



POLICE & FIRE COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA

MONDAY, JULY 14, 2025 AT 4:00 PM

MUNICIPAL BUILDING – 106 JONES STREET, WATERTOWN, WI 53094 – ROOM 2044

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- A. Police and Fire Commission minutes from June 9, 2025

3. POLICE

- A. Review and Take Possible Action: Hiring, Resignation and Promotional Updates
- B. Review and Discuss: Monthly Activity and Training Updates
- C. Monthly Newsletter - July 2025

4. FIRE

- A. Review and Discuss: Monthly Data Report
- B. Review and Discuss: Personnel update

5. ADJOURN

Persons requiring other reasonable accommodations for any of the above meetings, may contact the office of the City Clerk at cityclerk@watertownwi.gov phone 920-262-4000

A quorum of any City of Watertown Council, Committee, Board, Commission, or other body, may be present at this meeting for observing and gathering of information only



David Brower, Chief of Police

Watertown Police and Fire Commission Monthly Newsletter – July 2025

Police and Fire Commission – Monthly DTF Update

Watertown Police Department Monthly Update to the Police and Fire Commission Department Activity: May 1 – June 30, 2025

Between May and June of 2025, the Watertown Police Department responded to a combined total of **2,569 calls for service**—1,299 calls in May and 1,270 in June. These numbers reflect a consistently high call volume for a department of our size and speak to the continued demands on staff across a broad spectrum of public safety and service categories.

Traffic enforcement remained the most frequent call type. Officers conducted **260 traffic stops in May** and **282 in June**, maintaining a strong focus on roadway safety and visibility. In addition to stops, radar assignments were conducted regularly—9 in May and 10 in June—targeting high-complaint areas or known traffic issues. Parking complaints also saw an increase in June, rising from 32 to 39, as warmer weather tends to bring more foot and vehicle traffic into residential and downtown areas.

Calls for disorderly conduct were elevated both months, with **99 incidents in May** and **87 in June**. These calls ranged from public disturbances and verbal altercations to ongoing nuisance complaints in neighborhoods or commercial areas. Similarly, **check welfare calls** rose from **67 in May** to **81 in June**, often involving concerned citizens requesting that officers check on individuals who appeared in distress or had not been heard from in some time. These types of calls continue to reflect community trust and willingness to involve law enforcement when something appears wrong.

Animal-related complaints remained prevalent. The department responded to over **60 animal complaints in May** and over **70 in June**, including reports of animals at large, barking dogs, animal bites, and other miscellaneous animal-related issues.

Domestic disturbance reports dropped slightly in June, with **12 incidents in May** compared to **9 in June**. **Drug activity reports** increased noticeably—from **8 in May** to **15 in June**—indicating either more community reporting or increased enforcement and visibility in areas known for drug complaints.

Seasonal trends were also evident in several categories. **Fireworks complaints** rose as expected with summer approaching—**13 reports in June** compared to only 4 in May. **Bicycle thefts** increased from 1 to 5, consistent with warmer weather and more outdoor activity. Officers also observed more **foot patrol and public engagement** opportunities, conducting **44 foot patrols in May** and **47 in June**. Door checks held steady at **69 each month**, underscoring a continued commitment to high-visibility patrol.

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Assisting outside agencies continued to be a major part of operations. Officers conducted numerous interagency assists—**63 total in May** and **71 in June**—including aid to the fire department, human services, probation and parole, and mutual aid requests from surrounding jurisdictions.

Juvenile-related calls saw a drop-off in June, likely due to the end of the school year. **School enforcement contacts** dropped from 15 to 2, and **truancy calls** dropped from 19 to 2. Calls involving missing juveniles remained relatively steady, with 11 in May and 8 in June. The department also responded to several child custody disputes and juvenile alcohol incidents over both months.

Other notable activity includes consistent calls for **suspicious activity** (46 in May and 32 in June), **retail thefts**, and **found/lost property**, all of which require documentation and investigation. The department also handled multiple reports of **false alarms** (7 in May, 13 in June), **noise complaints**, **damage to property**, and several incidents involving **ICAC investigations**, identity theft, and probation violations.

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Citation Report Summary

Reporting Period: May 1 – June 30, 2025

Prepared for the Police and Fire Commission

During the two-month period of May and June 2025, the Watertown Police Department issued a **total of 636 citations and written warnings**, encompassing traffic violations, ordinance infractions, parking violations, and municipal code enforcement. These efforts reflect the department's proactive approach to public safety, traffic enforcement, and maintaining quality-of-life standards in the community.

Traffic and Vehicle-Related Violations

Traffic enforcement remained the most active category, with numerous citations issued for dangerous or unlawful driving behavior:

- **Speeding (346.57)** – At least **60 citations** were issued for speeding, including both standard city highway violations and exceeding posted zones.
- **Operating While Suspended or Revoked (343.44 & 343.05)** – **21 individuals** were cited for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended or revoked license.
- **Operating While Under the Influence (346.63)** – **12 separate OWI citations** were issued, many with accompanying offenses such as:
 - **PAC (Prohibited Alcohol Concentration)** – 9 citations
 - **Unsafe Lane Deviation, Operating Left of Center, and Failure to Stop** – frequently noted alongside OWI stops.

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- **Operating Without Insurance (344.62)** – **15 citations** were issued for lack of proof of insurance.
- **Unregistered/Improperly Registered Vehicles (341.03 & 341.04)** – At least **18 vehicles** were cited for registration violations.

Additional traffic offenses included inattentive driving, failure to yield or stop, vehicle equipment violations (e.g., mufflers, lights), and improper backing.

Municipal Ordinance and Juvenile-Related Citations

The department responded to multiple community complaints and juvenile offenses with enforcement under city ordinance:

- **Truancy and Parental Responsibility (410-37B & 410-38B)** – A total of **24 citations** were issued for habitual truancy, with **an additional 12 citations** issued to adults for contributing to truancy.
- **Curfew Violations (410-34A)** – **10 minors** were cited for being out past curfew, with some cases tied to group incidents.
- **Disorderly Conduct (410-7)** – **5 citations and warnings** were issued for disorderly conduct in public and school settings.
- **Loitering and Trespassing (410-23 & 410-33)** – Officers issued **8 citations** for loitering or prowling and **5 for trespassing** on private or restricted property.

Drug-Related Violations

- **Possession of Marijuana (410-54A)** – **6 citations** were issued for marijuana possession.
- **Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (410-55E)** – **2 individuals** were cited for having instruments used for consuming illegal substances.

Theft and Property Crimes

- **Retail Theft and Ordinary Theft (410-24)** – **4 citations** were issued for theft-related activity, mostly involving small value retail incidents.
- **Graffiti/Vandalism (410-22B)** – At least **7 citations** were issued for graffiti-related damage to public and private property.
- **Criminal Damage to Property and Trespassing** – Additional citations were issued under these sections as part of group or repeat incidents.

Animal-Related Ordinances

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Animal control enforcement included:

- **Dog at Large (410-45) – 3 citations and 2 warnings** issued.
- **Failure to License or Vaccinate Dog (228-1 & 228-5) – 5 citations** and multiple warnings issued for animals lacking current licensing or rabies vaccinations.
- **Dog Bite/Attempt to Bite (410-45C) – 1 citation** for a dog bite incident was recorded.

Parking Enforcement

The department issued **over 80 parking citations** during this reporting period. These included:

- **Parking over 12” from curb or wrong direction – 30+**
- **Exceeding posted time limits (e.g., 2-hour) – 15+**
- **Fire lane or posted no-parking violations – 10+**
- **Parking in lots without permits or during restricted times – common** among citations near downtown and apartment complexes.

WATERTOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT

Monthly Report | **May 2025**

Section 4, Item A.



Duty, Pride, Service



Greetings!

On May 14, after over a month of packing, planning, and preparation, your fire department officially moved operations into the new station. Of course, this move came with some operational intensity. On the early morning of our scheduled move, the department responded to a significant commercial structure fire. Less than 24 hours after moving in, we were immediately tested with a detached garage fire. That same week, the three shifts each handled over 12 calls, including one day with 19 calls—well above our normal volume. Despite the high call demand, our team rose to the occasion with professionalism, flexibility, and determination to ensure the transition happened safely and effectively.

I want to recognize the incredible teamwork and extra effort shown by our staff—those on shift and those who came in on additional hours, some without much sleep—who made sure we were operational the moment we walked through the doors. Their coordination with each other and with the moving company, which supported logistics over multiple days,, made this large-scale move possible; all while remaining in service. Even with an active fire response schedule, crews ensured equipment, supplies, and technology were moved, placed, and ready. It was truly a full team effort that demonstrated how dedicated our members are to the safety of this city and to each other.

We are all deeply grateful for the space we now have—space that improves our ability to work, rest, and serve the community more effectively. Crews are already taking full advantage of the decontamination showers after fires, completing drills in the training tower, and preparing the building for the Open House. You can feel the energy and pride throughout the station. While we continue to organize and fine-tune our systems through this month and beyond, this move has been a milestone moment for your fire department—and one that sets us up for long-term success. Thank you for your continued support!

Chief Tanya Reynen



May 2025 Calls: 300

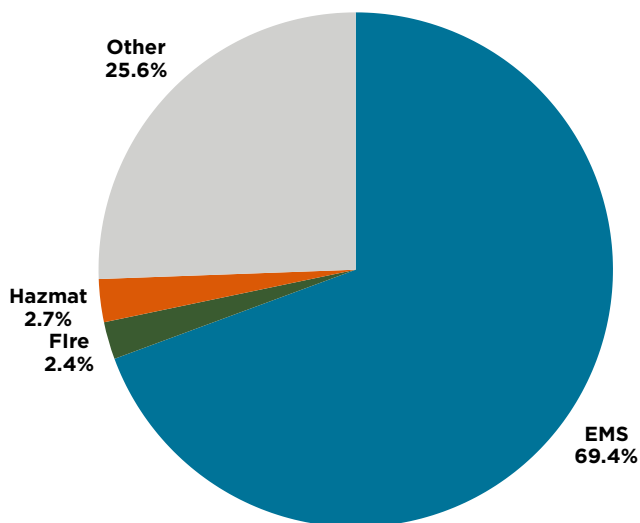
2025 Year to Date Calls: 1355

EMS	Fire	Haz-Mat	Other
209	7	8	76

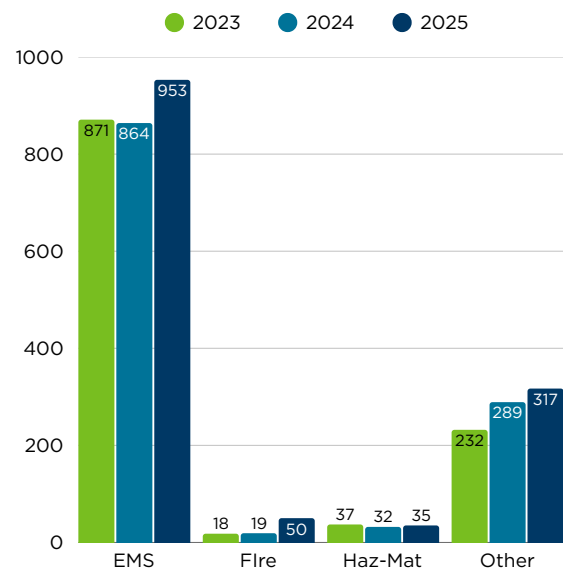
May Incidents by Year

2023	2024	2025
256	231	300

May Incident Percentages

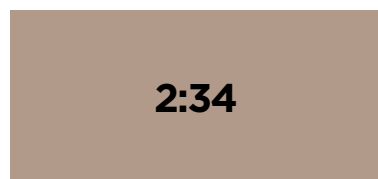


Year-to-Date Incidents by type



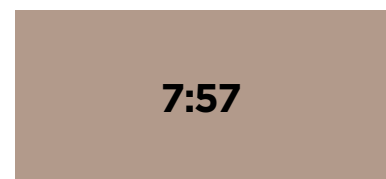
90th % Response Times

**90th Percentile TURN OUT TIME
(Alarm>EnRoute)**

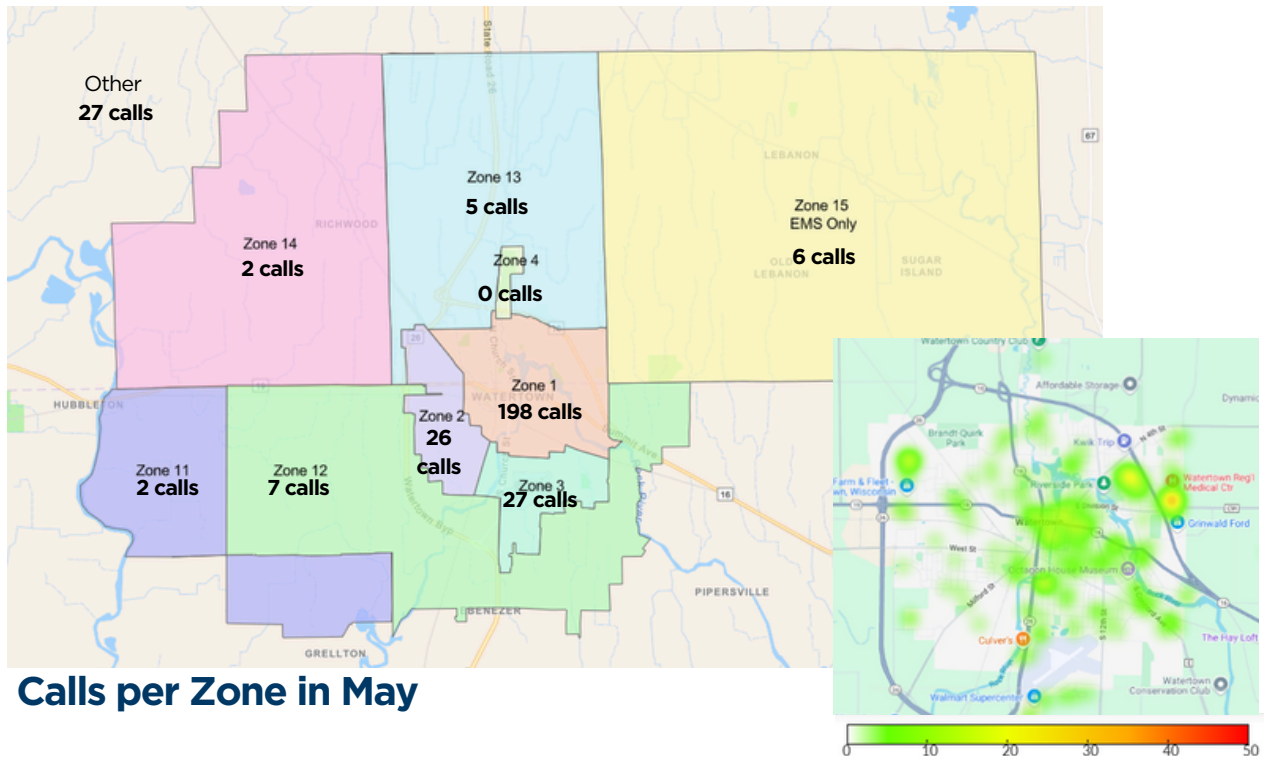


NFPA 1710 Benchmarks Turnout time
EMS: 60sec. Fire: 1:20

**90th Percentile TRAVEL TIME
(Alarm>First Unit Arrival)**



NFPA 1710 Benchmarks Travel time
6:00



Simultaneous Calls for the Past Three Years

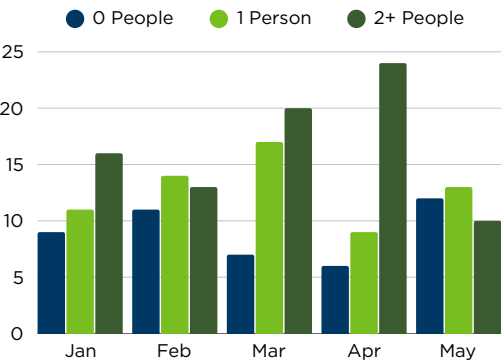
This means that the crew is out on more than one call at the same time.

	2023		2024		2025	
January	39	17%	52	19%	79	28%
February	48	20%	39	18%	63	28%
March	39	18%	52	22%	93	32%
April	37	17%	31	14%	74	28%
May	45	18%	47	20%	103	34%
June	46	17%	68	27%		
July	63	22%	57	24%		
August	50	19%	50	22%		
September	47	18%	66	25%		
October	47	19%	57	22%		
November	51	21%	64	28%		
December	74	27%	58	28%		

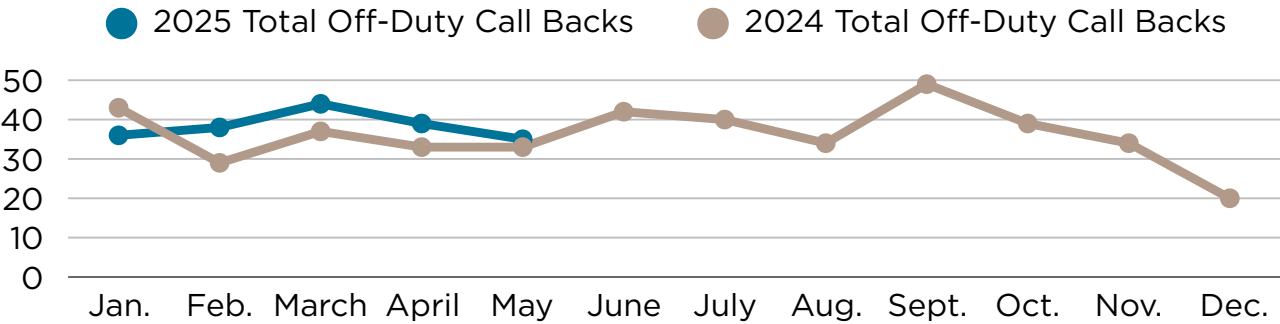
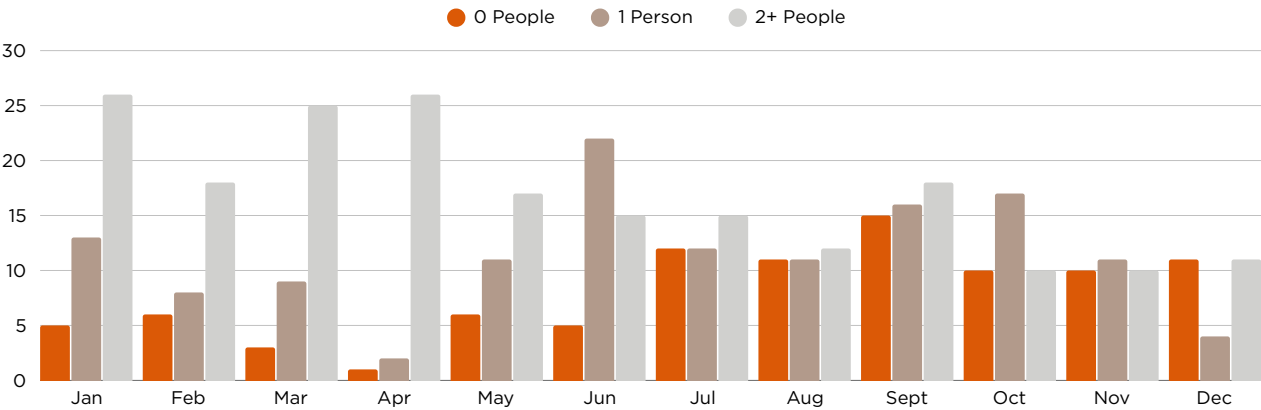
May Off-Duty Callback Occurrences

Number of People	0	1	2+	Total
Count	12	13	10	35

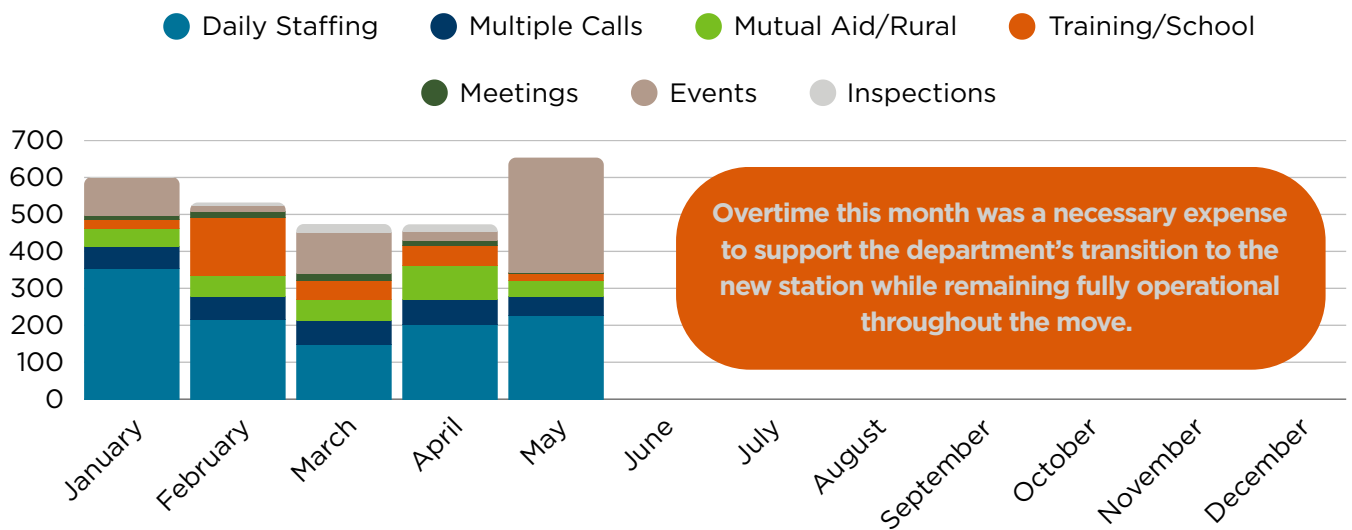
Off-Duty Callback Occurrences 2025



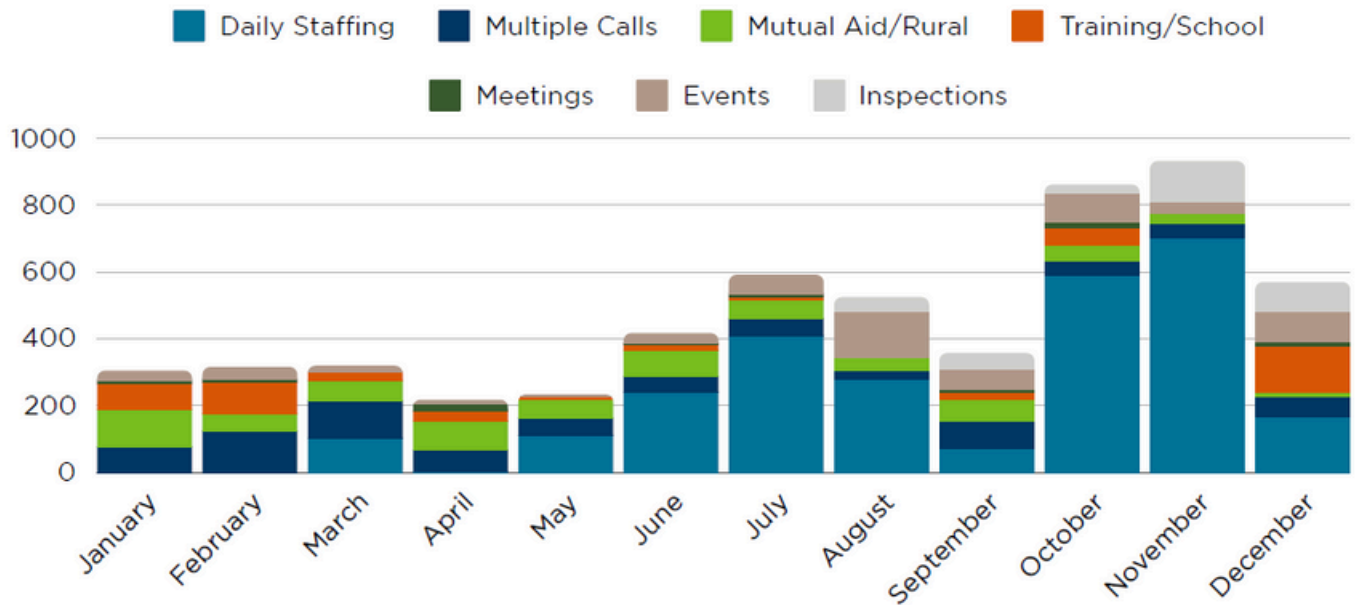
Off-Duty Callback Occurrences 2024



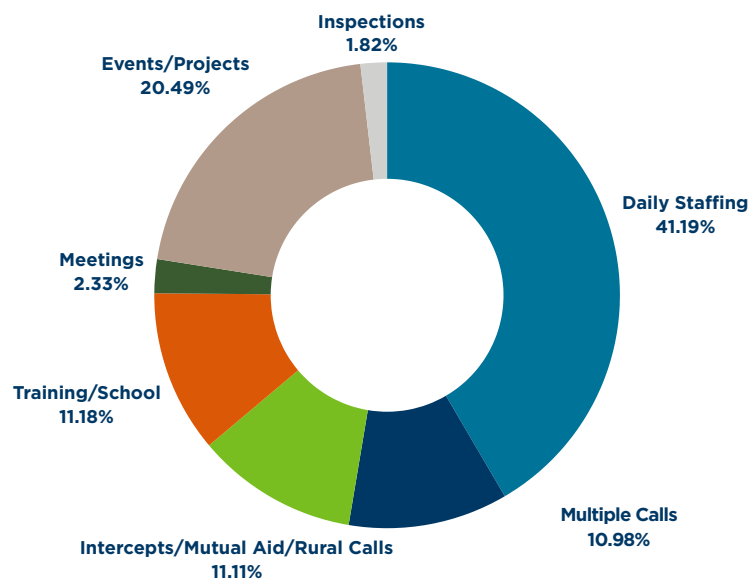
2025 Total Monthly Overtime Hours



2024 Total Monthly Overtime Hours



Year to Date Overtime Percentage



Training Highlights

Fast Board/FF Drags and Carries

New Station Training

The crew used training techniques to move the historic WFD bell to the new station, ensuring a piece of the department history is properly maintained.

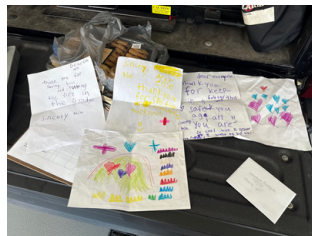


Fire Investigators Kyle Esmeier and John Duvernell completed a FEMA explosion investigation class in New Mexico



Citizen Thank yous...
we appreciate the kind words!

Watertown Firefighters and EMS Team,
We want to express our deepest gratitude to each of you for your swift, skilled, and selfless response. The recent fire in our garage could have been much worse but because of your bravery, calm under pressure, and professionalism, it was brought under control quickly and safely. Your presence brought a sense of safety that we'll never forget. Thank you for everything you do!
You are true heroes and we're forever grateful.
Miles + Tom + Tami



Incident Highlights

2 Structure Fires

4 Brush/Grass Fires

1 Heavy Equipment Fire

19 False Alarms

15 MVC

26 Lift Assists

4 Animal Rescues

Public Relation Highlights

Fire Drills

Student Ride-a-longs

Senior Fair

Thank you to WRMC for providing lunch and ice cream to the crews for EMS Week!



We moved into the new station! Thank you for all of your support to make this new station a reality.