



FIRE DEPARTMENT

MONTHLY EXECUTIVE REPORT

JANUARY 2026

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.



NEW BERLIN FIRE DEPARTMENT 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

415 Incidents

- Meetings**
- Mayor Meeting
 - Command Staff Meeting
 - City Department Head Meeting
 - WCC Fire Protocols
 - 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

January

4

128

323

12

260

Year To Date

4

128

323

12

260

2026 Monthly Call Volume



ADMINISTRATION

Updates:

- 1/30 assisted Village of Vernon Fire Department with chimney fire at S68 W22720 National Ave.
- First Due records management system:
 - Inspection and Pre-plan modules are being worked on.
- Internal SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threat) assessment meetings for strategic planning nearing completion.
- Battalion Chief's Schulpius and Gscheidmeier and Lieutenant Kubiszewski attended classes at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland.
- iPad's replaced older Toughbook technology on all Med Units for patient care reporting and will be utilized for fire inspections soon.

Promotions/Retirements/Hiring:

- Assistant Chief Scott Gillard retired on January 9th
- Firefighter/EMS Provider first round interviews conducted.
- Lieutenant Eligibility List/Promotion Assessment Center Process completed.
- Battalion Chief first round interviews conducted.
- The following individuals were removed from probationary status: Firefighter/Paramedic's: Cervantes, Conrad and Santa Maria.

Committees:

- Apparatus, Equipment, Station, and PPE
 - Working with Streets Department with ongoing apparatus maintenance concerns.
 - Working with Buildings & Grounds Department on training tower project.
- Communications
 - Working with Emergency Management and WCC on radio replacement project
- Employee Recognition
 - NA
- Inspection & Public Relations & Fire Investigation: (See page 11: Community Risk Reduction)
- Grants:
 - Firehouse Subs Grant being considered.
- Paramedic:
 - Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) online refresher portion completed.
 - Annual HIPPA awareness course completed.

- SOP/SOG:
 - Review and update of odd numbered policies continuing
- Risk Management:
 - NA
- Training:
 - Reviewed chimney fire operations and equipment.
 - Year to Date: **1,065** total training hours completed



STATIONS & APPARATUS & STAFFING

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

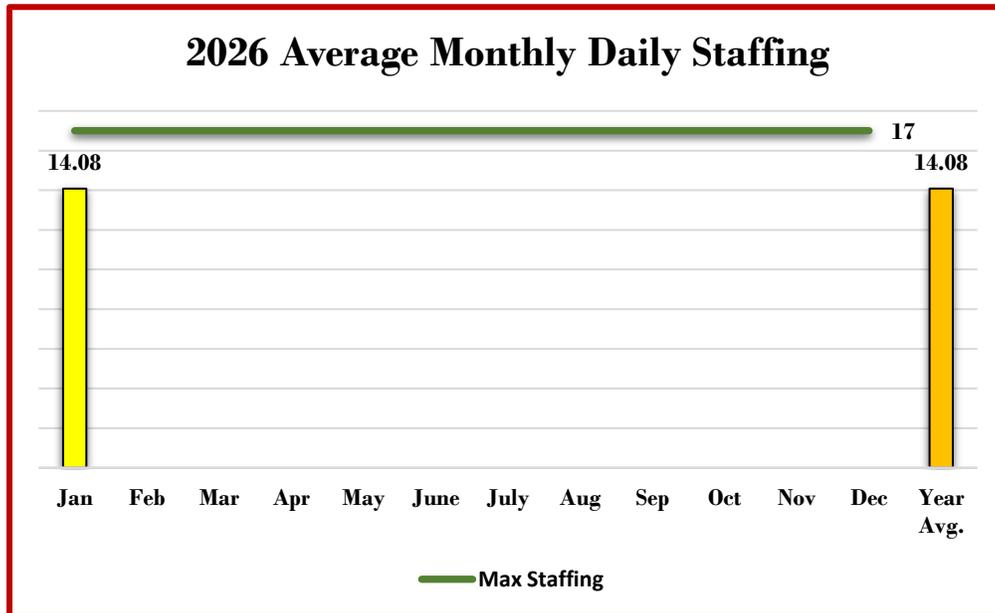
Chief Polzin
 Deputy Chief Pierce
 Division Chief O'Connor
 Administrative Services Manager D. Gillard
 Records Technician Schachtely

	A-Shift	B-Shift	C-Shift
Station 7	VACANT	BC Schulpius	BC Gscheidmeier
	Lt. Rodriguez	Lt. Shields	Lt. Kreuser
	ALT Buchholz	Przeracki	ALT Lawton
	Ziolecki	W. Wendlick	Knudson
	Zuhde	David	Cervantes

Station 8	Lt. Santi	Lt. Pelicarie	Lt. Dillett
	ALT. Richter	Barske	ALT von Thun
	Collins	Wojnowski	O'Sullivan
	VACANT	Kolp	VACANT

Station 9	Lt. Wendlick	Lt. Pluta	Lt. Knippel
	ALT Fisher	ALT. Jehn	Wolffersdorff
	Seamars	Cecil	Hanna
	Santa Maria	VACANT	Rokenbrodt

Station 10	Lt. Schweickhardt	Lt. Kubiszewski	Lt. Dominguez
	ALT. Oleson	ALT Matyas	ALT Theim
	Lange	Conrad	Chelminiak
	Kinzel	Docter	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 January, 62% 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	Green	Yellow	Yellow
Apparatus	Yellow	Yellow	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 is Out of Service. Taken to Rosenbauer in Minnesota for maintenance.
- Engine 10 back in service and Engine 11 back in service as reserve.

Station Summary:

- Plymovent system maintenance nearing completion.
- Station 8 roof replacement completed.

COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION

Fire Inspections/Plan Review Services:

In 2026, the New Berlin Fire Department (NBFD) continues to center its Community Risk Reduction (CRR) program on a data-driven approach to identify and mitigate community hazards before they escalate into emergencies. Following the national theme for CRR Week 2026, a primary goal is the integration of Emergency Response data to better align prevention efforts with specific types of incidents occurring in the city.



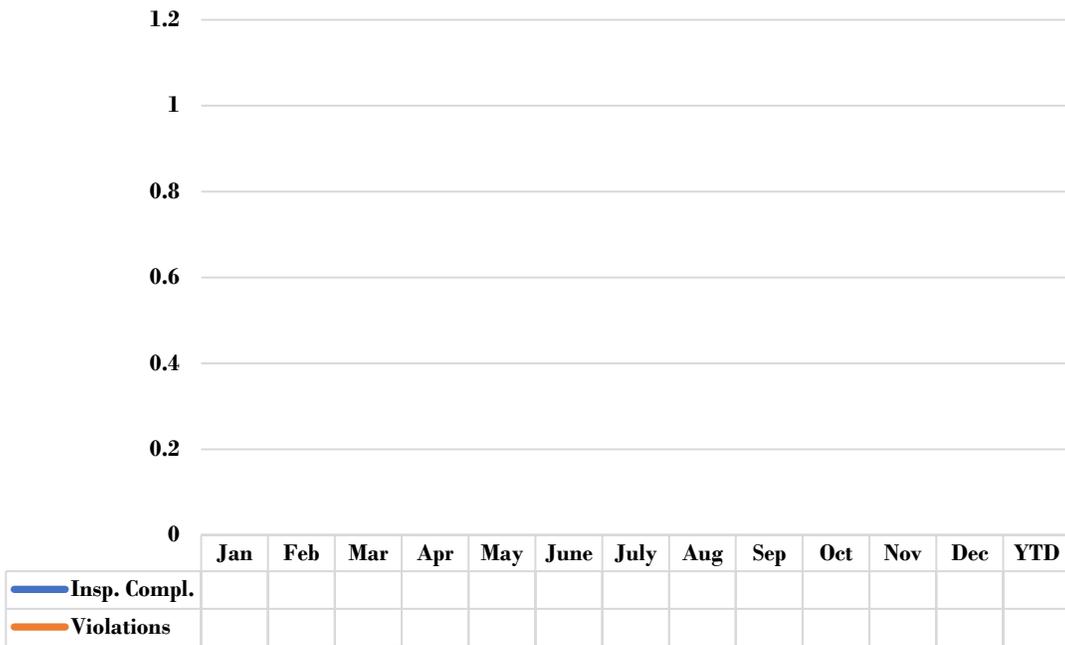
The program aims to enhance public safety through the "Five E's" Education, Engineering, Enforcement, Economic Incentive, and Emergency Response. With specific 2026 initiatives focusing on lithium-ion battery safety awareness, residential smoke detector installations, hands only CPR, stop the bleed, and senior-focused fall prevention programs. Ultimately, the NBFD seeks to foster a "culture of safety" by empowering residents with the tools and knowledge needed to reduce the occurrence and impact of fires and medical emergencies throughout the community.

2026 Community Risk Reduction Tracking Report

January

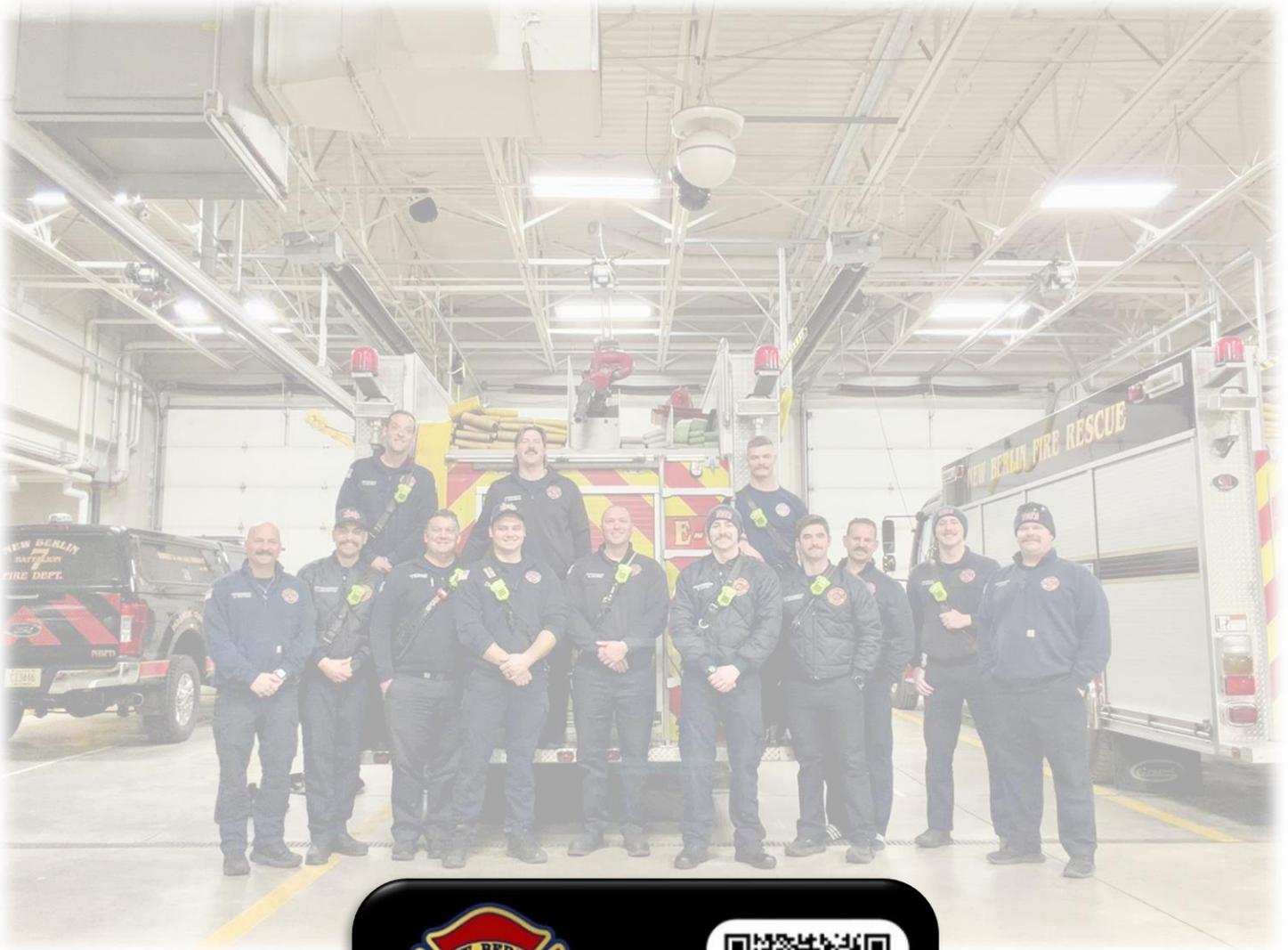
Task	Number/Attendees
Completed Inspections	N/A
(fire inspections)	
Special Inspections	9
(200#, fire alarm, final, forward, etc)	
Violations Found	N/A
(electrical, life safety, maint, etc)	
Violations Corrected	15
(any corrected violation)	
Letters sent	42
(extinguisher and sprinkler maint)	
Permits	4
(sprinkler, fire alarm, building, tent)	
Fees Collected	\$1,441.00
(amount paid for permits)	
Plan Reviews	11
(re-occupancy, fire alarm, sprinkler, etc)	
Public Relation Events	7
(any event with public contact)	
Community Programs	1
Fire Extinguisher Training	N/A
Senior Out-reach	N/A
Hands Only CPR	N/A
Smoke Alarm Install	1
Division Chief Meetings	27
(committee, pre-app, DCD, zoom, etc)	

2026 Monthly Completed Inspections/Violations



Public Education/Community Outreach:

- Several hydrostatic, Knox box key replacements, fire alarm test, final inspections, pre application meetings and interviews
- Several Ride-a-longs
- Discover New Berlin
- Define AED loaner program
- Winterfest
- Harlem Wizards charity basketball game
- Read a book at the library
- Compliance letters to businesses
- Enhanced food pantry partnership
- Set 2026 public relations and education goals



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Feedback Survey** *Scan Me*

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