



FIRE DEPARTMENT

MONTHLY EXECUTIVE REPORT

September 2025

HIGHLIGHTING DATA METRICS
TO IDENTIFY OPERATIONAL TRENDS
AND
FACILITATE INFORMED DECISION MAKING

16300 W. NATIONAL AVENUE

NEW BERLIN, WI 53151

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FIRE CHIEF SUMMARY

To communicate the progress of programs and personnel, this monthly report is intended to be an on-going communication tool that will inform community leaders and our members. If there is information or data you would like us to report, please reach out to our administrative staff. This report will be shared monthly and will report on activities associated with response and readiness.

The New Berlin Fire Department provides a full range of professional and high-quality services to the City of New Berlin. We protect approximately 40,000 residents, many local businesses, and visitors across the 40-square mile service area.



MISSION

To provide exceptional services while committed to building a safer community.

VISION

To continually strive to be a caring, understanding, people first organization committed to excellence in all we do.

NBFD VALUES

TRUST
Nurturing positive relationships at all levels of the organization

RESPECT
Treat everyone with dignity and worth

PROFESSIONALISM
Conducting oneself with responsibility, integrity, accountability, and excellence

POSITIVE ATTITUDE
Doing what it takes and inspiring others to do the same

INVEST
To put the time, effort and energy into bettering the department and each other

LOYALTY
Committing to see the department grow and succeed

415 Incidents

- Meetings**
- Mayor Meeting
 - Command Staff Meeting
 - City Department Head Meeting
 - Human Resources Meeting (NA)
 - Police & Fire Commission
 - Waukesha County Fire Chiefs
 - Milwaukee County Fire Chiefs
 - Common Council



INCIDENT SUMMARY



Fire Incidents



**False Alarms/
Service Calls**



AMBULANCE

EMS



Hazardous Materials



Simultaneous Calls

September

8

96

262

17

227

Year To Date

87

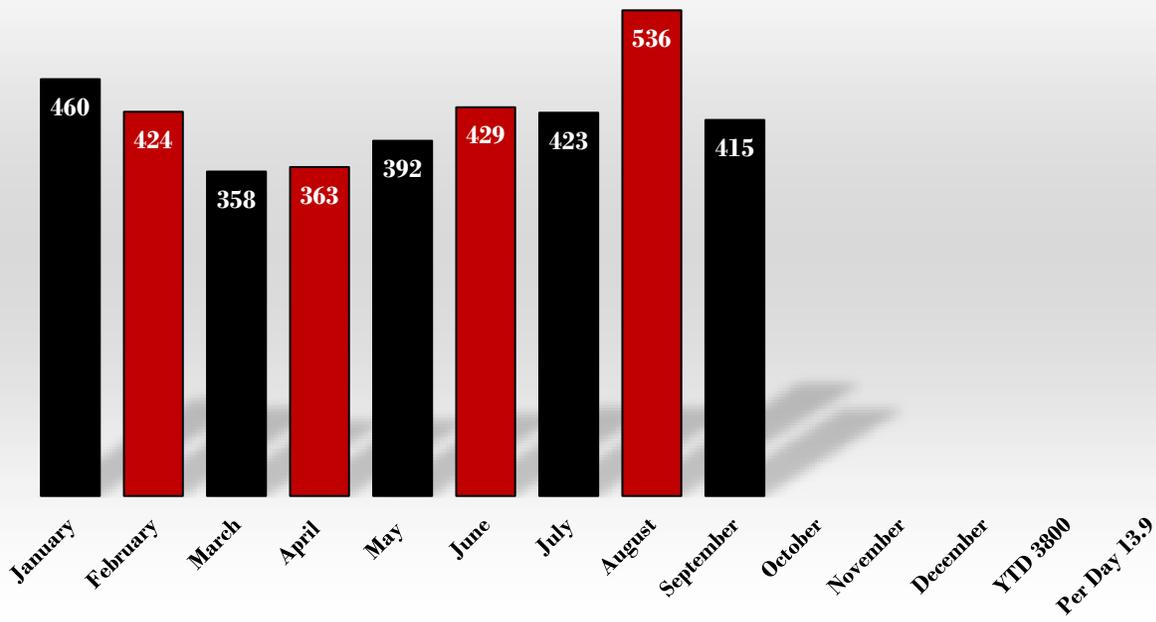
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2406

115

2,250

2025 Monthly Call Volume



ADMINISTRATION

Updates:

- Ron Rebatzke, former Fire Chief passed away.
- CPR/AED training held for city employees.
- Citizens Academy started.
- FirstDue records management system implementation in progress.
- Internal SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threat) assessment meetings for strategic planning nearing completion.
- Deputy Chief Pierce & Division Chief O'Connor visited Station 7 on each shift.
- BC Gscheidmeier and DC O'Connor attended EOC training
- DC Pierce began EFO program at National Fire Academy in Maryland
- Officer leadership and development program being conducted monthly.
- New Berlin School District monthly emergency radio testing.

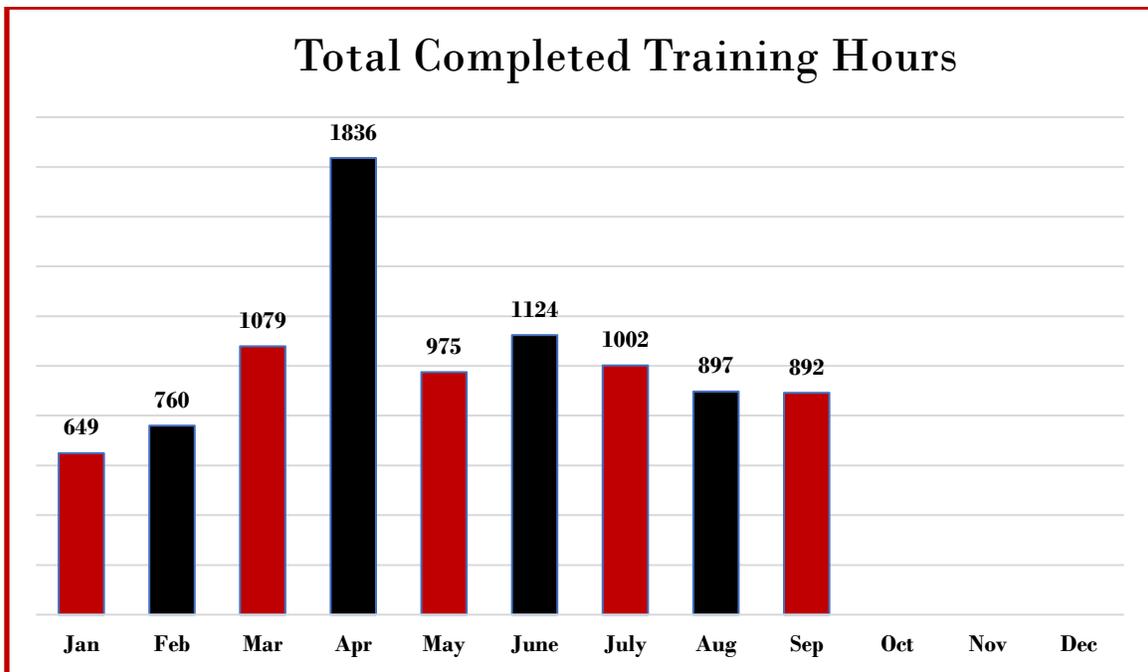
Promotions/Retirements/Hiring:

- Firefighter/Paramedic Omelina Retirement September 10th (Ceremony Dec. 19th)
- Lieutenant Schweickhardt removed from probation status

Working Committees:

- Apparatus, Equipment, Station, and PPE
 - Working with Streets Department on apparatus maintenance
 - Siren Services performed annual pump testing and ladder testing
- Communications
 - Working with Emergency Management and WCC on radio replacement project
- Employee Recognition
 - Division Chief Mark O'Connor 1st Responder of the Year 83rd Assembly District. October 14th at Wisconsin State Assembly at 11am.
 - Challenge Coins Awarded (Lt. Kreuser, FF Kubiszewski, FF Wojnowski, FF Richter)
 - Letter of Commendation Awarded (Lt. Pluta, FF Oleson)
 - Citizen Recognitions (Lt. Shields, FF W. Wendlick, FF Conrad, Lt. Pelicaric, FF Them, FF Wojnowski)
- Inspection & Public Relations & Fire Investigation (See page 11: Community Risk Reduction)

- Grants
 - NA
- EMS Operations
 - Paramedic Refresher/Advanced airway techniques and documentation
 - Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) renewal
- SOP/SOG
 - Review and update of odd numbered policies continuing
- Risk Management
 - Reviewing employee on-duty injury report
- Fire Operations
 - Annual Hose Testing completed
 - Year to Date: **9,241** fire training hours completed



STATIONS & APPARATUS

STATION 7

16280 W. National Ave.

APPARATUS

BATTALION 7

TRUCK 7

TENDER 7

BRUSH 7

COMMAND POST 7



STATION 8

1711 S. Sunny Slope Rd.

APPARATUS

MED 8

ENGINE 8

UTILITY 8



STATION 9

5120 S. Racine Ave.

APPARATUS

MED 9

ENGINE 9

UTILITY 9



STATION 10

5161 S. Sunny Slope Rd.

APPARATUS

MED 10

ENGINE 10

UTILITY 10

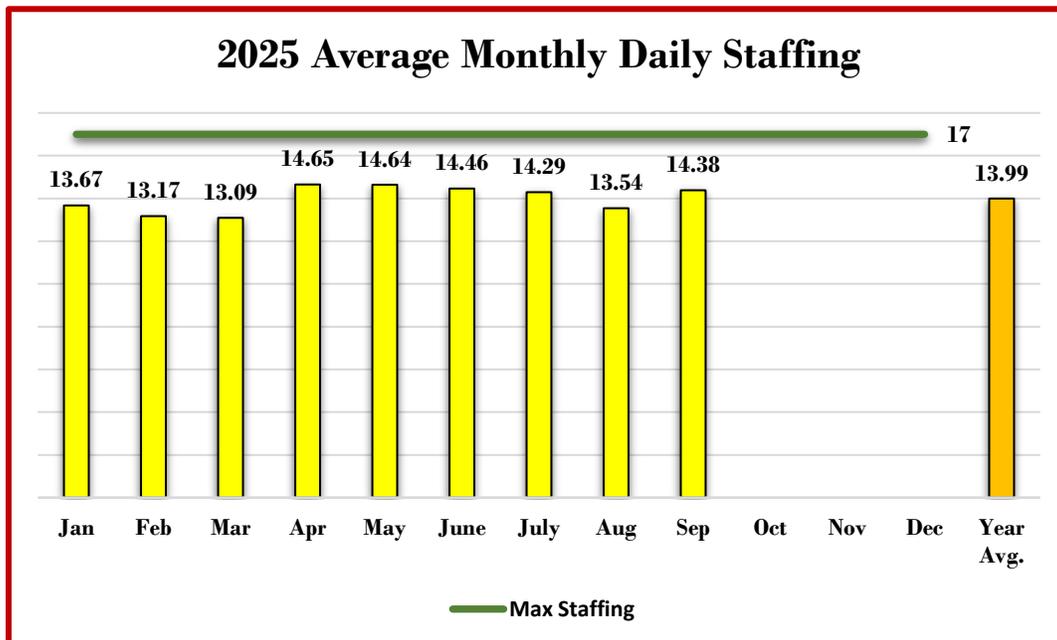


Current Operational Staffing:

Fire Administration

Chief Polzin
 Deputy Chief Pierce
 Division Chief O'Connor
 Administrative Services Manager D. Gillard
 Records Technician Schachtely

	A-Shift	B-Shift	C-Shift
Station 7	AC Gillard	BC Schulpius	BC Gscheidmeier
	Lt. Schweickhardt	Lt. Kubiszewski	Lt. Dominguez
	Fisher	ALT Jehn	ALT von Thun
	Lange	Wojnowski	Chelminiak
	Zuhde	Kolp	Wolffersdorff
Station 8			
	Lt. Rodriguez	Lt. Shields	Lt. Kreuser
	Buchholz	Matyas	Hanna
	Santa Maria	W. Wendlick	Knudson
	Collins	Lulling	David
Station 9			
	Lt. Santi	Lt. Pelicarić	Lt. Dillett
	ALT Richter	Theim	VACANT
	Ziolecki	Przeracki	Cervantes
	Kinzel	Cecil	O'Sullivan
Station 10			
	Lt. Wendlick	Lt. Pluta	Lt. Knippel
	Barske	ALT Oleson	ALT Lawton
	Seamars	VACANT	Rokenbrodt
	Docter	Conrad	VACANT



OPERATIONS

The Department staffs an engine with 3–4 personnel at Station 7, and an engine/ambulance with 3–4 personnel at Stations 8, 9, and 10. Under this model, each station is only structured to handle one response at a time. If the call is EMS-related, crews respond with the ambulance; if the call is fire-related, crews respond with the engine.

This staffing model frequently contributes to increased response times during simultaneous incidents, as it results in at least one unstaffed vehicle for every call in that response area. Once a station is committed to a call, the next request for service in that area must be handled by another station or through mutual aid. **In September, 55% of our call volume occurred while another call was already in progress.**

Department Operational Summary:

BATTALION SHIFT RATING				
	Station 7 	Station 8 	Station 9 	Station 10 
Personnel	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow
Apparatus	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Yellow
Firehouse	Green	Green	Green	Green
Rating	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow
Overall Department Status:				Yellow

1. **Personnel:** the physical/mental/preparedness condition of all personnel and/or short staffed.
 - Green = no physical/mental/preparedness issues and fully staffed with 17 on duty
 - Yellow = **minor physical/mental/preparedness issues and/or not fully staffed 12-16 on duty**
 - Red = serious physical/mental/preparedness issues. Below minimum staffing < 12 on duty

2. **Apparatus:** the ability of all apparatus to respond.
 - Green = all apparatus in service
 - Yellow = all apparatus in service but a minimum of one is need of repair(s)
 - Red = minimum of one apparatus out of service or browned out

3. **Firehouse:** physical condition of the firehouse
 - Green = no damage/concerns/work orders required
 - Yellow = has maintenance concerns/work orders required
 - Red = uninhabitable or browned out

4. **Overall Status** based on the above assessments (*any yellows make it a yellow and any reds make it red*).

Apparatus Summary:

- Truck 7 Out of Service (OOS) since February
- Engine 10 Out of Service
 - Both being worked on by Siren Services and Streets Department

Station Summary:

- Plymovent vehicle exhaust system currently being worked on through grant obtained through CVMIC.

COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION

Fire Inspections/Plan Review Services:

September isn't just a transition into autumn; it's the critical launchpad for fire prevention efforts that culminate in Fire Prevention Month in October. This isn't a passive period, but a time of intensive, hands-on education focused on building a resilient, safety-conscious community. The core of this preparatory work centers around engaging the community's youngest members



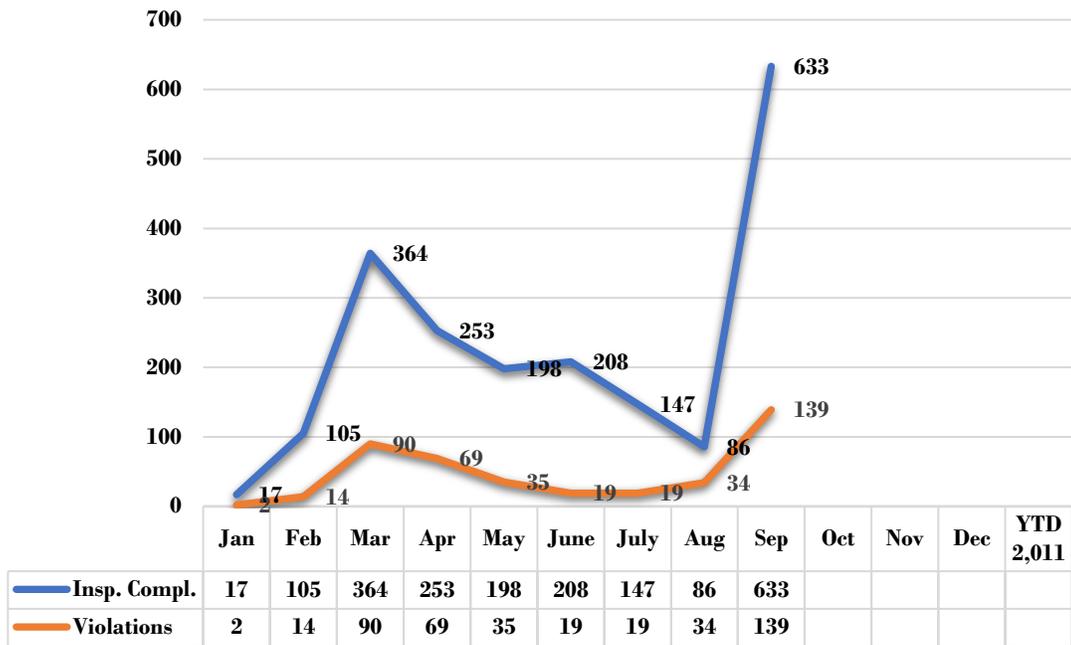
A robust educational program is implemented across nine local schools, directly instructing **over** 500 students in essential fire safety skills. This foundational instruction goes far beyond simple 'stop, drop, and roll' drills. Students are taught comprehensive safety measures, including:

- Identifying common household fire hazards.
- The proper use and maintenance of smoke alarms (knowing where they should be placed and how often to test them).
- Developing and practicing a home escape plan with a designated outside meeting spot.
- The correct procedure for calling emergency services (911).

The ultimate objective of teaching these children isn't just to equip them with lifelong skills; it's to transform them into ambassadors of safety. The goal is for each student to bring that vital information home to their parents and siblings, fostering a whole-family approach to fire safety. By encouraging students to review escape plans and check smoke alarms with their families, the program aims to ensure every household is prepared *before* an emergency strikes, significantly reducing the risk of injury and property damage.

We processed 7 permit applications for various fire suppression and fire alarm projects for a total of \$3,449.50

2025 Monthly Completed Inspections/Violations



Public Education/Community Outreach:

- CPR/AED training for the city
- NB Soccer club tournament
- Heritage Christian Picnic
- Ike and West Football games
- Living World Church car show
- Midwest guardians' volleyball tournament
- Minooka Park 5K event, cycling race, run/walk
- Inspector classes
- Several hydrostatic, Knox box, Fire alarm, and final inspections
- Hearing test
- Station tours with Star of Bethlehem
- 9/11 events including flag raising, chamber of commerce meet and greet and stair climb
- Several block parties
- NB Junior Women's Club 50th anniversary event
- Open house at Heritage deer creek
- BLS CPR class
- Fire Prevention started on September 29th

