



# FIRE DEPARTMENT

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MONTHLY EXECUTIVE REPORT

FEBRUARY 2026

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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.



**NEW BERLIN FIRE DEPARTMENT VALUES**

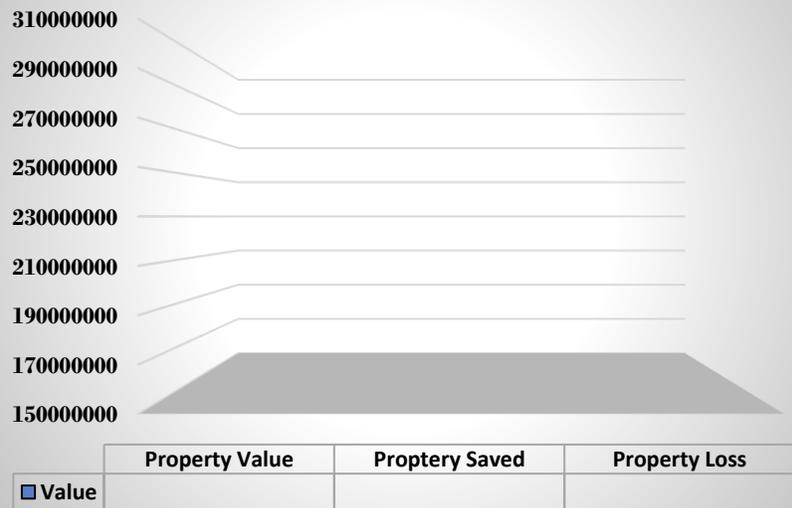
- TRUST**: Nurturing positive relationships at all levels of the organization
- POSITIVE ATTITUDE**: Doing what it takes and inspiring others to do the same
- RESPECT**: Treat everyone with dignity and worth
- INVEST**: To put the time, effort and energy into bettering the department and each other
- PROFESSIONALISM**: Conducting oneself with responsibility, integrity, accountability, and excellence
- LOYALTY**: Committing to see the department grow and succeed

374 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

### 2026 YTD Fire Value/Save/Loss



# INCIDENT SUMMARY



**Fire Incidents**



**No  
Emergency/  
Public Service**



AMBULANCE

**EMS**



**Hazardous  
Materials**



**Simultaneous  
Calls**

## February

**9**

**93**

**259**

**10**

**194**

## Year To Date

**11**

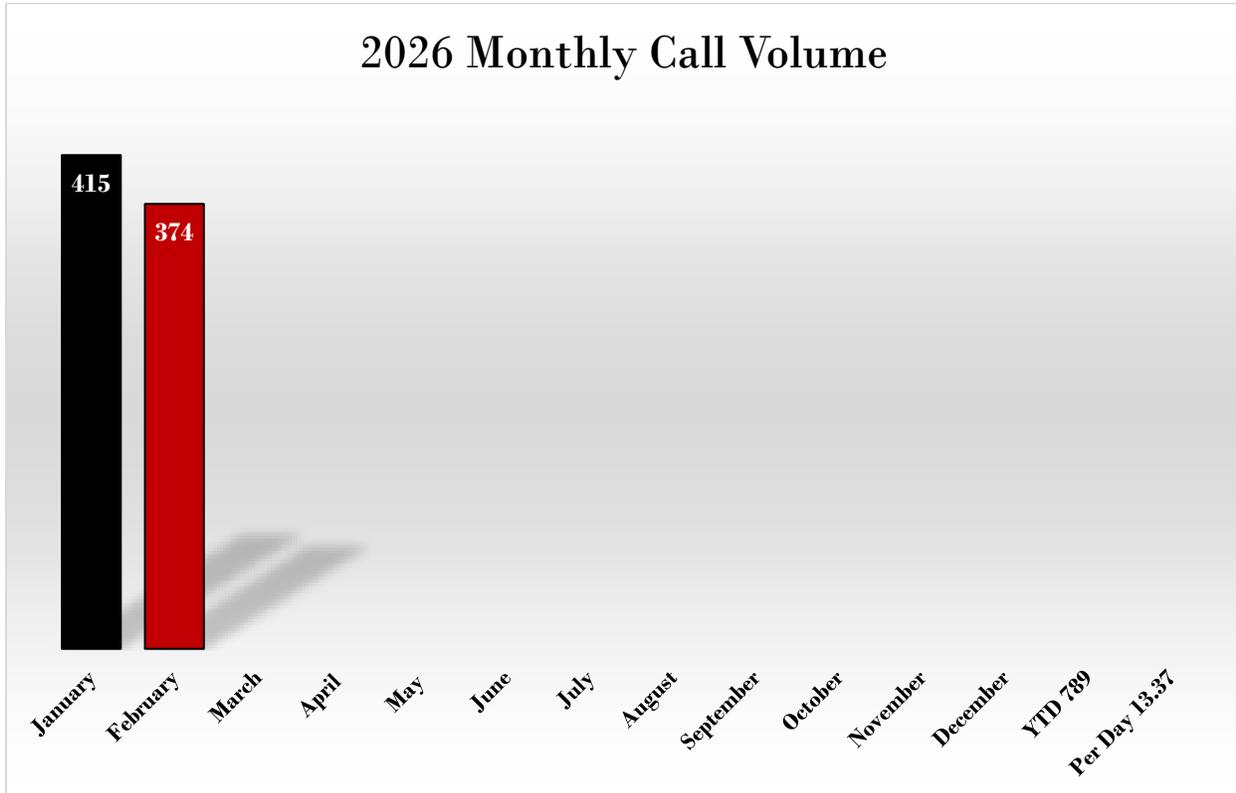
**208**

**541**

**21**

**454**

## 2026 Monthly Call Volume



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# ADMINISTRATION

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## Updates:

- 2/5 13271 W. Fountain Dr. bathroom fire contained to contents only.
- 2/12 124<sup>th</sup> St. at Grange Ave. vehicle extrication.
- 2/28 19060 Brookdale Dr. Automatic aid to City of Brookfield for structure fire with 2 fatalities.
- Waukesha County Communications (WCC) system wide CAD update.
- 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.
- MABAS Knox boxes updated on all stations.
- Mutual Aid/MABAS response plans being reviewed and updated.

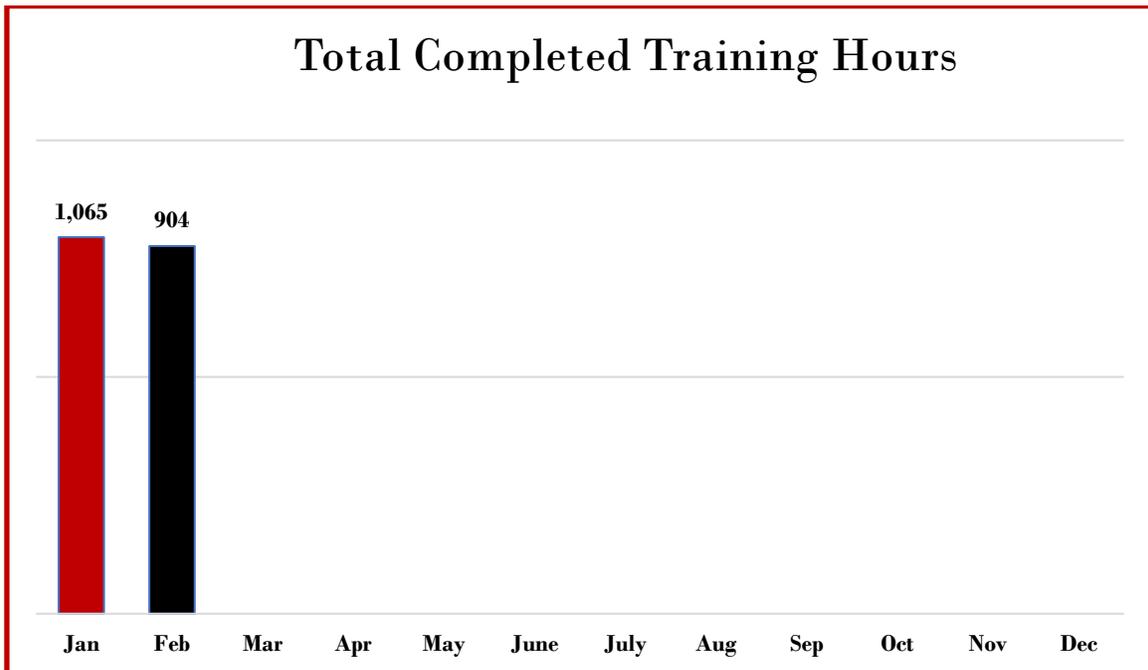
## Promotions/Retirements/Hiring:

- Firefighter/EMS Provider second round interviews conducted.
- Lieutenant Eligibility List/Promotion Assessment Center Process completed.
- Battalion Chief first second round interviews conducted.

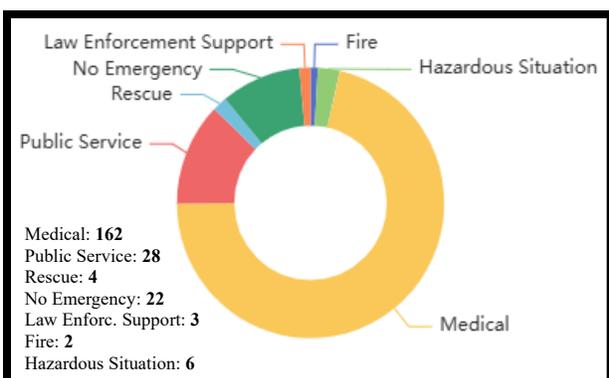
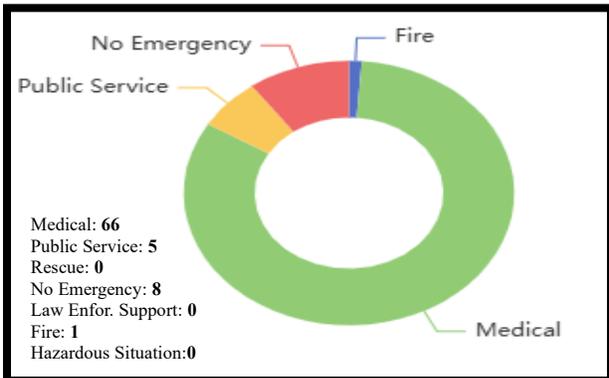
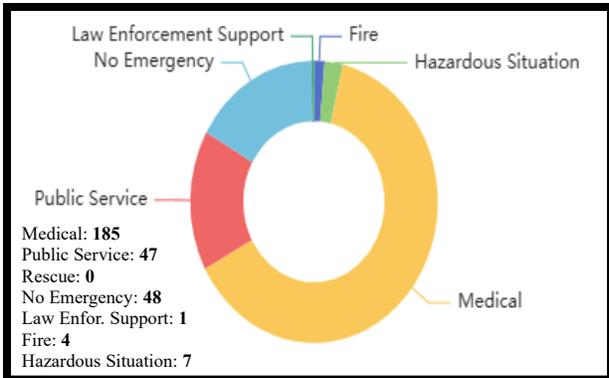
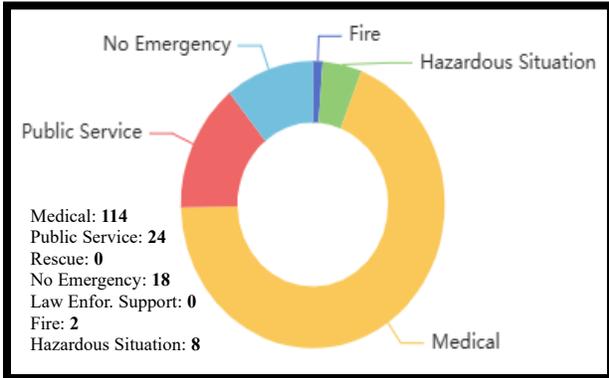
## Committees:

- Apparatus, Equipment, Station, and PPE
  - Worked with vendors for initial pricing for apparatus replacement.
  - Fire Training Tower project went out to bid.
- Communications
  - Working with Emergency Management and WCC on radio replacement project.
  - MABAS cards audited along with Response plan determinants.
  - Considering going to GPS location-based dispatching.
- Employee Recognition
  - NB Citizen recognition of the following members: DC O'Connor, Records Tech. Schachtely, Lt. Pelicaric, Lt. Wendlick, FF Buchholz, FF Ziolecki, FF Zuhde, FF Barske & FF Wojnowski
- Inspection & Public Relations & Fire Investigation: (See page 11: Community Risk Reduction)
- Grants:
  - Received Kellman Cares Grant

- Paramedic:
  - Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) recertification completed.
- SOP/SOG:
  - Review and updates ongoing.
- Risk Management:
  - NA
- Training:
  - Reviewed chimney fire operations and equipment.
  - Year to Date: **2,066** total training hours completed



# STATIONS & APPARATUS & STAFFING



**Current Operational Staffing:**

**Fire Administration**

Chief Polzin

Deputy Chief Pierce

Division Chief O'Connor

Administrative Services Manager D. Gillard

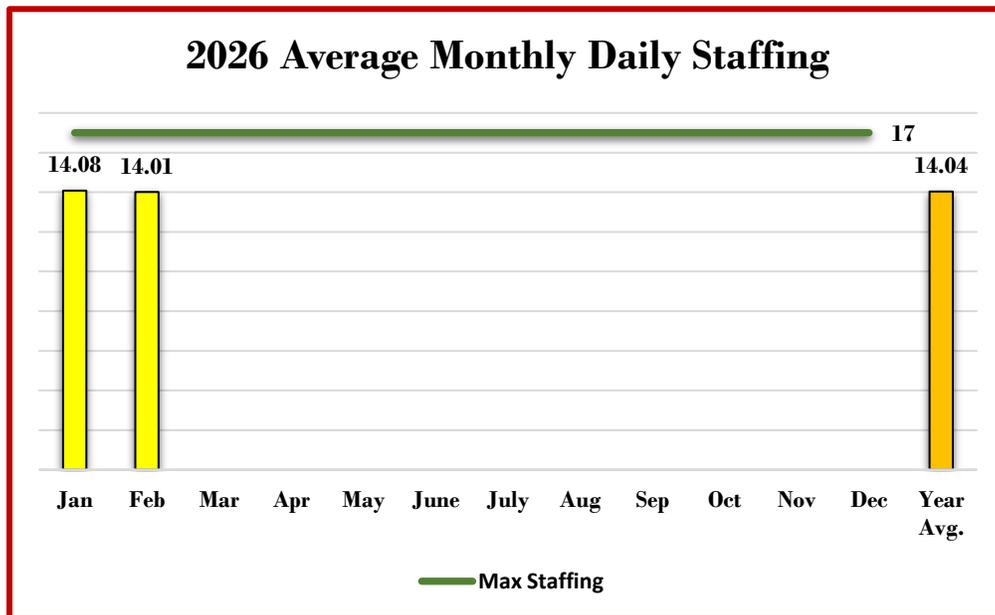
Records Technician Schachtely

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

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

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

<b>Station 10</b>	Lt. Schweickhardt	Lt. Kubiszewski	Lt. Dominguez
	ALT. Oleson	ALT Matyas	ALT Theim
	Lange	Conrad	Chelminiak
	Kinzel	Docter	<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 February, 51% 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 
<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 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.

# COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION

## Fire Inspections/Plan Review Services:

February was a standout month for Community Development and Community Risk Reduction (CRR) initiatives. These efforts serve as the backbone of our city’s growth and safety, ensuring that as we expand, we do so with a proactive mindset toward public welfare.

Success here depends entirely on how well our departments work together. Clear communication isn't just a goal; it is a necessity for operational excellence. Moving through 2026, the CRR division remains steadfast in its commitment to breaking down silos and fostering seamless collaboration across all city branches.



## Highlights of Recent Collaboration

Our commitment to a "one team" approach is best illustrated by several recent success stories:

**Public Safety Synergy:** The New Berlin Police and Fire departments demonstrated exceptional coordination during two recent City Hall meetings. Their joint presence and unified command ensured a secure, professional environment for both city staff and the public.

**Strategic Planning:** The New Berlin Fire Professionals Union and the Public Relations committee have begun a formalized partnership. By aligning CRR with community outreach strategies, they are co-developing a calendar of future events designed to increase transparency and public engagement.

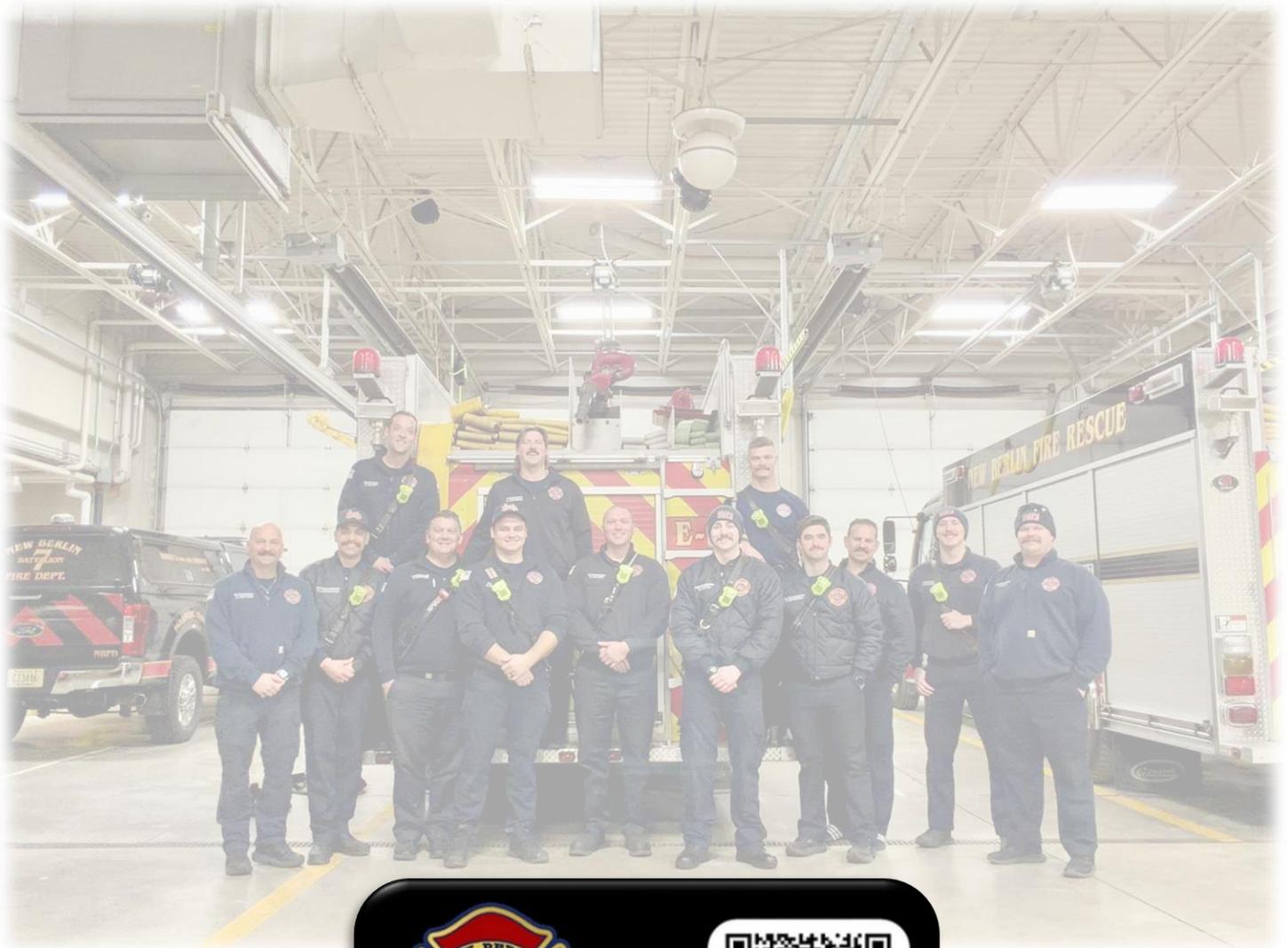
**Streamlined Departments:** Leadership from the Community Development Team and the Division Chief are working in tandem to refine the permitting experience. This partnership focuses on shared communication to provide faster, more efficient customer service for local developers and business owners alike.

### February

Task	Number Attendees	Yearly Total
<b>Completed Inspections</b> (fire inspections)	N/A	N/A
<b>Special Inspections</b> (200#, fire alarm, final, forward, etc)	9	9
<b>Violations Found</b> (electrical, life safety, maint, etc)	N/A	N/A
<b>Violations Corrected</b> (any corrected violation)	12	27
<b>Letters sent</b> (extinguisher and sprinkler maint)	0	42
<b>Citizen Complaints</b> (code violations)	2	2
<b>Permits</b> (sprinkler, fire alarm, building, tent)	5	9
<b>Fees Collected</b> (amount received for permits)	\$1,698.25	\$3,139.25
<b>Plan Reviews</b> (re-occupancy, fire alarm, sprinkler, etc)	18	29
<b>Public Relation Events</b> (any event with public contact)	15	22
<b>Community Programs</b>	2	3
Fire Extinguisher Training	0	
Senior Out-reach	2	2
Hands Only CPR	0	
Smoke Alarm Install	0	1
<b>Division Chief Meetings</b> (committee, pre-app, DCD, zoom, etc)	31	58

**Public Education/Community Outreach:**

- Several hydrostatic, Re-Occupancy inspections, Knox box key replacements, fire alarm test, final inspections, pre application meetings and interviews
- Several Ride-a-longs and tours
- Two Senior out-reach programs
- CVMIC Innovation Award for AED loaner program
- Kellman cares grant recipient
- Fire Marshal for cityhall meeting
- 4<sup>th</sup> of July planning and Class 1 event discussions
- First Due inspection education
- Two citizen complaint follow ups
- Cistern maintenance follow up
- Survive-alive-house maintenance
- NB Ike and West state bound send offs
- Pre-planning with businesses
- WCTC open house



**Fire Department  
Feedback Survey**

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