteers and paid staff that you read about in our annual report. Not only do they volunteer thousands of hours every year for the fire department, they also put in countless hours of volunteer time raising funds to purchase the vehicles that are then donated to the City. Legally, on paper, they are two separate groups. However, in reality, they are one group of people with the same common goal: **Giving back to our community!**

2022 Fundraiser Events Held at Firemen's Park:

- April 16 and 23 Boat Storage (Release for spring)
- May 29 Maxwell Street Day
- June 18 "The Pull" Truck & Tractor Event
- July 10 Maxwell Street Day
- August 3 thru 7 Ozaukee County Fair (5 days)
- August 27 Golden Bulldogs
- September 4 Maxwell Street Day
- September 10 Ozaukee Radio Club Fall SwapFest
- October 2 Maxwell Street Day
- October 15 and 22 Boat Storage (Take in for winter)

In 2022, members **volunteered more than 2,800 hours** at park fundraising events. In addition, members of the Park Board put in over 120 hours for meetings.

The park grounds are also used for a staging area for the 4th of July parade, the Homecoming parade and the Cedarburg High School graduation parade. The American Legion also parks cars, at the park grounds, during the festivals held in Cedarburg.



Pictured above: Cooking burgers in the Kitchen at Maxwell St Day

CFD members cooking all day at Brat Stand #1 for Maxwell Street Day



Shown at left, firefighters stand by for the Truck and Tractor event at the County Fair