



# FIRE DEPARTMENT

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## MONTHLY EXECUTIVE REPORT

October 2025

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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*

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

**RESPECT**  
*Treat everyone with dignity and worth*

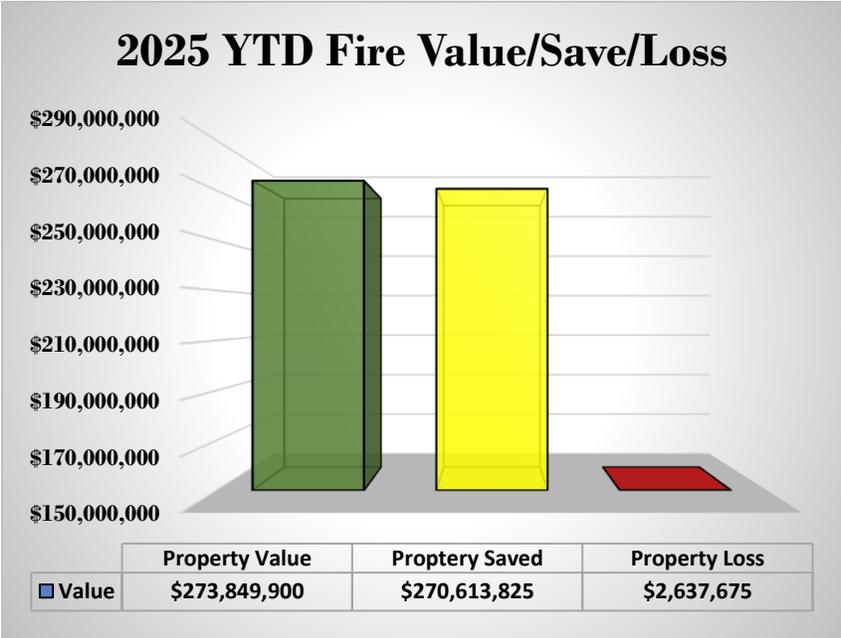
**INVEST**  
*To put the time, effort and energy into bettering the department and each other*

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

**LOYALTY**  
*Committing to see the department grow and succeed*

411 Incidents

- Meetings**
- Mayor Meeting
  - Command Staff Meeting
  - City Department Head Meeting
  - Human Resources Meeting
  - Labor/Management
  - 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**

## October

**4**

**122**

**244**

**11**

**205**

## Year To Date

**91**

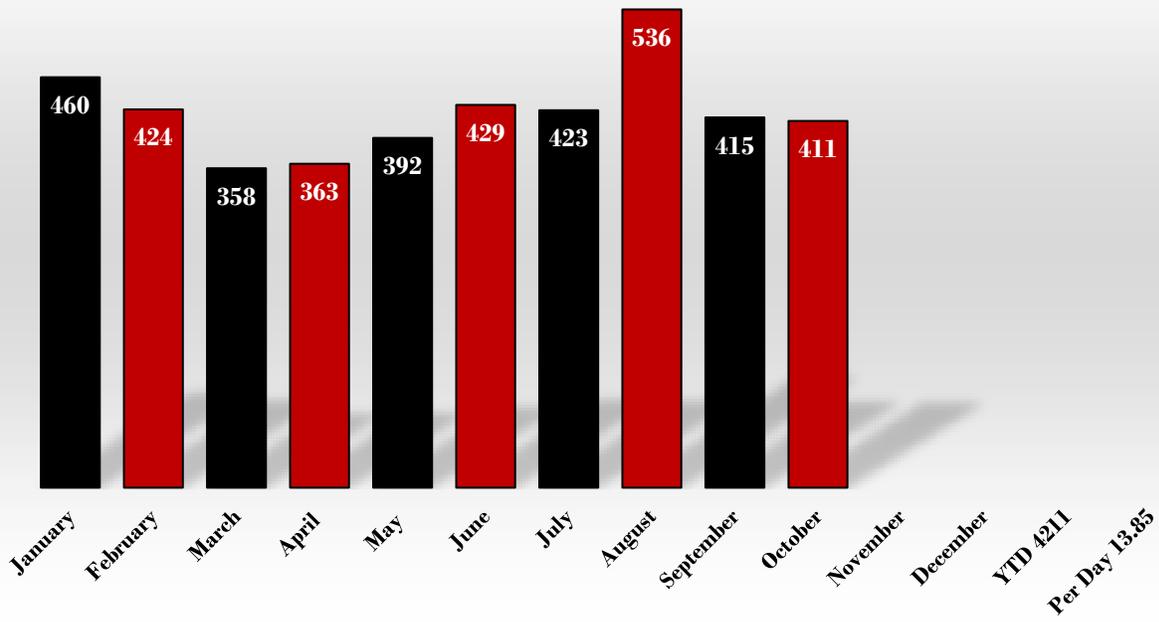
**992**

**2,650**

**126**

**2,455**

## 2025 Monthly Call Volume



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# ADMINISTRATION

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## Updates:

- 10/7 Funeral for Retired Fire Chief Ronald Rebatzke
- 10/11, 13580 W. Foxwood Dr. Structure Fire (Garage)
- Chief Polzin, Deputy Chief Pierce, FF Fisher, FF von Thun attended Wisconsin Affiliate Leadership Training Seminar (WALTS) Conference
- Division Chief O'Connor attended annual Wisconsin State Fire Inspectors Association (WSFIA) conference.
- Council approved donation agreement for ambulance donation to WCTC for training grounds usage.
- Fall 2025 Citizens Academy Graduation on Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm
- FirstDue records management system implementation in progress.
- Internal SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threat) assessment meetings for strategic planning nearing completion.
- Officer leadership and development program being conducted monthly.
- New Berlin School District monthly emergency radio testing.

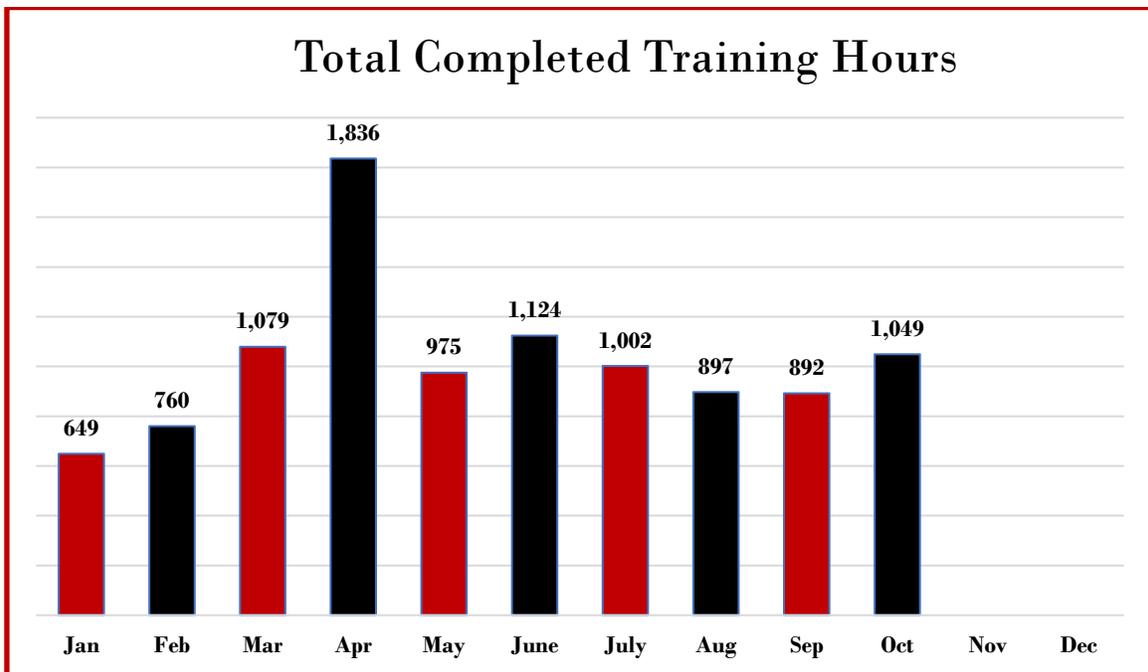
## Promotions/Retirements/Hiring:

- Battalion Chief and Firefighter/EMS Provider recruitment processes open.
- Lieutenant Eligibility List/Promotion Assessment Center Process open.
- Firefighter/Paramedic Omelina Retirement Ceremony tentative date Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> at 4pm
- Battalion Chief Schulpius removed from probation status.

## Committees:

- Apparatus, Equipment, Station, and PPE
  - Working with Streets Department with ongoing apparatus maintenance concerns.
  - All pump and ladder testing completed by Siren Services.
- Communications
  - Working with Emergency Management and WCC on radio replacement project
- Employee Recognition
  - Division Chief Mark O'Connor was recognized on 10/14 as 1<sup>st</sup> Responder of the Year for 83<sup>rd</sup> Assembly District.

- Citizen Recognitions (Catie Schachtely, Lt. Kreuser, FF Rokenbrodt, FF Cecil, FF Conrad, FF Docter, FF Zuhde)
- Inspection & Public Relations & Fire Investigation: (See page 11: Community Risk Reduction)
- Grants:
  - NA
- Paramedic:
  - 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
- Training:
  - Open Water Rescue Training at Kelly Lake.
  - Year to Date: **10,263** total training hours completed



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## STATIONS & APPARATUS & STAFFING

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### STATION 7

16280 W. National Ave.



**BATTALION 7**  
**TRUCK 7**  
**TENDER 7**  
**BRUSH 7**  
**COMMAND POST 7**



### STATION 8

1711 S. Sunny Slope Rd.



### STATION 9

5120 S. Racine Ave.



### STATION 10

5161 S. Sunny Slope Rd.



**Current Operational Staffing:**

**Fire Administration**

Chief Polzin

Deputy Chief Pierce

Division Chief O'Connor

Administrative Services Manager D. Gillard

Records Technician Schachtely

**Station 7**



A-Shift	B-Shift	C-Shift
<b>AC Gillard</b>	<b>BC Schulpius</b>	<b>BC Gscheidmeier</b>
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**

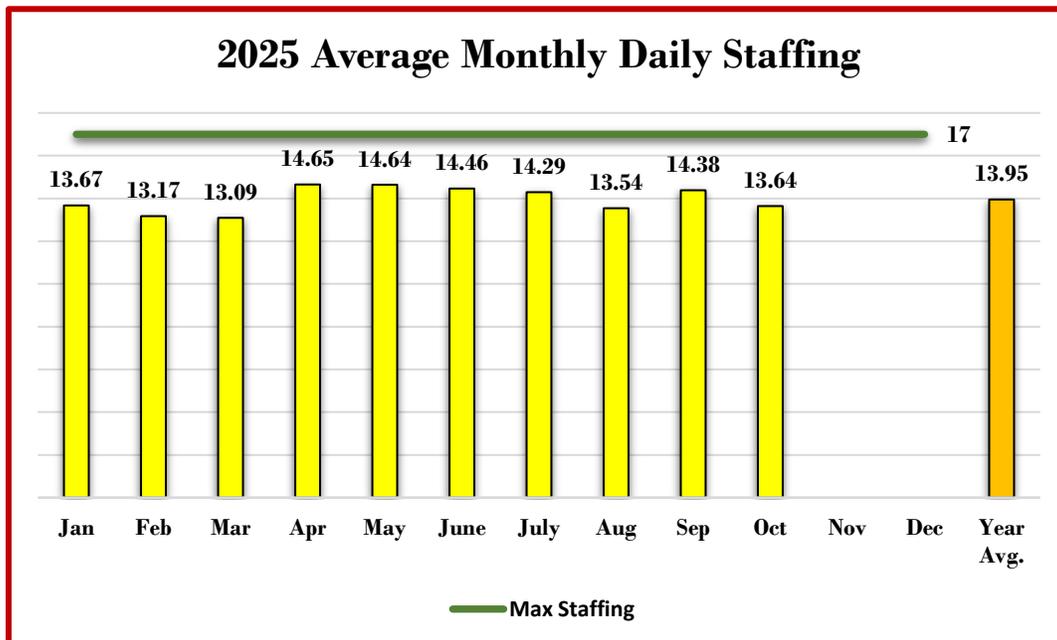


Lt. Santi	Lt. Pelicarić	Lt. Dillett
ALT Richter	Theim	<b>VACANT</b>
Ziolecki	Przeracki	Cervantes
Kinzel	Cecil	O'Sullivan

**Station 10**



Lt. Wendlick	Lt. Pluta	Lt. Knippel
Barske	ALT Oleson	ALT Lawton
Seamars	<b>VACANT</b>	Rokenbrodt
Docter	Conrad	<b>VACANT</b>



# 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 October, 49% of our call volume occurred while another call was already in progress.**

## Department Operational Summary:

<b>DEPARTMENT OVERALL STATUS</b>				
	<b>Station 7</b> 	<b>Station 8</b> 	<b>Station 9</b> 	<b>Station 10</b> 
<b>Personnel</b>	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow
<b>Apparatus</b>	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Yellow
<b>Firehouse</b>	Green	Green	Green	Green
<b>Rating</b>	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow
<b>Overall Department Status:</b>				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 being evaluated to be placed back into service in November
- Engine 10 Out of Service

**Station Summary:**

- Plymovent vehicle exhaust system currently being worked on through grant obtained through CVMIC.
- Station 8 roof began getting replaced.
- Station 7 water lateral replacement scheduled for November 3<sup>rd</sup> thru November 17<sup>th</sup>

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# COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION

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## Fire Inspections/Plan Review Services:

October was a busy month with fire prevention and education. October, recognized as Fire Prevention Month (centered around Fire Prevention Week), is critical for Community Risk Reduction (CRR) because it provides a focused, national platform to significantly boost public knowledge and proactive safety behaviors. This concentrated period allows fire departments like New Berlin to leverage media attention and community engagement to reach many residents with vital educational messages.

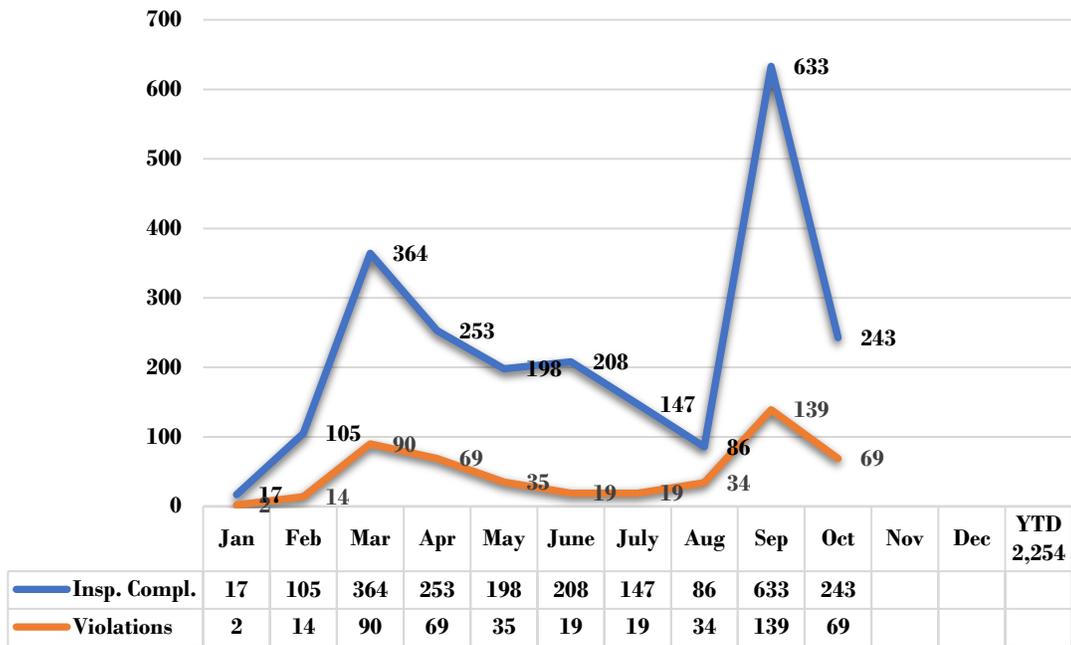


These efforts, which include installing smoke alarms, teaching home escape planning, and promoting fire-safe practices like proper cooking and heating habits, directly address the leading causes of preventable home fires, injuries, and fatalities. By teaching adults and children to identify and mitigate risks before a fire starts, Fire Prevention Month shifts the community's focus from a reactive emergency response to a proactive safety mindset. New Berlin Fire Department educated over 500 students and many adults concentrating on 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students and our established citizens academy.

The long-term importance of this education lies in its ability to permanently reduce the demand on emergency services, which is the core goal of CRR. When the public is knowledgeable and equipped with the tools—like working smoke alarms and practiced escape plans—they are less likely to have a fire, and if one does occur, they're more likely to escape safely and minimize its impact. This reduction in fire incidents and severity saves lives, prevents property damage, and frees up fire department resources to handle other critical emergencies. Ultimately, the consistent education reinforced during Fire Prevention Month helps build a resilient community where safety is a shared responsibility, lowering the overall cost (both human and economic) of emergencies and fostering a safer living environment for everyone.

We processed 9 permit applications for various fire suppression and fire alarm projects for a total of \$3,463.75

## 2025 Monthly Completed Inspections/Violations



### Public Education/Community Outreach:

- Fire Prevention at Ronald Raegan- 88 children
- Fire Prevention at Holy Apostles- 41 children
- Ike and West Football games
- Gateway Technical College Fire and EMS Expo
- Met will local business for an after-action plan of a gas leak
- Minooka Park 5K event, cycling race, run/walk
- Fire Prevention at Elmwood- 72 children
- Several hydrostatic, Knox box, Fire alarm, pre application meetings and final inspections
- Several Ride-a-longs
- Fire Prevention at Heritage Christian- 82 children
- Met with local business for a future remodel discussion
- Heritage Christian Chili Cookoff
- Fire Prevention at Poplar Creek- 88 children
- Spoke with 14 1<sup>st</sup> graders about respecting authority for Daisy Troop
- New Berlin West Bonfire
- Fire Prevention at Hoover- 48 children
- Fire Prevention at Doxa Christian- 25 children
- Innovation Station preschool fire prevention presentation 25 children
- MATC job fair
- Hickory grove company inspection and walkthrough

- New Berlin Ike and West send off to state for tennis and Cross Country
- Conference on fire inspection and CRR
- Station tour and education for Girl Scout troop 18 children
- Fire prevention preschool at Holy Apostles 63 children
- New Berlin trick or treat
- Drug take back program
- Evacuation drill at local business 200 employees
- Sprinkler valve operator training at local business
- Citizens Academy 8 weeks of education

