

2025 CEDARBURG FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT





Mayor Thome, Members of the Common Council and Administrator Hilvo:

I would like to present the 2025 year-in-review for the Cedarburg Fire Department. On the following pages you will see many charts and graphs of our activities over the year. I am proud of our paid-on-call members, and our full-time staff, for their hard work and dedication to our community. Without all of them, there would not be much of a report to present.

In 2025, our dedicated members ran a total of 1,581 calls for service. EMS calls were 79.7% of our total calls. Of the 1,261 EMS calls, 74.6% of our patients were 60 years and older. For statistics on types of calls and frequency, see pages 6-10.

Our members put in 1,094 hours of stand-by for all special events held in the community. Our department also continued to hold Maxwell Street Days and other fund-raising events at Firemen's Park. Our members devoted 3,247 hours at the park. They accomplished that on top of providing fire and EMS services, training and other events.

In 2025, we promoted Katrina Schoen, one of our paid-on call members to full-time Firefighter/Paramedic. Katrina is a great addition to our full-time staff and our CFD family. At the end of 2025, we have a total of 5 full-time firefighter/paramedics. We also added 7 new paid-on-call members and 3 Passive members to our family. We also had the pleasure of promoting several of our members to leadership positions within the department. These promotions can be found on pages 11-12.

In closing, I would like to say **THANK YOU** to Mayor Thome, Administrator Hilvo, and the members of the Common Council for all your support throughout the year. The members of our department consist of amazing men and women, and our Explorers, who all share a common bond by serving their community.

I could not be any prouder to see the dedication of our CFD family and what they give and sacrifice for our community.



Jeffrey J. Vahsholtz
Chief



CFD 2025 Active Membership Roster

Under 1 year (Probationary):

Brady Naas
Brianna Reimer
Mathew Miller
Mariia Valentiuk
Brian Murphy
Garrett Horn
John Stuhlmacher

1 to 10 years:

Dustin A. Wallace
Heath M. Oberg
Benjamin N. Schuster
Benjamin M. Gustafson
Teddy Krol
Hailey I. Jett
Caitlin Steinberg
Andy Schottler
Will Didier
Rob Henry
Emily Cleveland
Melissa Demczak
Denisa Demczak
Jamie Wilhelme
Abigail J. DeGuelle
David B. Lee
Stephanie M. Van Pietersom
Daniel M. Wolf
Nicholas J. Lesselyoung

1 to 10 years continued:

Karissa J. Mathias
Shaun M. Smith
Edward T. Lanser *Lt. Engine Comp
Nicholas L. Janous *Lt. Training
Tanya N. Zarling * Lt. Rescue Comp
Melanie L. Clausing-Miles
Lindsay L. Lanser *Lt. Rescue Comp
Robert D. Mathias
Jeffrey L. Nelson

11 to 15 years:

Dustin Halyburton
Kelly A. LaPorta

16 to 24 years:

Robert F. Jung *Lt. Engine Company
Andrew W. Heidtke *Deputy Chief/Training
David M. Schwantes
Edward M. Petrarca *Lt. Rescue Company
Nichole J. Zarling
Christopher C. Hoerz
Peter J. Pautz *Lt. Engineers
Nathan M. Matter
Craig A. Boerner * Captain Engineers
Joseph E. Grube *Lt. Engine Company
Grant D. Witte *Safety Officer

25 to 34 years (Honorary Active):

Joel Bublitz
James G. Bougie
Scott E. Matusewic
Suzanne V. Ernst

45 years and over: (Honorary Active):

Raymond R. Jung
Edward A. Bublitz

**54 Paid-On-Call Members; 9 Full-Time Employed
Total Active in 2025: 63**

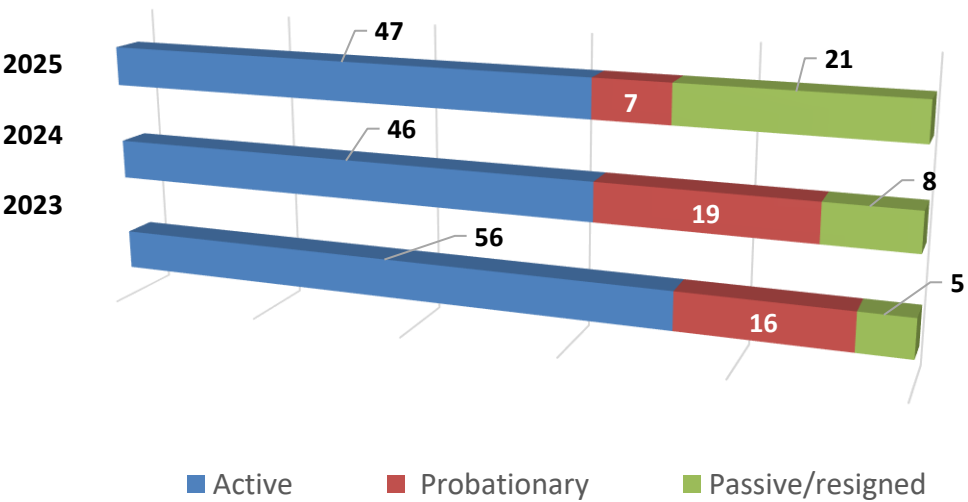
9 Full-Time Employees:

Jeffrey J. Vahsholtz (Volunteer 1978 promoted to Chief 2014; Full-Time 2024) *Honorary Active Chief
Joseph W. Hintz (Volunteer 2008 to Full-Time 2020) *Deputy Chief
Blake R. Karnitz (Volunteer 2010; Hired Full-Time 2017) *Deputy Chief
Jason Peterson (Volunteer 2016 to Full-Time 2021) HEO/FF/Paramedic
Ethan J. LeGault (Volunteer to Full-Time 2022) HEO/FF/AEMT
Christopher R. Wunsch (Hired Full-Time 2023) HEO/FF/Paramedic
Nicholas G. Hepner (Hired Full-Time 2023) HEO/FF/Paramedic
Joel P. Deutsch (Hired Full-Time 2024) HEO/FF/Paramedic *Lt Rescue
Katrina Schoen (Promoted to Full-Time 2025) FF/Paramedic

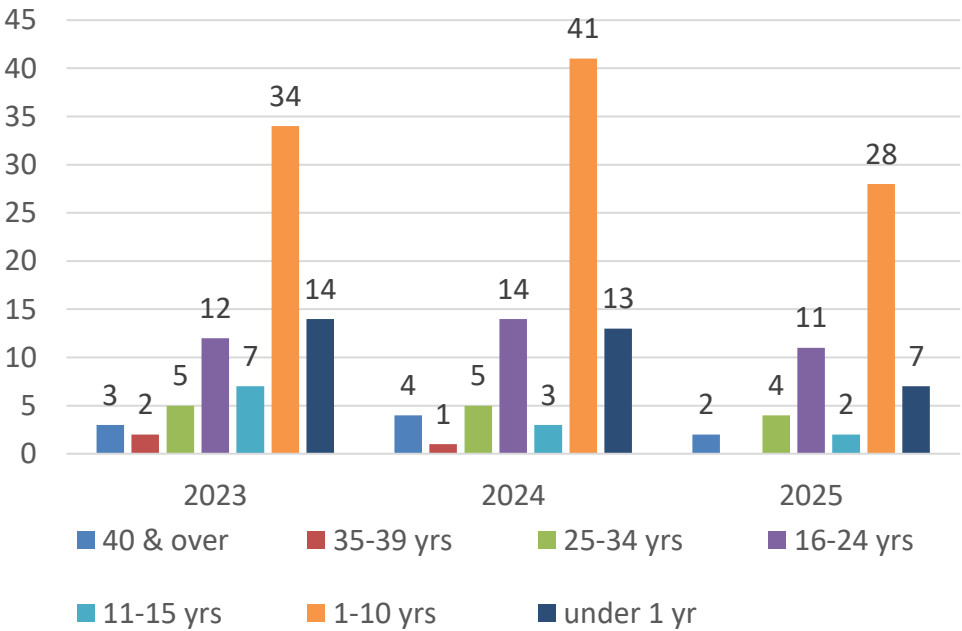
*Denotes Officers/Chiefs

Each year, our paid-on-call membership retention fluctuates due to changes in people’s lives; such as career changes, health, family, relocating etc. As shown below, for every new probationary member brought in, there can be an unknown number of members who leave in the same year.

Paid-on-Call Member Totals



Members’ # of Years at CFD





In 2025, the bell tolled one last time for the following CFD members:

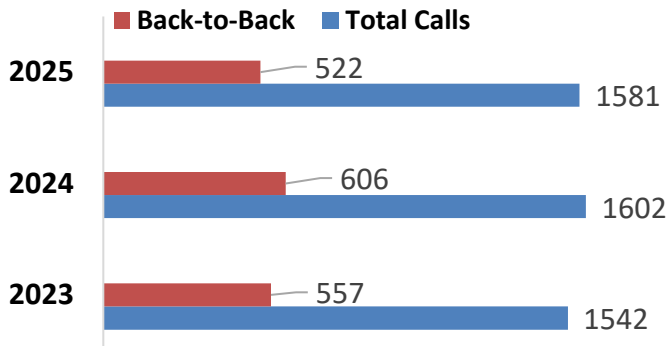
**Wayne “Peachy” Fischer
Roger Kopplin
Roger Butt**

2025

The Cedarburg Fire Department responded to a total of **1,581** incidents

	City	Town	Mutual Aid Given to other departments	Total
Rescue	1,021	220	15	1,256
Fire	211	73	38	322
Dive	0	1	2	3
Totals	1,232	294	55	1,581

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



Back-to-Back Calls

Defined as when two or more incidents occur simultaneously, such as when one crew is out on a Rescue or Fire call and another incident is dispatched.

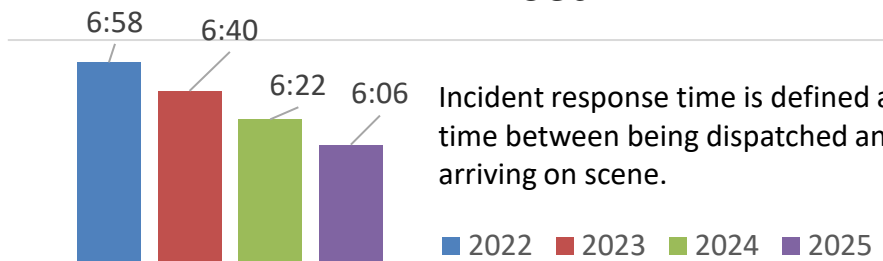
Percentage of back-to-back calls:

2025: 33.0%

2024: 37.8%

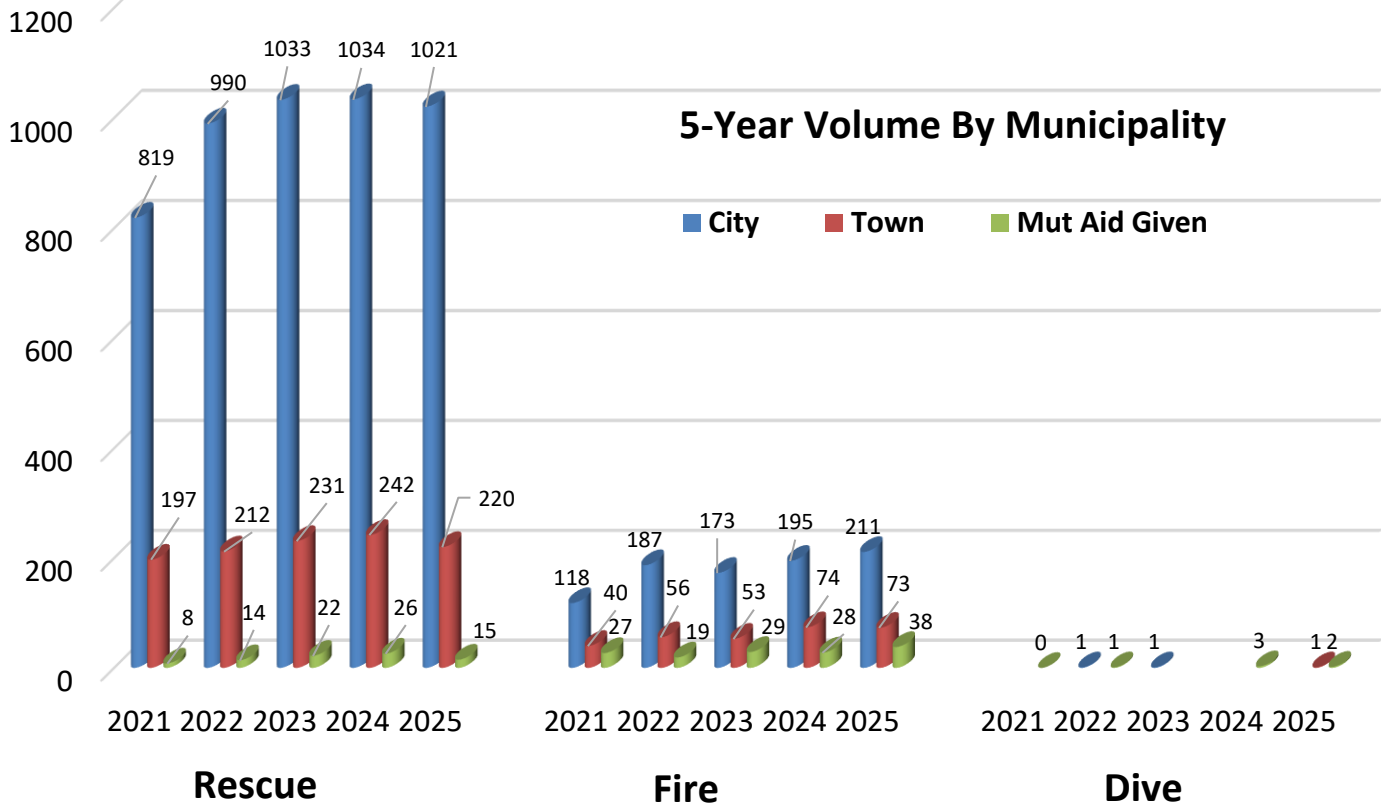
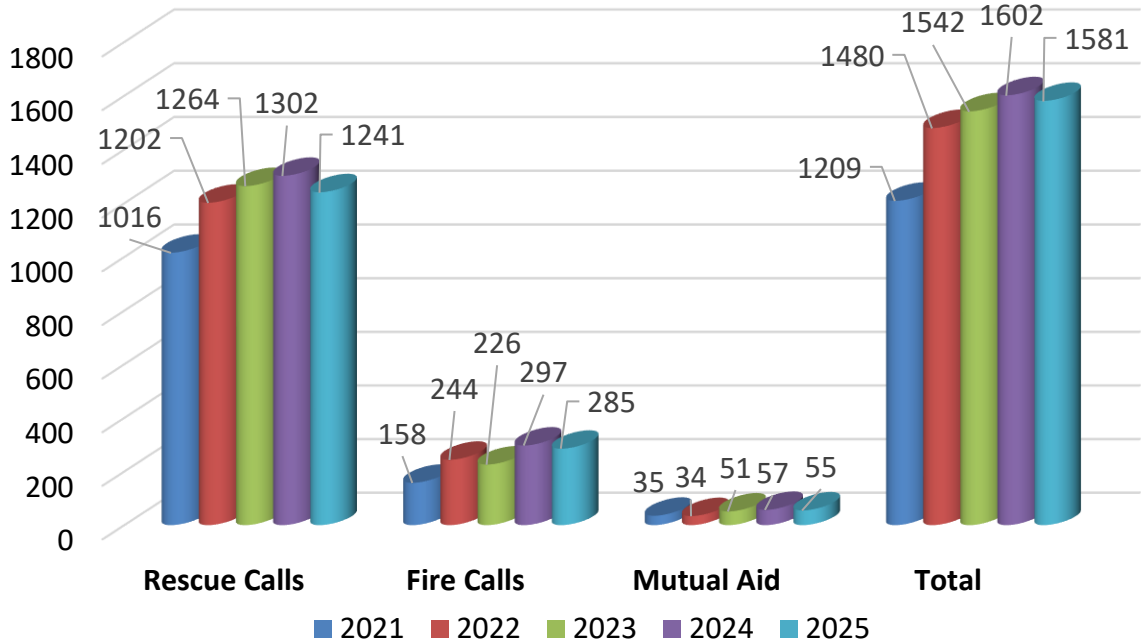
2023: 36.1%

Average Response Time Min:Sec



Incident response time is defined as the amount of time between being dispatched and the first unit arriving on scene.

Fire and Rescue Incident Totals 5-Year Comparison

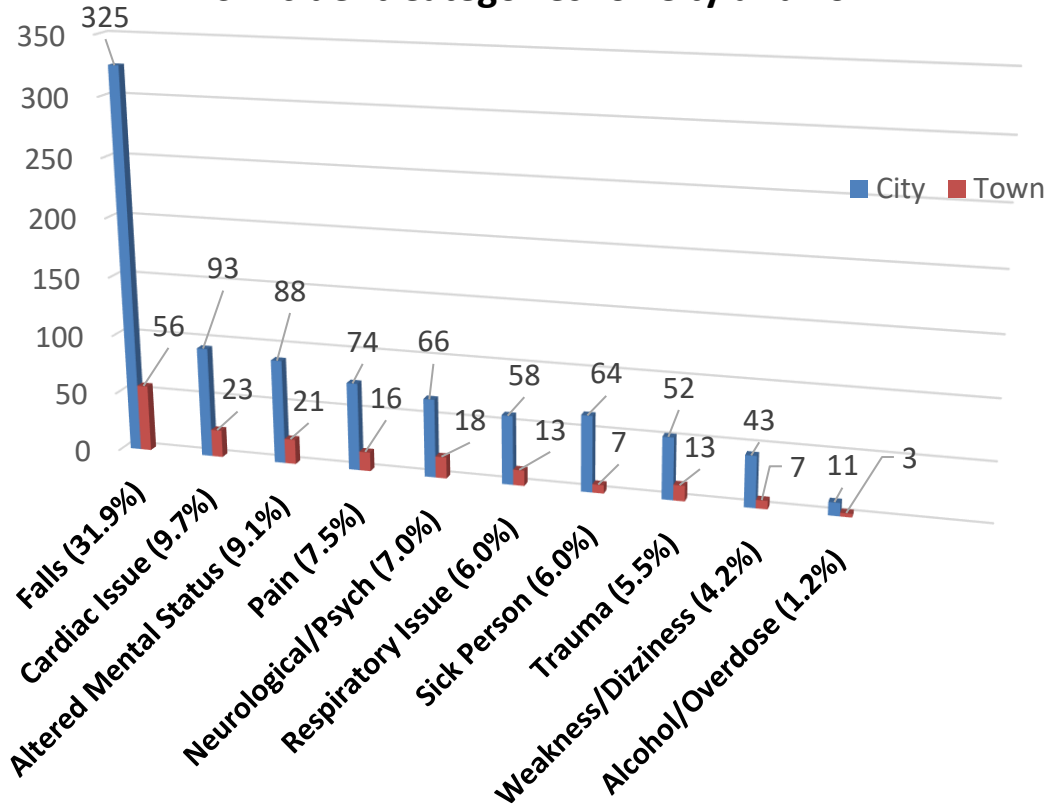


Rescue Incidents Summary

Total EMS: 1,261

City: 1,021 Town: 220 Mutual Aid Given: 15

EMS Incident Categories for City and Town



Paramedic Intercept Breakdown

Total EMS calls	1,261	79.8% of all calls
Total Intercept Requests	484	38.4% of all EMS calls
Paramedic Transport	53	4.2% of all EMS calls

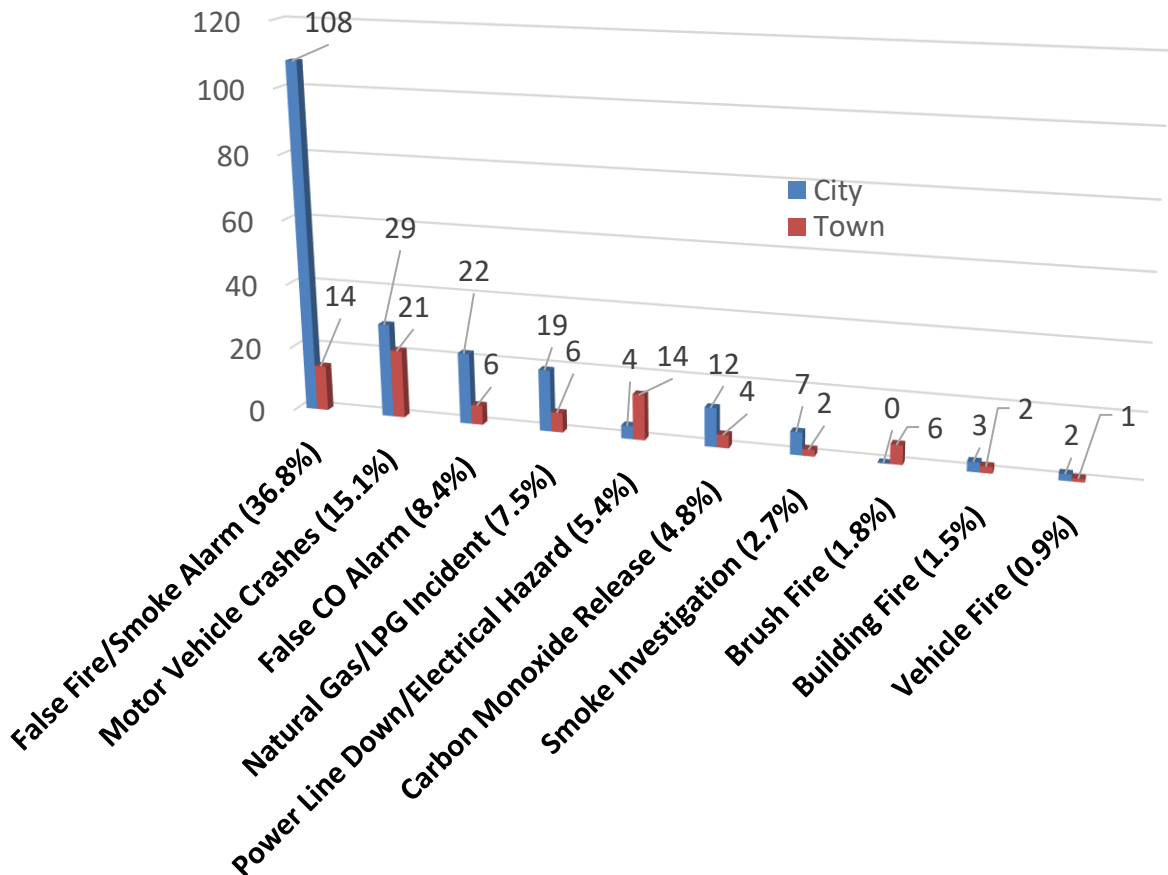
A majority of the intercept requests are computer generated. The county uses a program called ProQA. Based on questions asked by dispatch and answers given, the software determines if a paramedic is sent or not. The crew can and will call for a paramedic if needed, when one has not been automatically sent.

Types of Fire Incidents

Total: 321 City: 211 Town: 73

For Mutual Aid Given/MABAS – See next page

Fire Incident Categories for City and Town



City of Cedarburg Fires (3):

March: (1) Fully involved vehicle fire in driveway spread to detached garage, with siding and heavy smoke damage. Diesel fuel spill, Emergency Management called for cleanup. Water and foam used to extinguish fire. **May: (1)** Vehicle drove through garage/house. Weakened structure, shored walls with struts. Building inspector called for inspection.

November: (1) Roof and 2nd floor fire ignited at 1:30am in abandoned structure used for live fire training. MABAS Full Still Level. Fire extinguished and overhaul conducted on 2nd floor.

Town of Cedarburg Fires (2):

July: (1) Barn and two (2) outbuilding structures fully involved fire. MABAS Box Level and Tenders only to 2nd box level. Excavation called for roof removal. Approximately 90,000 gallons water used to extinguish fires. **November: (1)** House filling with smoke, activated alarms. Damage to siding only, no extension. Engine crew removed siding. Water spicket on outside of house had been thawed by owner with a propane torch.

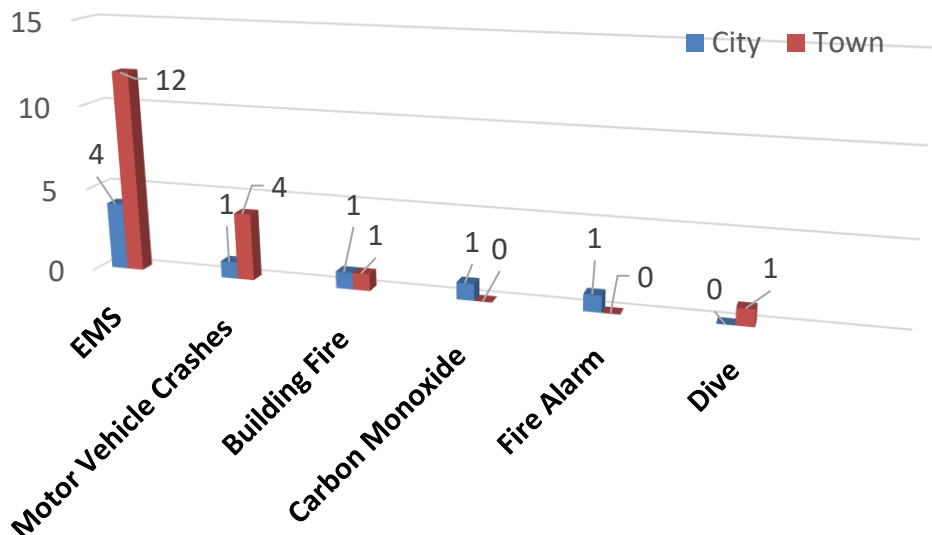
Mutual Aid Responses

Mutual Aid Given/MABAS: 55

Cedarburg **provided Mutual Aid** to other fire departments for various types of incidents including building fires, building collapse, cover assignments, motor vehicle accidents, EMS incidents, water rescue incidents, dispatched and cancelled, and more.

Mutual Aid Given To	# incidents
Ozaukee Central Fire Department	18
Southern Ozaukee Fire and EMS Department	18
Germantown Fire Department	5
Richfield Volunteer Fire Department	3
Port Washington Fire Department	3
Newburg Fire Department	2
Brookfield Fire Department	1
Fredonia Fire Department	1
Jackson Fire Department	1
Milwaukee Fire Department	1
North Shore Fire Department	1

Cedarburg **received Mutual Aid** from other departments 26 times; 18 in the Town of Cedarburg and 8 in the City of Cedarburg. See below for types of incidents.



2025 Staffing and Promotions

Chief Vahsholtz announced several promotions, for both full-time and paid-on call members, which included: 3 Rescue Company Lieutenants, 2 Engine Company Lieutenants, 1 Training Division Lieutenant and a Deputy Chief - Community Risk Reduction (CRR)

Blake Karnitz was promoted to the rank of Deputy Chief. Blake joined the Explorer program in Cedarburg in 2009 and joined as an active member in 2010. Since then, he has continuously taken on many leadership roles. His first role was Assistant Training Officer in 2013 as a volunteer. In 2017, he was hired to his full-time position as Fire Inspector. In addition to being a State Certified Fire Inspector and Investigator, Blake is an Advanced EMT and held the rank of Rescue Lieutenant from 2019 to 2024. Blake was promoted to Captain in 2024, overseeing our new Community Risk Reduction (CRR) Division, which encompasses fire inspections, along with public education and community outreach. In 2024, he completed his Bachelor of Science Degree in Fire Administration/Fire Investigation. Blake holds certifications in Firefighter I and II, HazMat Ops, Driver/Operator Pumper and Aerial, Fire Inspector, Fire Instructor I, and Fire Officer I and II. In 2025, he received the Center for Public Safety Excellence Designations for Fire Officer and Fire Marshall. Blake leads our CRR division while taking on the responsibilities that come with his new rank as Deputy Chief.

Joel Deutsch was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Rescue Company. While Lt. Deutsch is new to our Department, he is very familiar with our service. He joined our department in 2024 as a paid-on-call member and was soon hired as a full-time member. He has been working with the Cedarburg Fire Department since 2012, when he began responding to our calls as a paramedic intercept from Thiensville Fire Department. At previous organizations, he has been promoted to various levels and brings a variety of experience and knowledge. We look forward to his contributions and leadership.

In 2025, Lt. Deutsch was eager to further his knowledge by attending several professional development courses that will benefit our organization. He started the year by attending Fitch and Associates' Beyond the Streets program, which teaches the foundations of leadership and Emergency Medical Services operations. He also attended a virtual program hosted by the State of Wisconsin Office of Rural Health called EMS Operations and Leadership that discusses the specific governance of Emergency Medical Services in the state of Wisconsin. At the end of the year, he completed the Fitch and Associates' Ambulance Service Manager Program, a rigorous 14-week program. This is an internationally recognized course that has several parts, including online learning, a research project and presentation, and two week-long in-person sessions. Here, he learned more in-depth about managing an Emergency Medical Service, and leadership and supervisory techniques.



Rescue Lt. Joel Deutsch and Deputy Chief Blake Karnitz

In December 2025, **Katrina Schoen was hired to fulltime Firefighter/Paramedic position.** Katrina joined the department in July 2022 as a volunteer, and by 2024 she had completed Advanced EMT and Fire I. Wasting no time, she then completed a year-long course for Paramedic in 2025. Katrina loves being a part of the CFD family and brings her smile and positivity to the job every time she is on shift.



2025 STAFFING AND PROMOTIONS (CONTINUED)

Nick Janous was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Training Division. Nick joined the department as a volunteer member in 2019 and began driving ambulance for rescue calls. By 2024, Nick completed his certifications for Firefighter I and II, HazMat Ops, Driver/Operator Pumper, Fire Officer I and Fire Instructor I. Nick received the First Responder Award in 2020 and in 2022 for responding to the most fire calls. In addition to running calls, Nick works with our new members, mentoring and training them during their orientation and one-year probation process.

Tanya Zarling was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Rescue Company. Tanya joined the Explorer program at the fire department in 2014, and in 2016 she was appointed Explorer Lieutenant to lead the group of teenagers. In 2018, she became an active member of the department and earned her EMT license, while studying for her Bachelor's degree at Concordia University. By 2022, she had received her license as an Advanced EMT and her CPR Instructor certification. Her dedication to the department, running calls and helping others shows in everything she does.

Matt Petrarca was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Rescue Company. Matt has been a member of the department since 2006, joining as a licensed EMT. For close to 20 years, Matt has attended trainings and refreshers and responded to calls while earning his Advanced EMT license along the way. Matt's humor and the ability to calm people on an ambulance are crucial skills that help manage high-stress situations by de-escalating anxiety, building trust, and creating a more stable environment for both patients and crew.

Eddie Lanser and Bobby Jung each named to Acting Lieutenant Engine Company. The definition of an "Acting Lieutenant" is a temporary or transitional term while the candidate completes required courses, such as Instructor I and Officer I, before being officially moved up to Lieutenant

Eddie first joined the Explorer program while in high school and trained with the fire department for three (3) years. He joined as an active member in 2020. By 2022, he had become certified in Firefighter I and II, HazMat Ops, Driver/Operator Pumper and Aerial, and earned his EMT license.

Bobby also participated in the Explorer program from 2004 to 2008 and joined the department as an active member in 2008. He became certified in Firefighter I and HazMat Operations in 2009. By 2014, he received his Firefighter II certification. Bobby proudly serves the community and the department following in the footsteps of his father, Ray, who is also a member of the department. Tradition and family values means a great deal to many of our members.



Back Row L to R: Engine Co. Acting Lt. Bobby Jung, Training Lt. Nick Janous and Engine Co. Acting Lt. Eddie Lanser

Front Row L to R: Rescue Lt. Tanya Zarling, Rescue Lt. Matt Petrarca

2025 Retirement

Assistant Chief Bill Hintz



After 40 years of active service in the department, Bill celebrated his retirement in March 2025.

Joining the department in March 1985, Bill was promoted to Deputy Chief in 2010, having been a Motor Pump Operator most of his career. He held numerous leadership roles and was promoted to Assistant Chief in 2014. Over the years, Bill was awarded several awards within the department, including the Meritorious Service Award in 2007, First Responder of the Year - responding to the most Fire calls for seven consecutive years from 2010 - 2016, as well as 2021 and 2023, also for Total Fire/EMS calls in 2022.

A special presentation was made at this year's Awards Banquet in April to recognize Bill's years of service and dedication to the department. He was presented with a pin, a challenge coin, and a retired Assistant Chief badge. Bill also received a proclamation from the WI State Assembly authored by Representative Paul Melotik, District 22 of Grafton along with an American flag and a State flag that had been flown over the State Capitol Building. The National Volunteer Fire Council also honored Bill's years of service with an Honorable Mention Lifetime Achievement Award.



2025 Training Summary

Training Categories	Hours	Details
Fire Suppression	384 Hours 40 Hours 80 Hours 994 Hours 211 Hours 65 Hours	• Firefighter I Course (4) • Instructor I Course • Fire Officer Course (2) • Monthly Fire Trainings (includes Auto Extrication) • Controlled Burns (Brush Fires) • Other training (Online, Outside seminar/Classes)
EMS Rescue	900 Hours 12 Hours 119 Hours 605 Hours 119 Hours 70 Hours	• EMT Basic Course (5) • CPR Instructor Course • RTF Ops/Active Shooter Training • Monthly EMS Trainings • Other training (Online, outside seminar/classes) • Instructed CPR classes to outside groups/businesses
Engineers	66 Hours 36 Hours 442 Hours 67 Hours	• Motor/Pumper/Operator Course • Aerial Operator Course • Monthly Trainings (includes Jump Seat, Road Miles/Test, outside seminar/classes) • Truck/Equip Maintenance (includes Mask Fitting)
Dive Team	69 Hours	• Outside dive trainings (3 Dive Team members)
Meetings	Hours	Details
Meetings	221 Hours 109 Hours 167 Hours 44 Hours	• Business Meetings • Officers Meetings • Committee Meetings • New Member Orientation
Explorers Program	Hours	Details
Explorers (Age 14-18)	128 Hours	• Monthly Trainings/Meetings
Grand Total	4,948 Hours	

In 2025, our focus for the year was to hold various types of trainings with live burns in the Hamilton Training house throughout the year. We held the final burn in November. We also completed multiple brush fire trainings, one being the one we do every year on Lakefield Road, as well as adding two new locations: Thorson Elementary and Faith Lutheran Church.





2025 Engine Company

Engine company was able to get 14,650 feet of hose tested this year along with all roof and ground ladders which is required every year to be tested. All SCBA packs were tested and face pieces flow tested for our safety. We had over 70 bottles hydro-tested which is required every 5 years, along with our fill station serviced and fill station bottles tested also.

We were able to add 2,100 feet of 5" LDH. Which is the hose we use to connect to fire hydrants and supply our trucks with water. This was the last order of hose needed to get our trucks to NFPA standards which we have been working on since 2018.

Keeping up with the changing times and to make life easier for our firefighters, we acquired, through donations and purchases, the following: (2) roof chainsaws, (2) circular saws and (2) ventilation fans. These are all battery operated.

These are helpful with communication when needed on an emergency scene; cutting down on the noise level and the fans are also battery powered making them more efficient and user friendly without relying on outlets being nearby.

With the help of the department, we were able to complete mask fit testing to make sure each mask is fitted properly for everyone. Also keeping tabs on monthly truck, equipment, and meter maintenance.

2025 Engineers

In 2025, CFD Engineer's participated in trainings based on pumping within a municipal water system (hydrants) as well as pumping and drafting within the rural areas of our protection area. Trainings on aerial operations and apparatus driving were also conducted throughout the year.

CFD Engineer's spent time conducting vehicle maintenance and making minor apparatus repairs throughout the year. Maintenance was also conducted on the dry hydrants within the town to assure proper function.

One member, Will Didier, received his state Driver/Operator certification in 2025. He will be completing his in-house qualifications and testing to become a CFD Motor Pump Operator in early 2026.



2025 Rescue Company

The Emergency Medical Services division remains the busiest portion of the Fire Department. Our call volume remained consistent with previous years, demonstrating the significant need for our services. We were able to further our knowledge and education through various means. Three officers were promoted for this division, and we are increasing our data reporting.

After six years of dedicated service as the Rescue Company Captain, Nichole Zarling stepped down as the head of our Emergency Medical Services Program. She courageously led the organization through the COVID-19 pandemic and was instrumental in our success. We appreciate her years of service to the organization and community.

Our commitment to data-driven improvement and the community continued this year. We began reporting our cardiac arrest data to CARES, which is the Cardiac Arrest Registry to Enhance Survival. This database collects information about each cardiac arrest case across the United States and uses the data to help the organization implement system modifications to improve cardiac arrest survival. Additionally, we partnered with the Children's Health Alliance of Wisconsin to enhance our pediatric care. Through this collaboration, the department designated a Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator whose role is to ensure that providers have access to pediatric-specific equipment and training, with the goal of providing better, evidence-based pediatric care.

We are incredibly proud of our Emergency Medical Services team, including our dedicated volunteers who commit thousands of hours each year to help serve our community. We are looking forward to even more improvements in our Emergency Medical Services Division in 2026.

See page 12 for more information on our newly promoted Rescue Lieutenants.



All Companies Fire Suppression, Engineers and Rescue – each hold monthly trainings to continuously improve skills, teamwork and use of equipment and tools.

Shown at left: Rescue training simulating a patient in cardiac arrest.

AWARDS 2025

Our CFD Active, Honorary and Passive members are recognized each year for their service and achievements of the past year at the **Awards Banquet**. The awards for 2025 were presented at the banquet on Saturday, April 18, 2026, at the Ozaukee Pavilion with a catered sit-down dinner and after the awards presentation, our members enjoyed entertaining BINGO games provided by our friends from The Lion's Club.

Chief Vahsholtz and Deputy Chief Heidtke presented service awards to the following members:

- **5 years: Eddie Lanser, Nick Lesselyoung, Kris Mathias and Shaun Smith**
- **10 years: Jeff Nelson and AJ Hester**
- **15 years: Blake Karnitz, Kelly LaPorta**
- **20 years: Peter Pautz, Chris Hoerz, and Nichole Zarling**
- **25 years (Honorary Passive): Judi Even**

Bill Heidtke and Terry Wagner received special recognition for **50 years of service**, which not many people achieve as it is awarded to those who truly give continuous service to the community. Bill and Terry both joined the department in 1975; both were promoted to officer ranks during their active years, and both continued to give of their time volunteering for the department and truck fundraising and other events in the community for another 35+ years. The Ozaukee County Association of Fire Departments, represented by Chief Jason Caswell of the Waubeka Fire Department, also awarded Bill and Terry for their 50 years of service. **Terry and Bill shown below left.**



Another award, not often given, for **60 years of service went to Bill Koeppen**. As a retired Assistant Chief at CFD, Bill does not easily embrace the thought of “retirement” and spends his time assisting our Fire Inspector with inspections in the Town of Cedarburg while also overseeing the operation of Firemen’s Park – making sure every Maxwell St Day and/or special event at the park runs smoothly. Bill also gives his time and experience to the Waubeka Fire Department. **Bill, with his wife Jan, shown above right.**

AWARDS 2025 (continued)



Three members were recognized for **First Responder of the Year 2025** responding to the most calls in the following categories:

Rescue Calls: Teddy Krol (162) Fire Calls: Nick Janous (92)

Total Calls: Kris Mathias (281) not shown in picture at left

Two of our members were recognized by the American Legion with awards for **Firefighter of the Year**, awarded to **Joe Grube** and **EMT of the Year** to **Chris Naas**.

CFD members **Teddy Krol, Ben Schuster and Dustin Wallace** celebrated the completion of their one-year probation, taking an oath of office with a pinning ceremony. Chief also administered an oath of office to **Blake Karnitz** for his promotion to **Deputy Chief – CRR**.

Chief Vahsholtz introduced a new award called “**Friend of the Fire Service Award**” given to a person, group or business from the community who have helped the department in any way they can. The honor went to **Greg and Ann Denk, owners of Wyndrose Jewelry**. Their commitment to support and help the department provide beautiful mementos to honor members’ service in the department has been consistent over many years.



Chief Vahsholtz and other members of the department visited Ann and Greg at their store on Washington Ave to present the award.

At the end of the program, the highest award from the Cedarburg Fire Department is the **Meritorious Service Award**, presented to a department member who exudes a passion for the fire service, and has shared their time and commitment, not only to their family, but also to their extended CFD family. The award was presented to **Jim Bougie**. After joining the department in 1998, Jim has given 27 years of service and is still active. He has completed many fire and driving certifications, and in 2024 he went back to school to complete EMT Basic.



When Jim is not up north at his cabin, running calls with Silver Cliff Rescue Squad, you can usually find him at Firemen’s Park working and “running” the kitchen burger stand at Maxwell St Days.

Jim’s family was waiting in the wings and surprised him when he received his award at the banquet.

Jim and his wife Bonnie, daughter Beth, and son Jacob

New Apparatus 2025

In October 2025, **Emergency Vehicle Response** was hired to perform a fleet assessment for the Cedarburg Fire Department. EVR's report was completed in December 2025 and presented to the City Council in early 2026.

Based on the report findings, CFD replaced a 37-year-old ladder tower with a used (in good condition) aerial tower from a department in Springdale, PA. The tower was placed into service in 2026.

TOWER 159

Purchase price: \$128,000

Replacement cost \$3,000,000

Specifications include:

- 2001 J-Model Seagrave
- 1971 75-ft Aerialscope Boom
- Series 60 Detroit Diesel
- EVS 4000 Allison automatic transmission
- Smart Power Systems 8500W Generator



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

New Apparatus 2025 (continued)

A second recommendation from EVR was to replace **Engine 161** with a used (in good condition) engine from a 3rd party seller in eastern Pennsylvania. The new engine 161 was placed into service in 2026.

ENGINE 161

Purchase price: \$134,137

Replacement cost \$1,200,000

Specifications include:

- 2002 Pierce Contender 6-person chassis
- Detroit Series 40 Diesel Engine
- Allison MD 3060 automatic transmission
- 1250 GPM Waterous pump
- 1,000-gallon water tank



Another recommendation from EVR included:

- Brush Truck 157 was reported to be overweight and was taken out of service. A new Brush Truck 157 will be in service in 2026.

As CFD moves forward with the recommendations from EVR, additional apparatus will be removed from the fleet and new vehicles will be designed and purchased to replace them.

Apparatus 2025 (continued)

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
- 500hp 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

Engine 162 rotates monthly as the second due engine out of Station 1 and Station 2.

ENGINE 162

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



Fire Apparatus 2025 (continued)

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

TENDER 164

Purchase Price: \$500,000

Specifications include:

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



Command Apparatus 2025



Command 167 is a 2023 Chevy Silverado 1500 4X4 pick-up truck. 167 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: \$85,000



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

Rescue Apparatus 2025

Ambulance 150, added to the fleet in 2024, was purchased as a third ambulance to reduce the wear and tear on the other two ambulances, which have been in service since 2012.

150 responds as the primary Ambulance out of Station 1.

Purchase price: \$400,000

Specifications include:

- 2023 Dodge Ram 5500 4x4 Chassis
- 6.4L Gasoline Hemi Engine
- AEV ambulance module



AMBULANCE 150

AMBULANCES 151 and 152

151 and 152 rotate out of Station 1 and Station 2 monthly to equally distribute workload and to accommodate secondary EMS calls when Ambulance 150 is in use.



Purchase price: \$204,000 each

Specifications include:

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

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

SQUAD 153

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)



Specialty Apparatus 2025

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 utilized to pull the Dive/Water Rescue Trailer (see below).

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**

EMS Cart and Kubota purchased in 2017



The EMS cart and Kubota are utilized primarily for festivals and other special events, to provide quick access through highly populated areas.

B.E.R.T. (Bicycle Emergency Response Team)



Used for EMT's to respond quickly and safely to rescue incidents in crowded areas during special events.

Utility Vehicles 2025



Utility 155 is a 2019 Chevrolet 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 154 is a 2015 Chevrolet Tahoe 4x4. Utilized by the fire inspector, for training and for special events.

Purchase price: \$51,000



First Response Vehicle 156 is a 2021 Chevrolet Traverse. 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



Utility 169 is a 2013 Chevrolet Suburban 4x4. 169 is utilized primarily as a transport vehicle for Fire/EMT school classes and trainings.

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
(Pictured above) Not shown is the 1907 man-drawn hose cart.

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 were repainted and refurbished to include an enclosed cab. Sold in 1988 with the purchase of Tower 159. In 2002, CFD purchased it back from Bristol FD for \$5,107. Original purchase price: \$35,000



1924 Graham/Dodge pumper. The first motorized fire truck in the department. The motor of the Graham pumper was rebuilt by a team of department members this year to prepare for its 100th year anniversary in the July 4th parade.



1928 Pirsch pumper. Originally purchased new by CFD and then purchased back from other owners and restored. Both pumpers are still drivable and can be seen in the annual 4th of July parade.

FIRE/EMS STANDBY

Cedarburg Festivals and Other Events

In 2025, CFD members were ready to stand-by for the following events:

- Cops and Kids Event at County Fairgrounds (May 4th)
- Sweat 4 Vets (May 17th)
- Cedarburg Half Marathon (May 24th)
- Strawberry Festival (June 28th and 29th)
- Drum & Bugle Corp at CHS (July 2nd)
- Parade (July 4th)
- Fish Day in Port Washington (July 19th)
- County Fair (July 30th to August 3rd)
- Assisted DPW at City Park after heavy flooding (August 13th)
- Country in the Burg at City Park (August 22nd and 23rd)
- CHS Football Home Games (September 9th and 19th)
- Wine & Harvest Festival (Sept 20th and 21st)

In 2025, our EMS and Fire personnel logged over **1,090 total hours** standing by ready to respond quickly to those in need at various events. During the festivals, our EMS and Fire personnel responded using our ambulance cart, Fire UTV and bicycle teams to get through very large crowds.



CRR Division (Community Risk and Reduction)

The Cedarburg Fire Department's core values of serving the community with courage, honor, pride, and commitment are what drives the Division of Community Risk Reduction. CRR's goal is to make the entire community safer through quality public education initiatives, programs, and messaging; effective fire and life safety inspections, corrective actions, and building plan reviews; and identifying trends and public messaging from thorough fire origin and cause investigations.

Public Education and Outreach

Fire safety education and messaging have been a critical component of all fire departments across the United States, used as a tool to reduce civilian deaths and injuries from fire incidents. As with the rest of the fire service, fire safety education has been adapted to an all-hazards approach, not just fire. Every single interaction with the public has the chance to make a difference for that person in an emergency. Throughout 2025, we were able to reach approximately 750 community members across 46 various community events. These events included tours of the fire station where we discussed general fire safety practices while explaining some of the equipment we use, numerous CPR training courses where members of the public were certified in CPR and AED use, and so much more. Our annual Open House was once again a major success, where we provided Survive Alive training, various equipment demonstrations, a popular obstacle course, and a demonstration of the effectiveness of sprinkler systems provided by the National Fire Sprinkler Association. We estimate that this event reached an additional 1,000 citizens of all ages!



Fire and Life Safety Outreach

Fire and life safety inspections ensure commercial properties within our community are following the safety standards set by the Fire Code, the 2024 edition of NFPA 1. Compliance with fire safety standards not only protect the citizens and patrons of the businesses, but the businesses and staff themselves. In addition, doing these inspections gives our inspectors and response staff a better understanding of the buildings throughout our community, allowing them to respond to emergencies with knowledge of what they are walking in to. We also conducted a variety of local plan reviews of new buildings, additions/alterations to existing buildings, and their associated fire protection systems to ensure their compliance with national standards, state statutes, and local ordinances.

See next page for Inspections Data Chart

CRR Division (Community Risk and Reduction)

	City	Town	Total
Inspections	640	79	719
Re-inspections	2	1	3
Occupancy inspections	15	3	18
Premise Inspections	45	0	45
Inspections w/ Violations	231	31	262
Inspections With No Violations	409	48	457
Total Violations Noted	432	47	479
Total Violations Corrected	43	1	44

Fire Origin & Cause Investigations

Fire origin and cause investigations are critical to identifying hazards that caused a fire, and how we can educate the public to prevent it from occurring again. We conducted two fire investigations in 2025, both officially ruled as undetermined. One fire started in a vehicle and spread to a structure, although without a thorough review by an electrical engineer, we could not narrow down the exact cause of the initial fire, thus the undetermined classification. The second fire was a large-scale incident in the Town of Cedarburg where three structures were consumed by fire on an unoccupied farm. While we were able to narrow down the building of fire origin thanks to a local pilot flying in the area, the large scale of the incident compounded with significant damage to all structures prevented us from further narrowing a more exact origin and cause.





Accomplishments in 2025

- ✓ Continue to work with all parties involved regarding the renovation or replacement of our current fire station.
- ✓ Hired one (1) Full-time Firefighter/Paramedic
- ✓ Fleet study completed in December 2025, presented to the City Common Council in 2026.
- ✓ Based on the recommendations from the fleet study: Sold Ladder Tower 159 and Engine 161. Both were replaced through purchases made by Firemen's Park for a used Ladder Tower and a used Engine.
- ✓ Ordered a new ambulance for delivery in 2027

Department Goals for 2026

- ☐ Continue to work with all parties involved regarding the renovation or replacement of our current fire station.
- ☐ Hire three (3) full-time Firefighter/Paramedics. (1 from 2025 budget/ 2 from 2026 budget)
- ☐ Start to review and re-write policy and procedures
- ☐ Work on specifications for a new ladder truck
- ☐ Replace grass fire truck as included in the fleet study
- ☐ Hire a full-time administrative assistant
- ☐ Update our EMS service license to the Paramedic level
- ☐ Continue to work on technology upgrades.

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!**

2025 Fundraiser Events Held at Firemen’s Park:

- April 12 and 19 Boat Storage (Release for spring)
- May 25 Maxwell Street Day
- July 13 Maxwell Street Day
- July 30 thru Aug 3 Ozaukee County Fair (5 days)
- August 31 Maxwell Street Day
- October 5 Maxwell Street Day
- October 18 and 25 Boat Storage (Take in for winter)

In 2025, members **volunteered 3,247** hours at fundraising events, which does not include the many hours of meetings, park maintenance and event planning that is too difficult to count. The Park Board is comprised of honorary, active and passive members, including retired Assistant Chief Bill Koeppen as Park Board President.

