

Wheeling Fire Department

QUARTERLY REPORT



2nd Quarter 2024

CALLS FOR SERVICE

Fire – **21**

Explosion/Overheat (no fire) – **7**

Medical/EMS – **1,324**

Hazardous Condition – **45**

False Alarm – **208**

Service Calls – **309**

Good Intent Calls – **177**

Severe Weather – **5**

Special Type/Other – **7**

TOTAL Calls: 2,103

FLOOD OF 2024



The Ohio River reached flood stage twice in nine days in April. The first flood on April 4 crested at 41.5 feet - a level not seen since 2005. The following weekend, on April 13, the river flooded again and crested at 37.5 feet.

Most flood-prone areas of Wheeling along the river flooded, and a mudslide closed WV Route 2 in Warwood for an entire day because of heavy rains.

Thankfully, no injuries occurred.

MCCOLLOCH STREET FIRE

WFD's C Platoon battled a second-alarm fire on Saturday, June 8 in East Wheeling. Four homes were destroyed and a fifth was heavily damaged as a result of the fire.

Firefighters spent several hours extinguishing the fire and got the incident under control after two and a half hours of suppression.

The fire is still under investigation.



SAFE HAVEN BABY BOX

Station No. 5 on Wheeling Island is now a Safe Haven Baby Box location!

A blessing ceremony took place on May 1 with Safe Haven Baby Box representatives, fire department personnel, city administration and elected officials.



A Baby Box is a safety device that legally permits a mother in crisis to safely, securely, and anonymously surrender if they are unable to care for their newborn.

LARGE SCALE EXERCISE

WFD along with multiple city and county emergency services agencies took part in a large-scale active shooter incident on April 30 at Wheeling University.

The exercise, which took roughly three hours, tested the department's emergency response, and coordination with Wheeling Hospital ER staff. The event also educated numerous individuals on incident command and ways to improve tactics.



DONATION TO HELP WITH FIRE PREVENTION



We thank Soroptimist Wheeling for donating \$1,000 to the department's Bureau of Fire Prevention.

The donation will be used for fire safety educational materials for women.

We appreciate your support!

DUPLEX FIRE

No one was hurt when a duplex caught fire in Center Wheeling on April 1. When WFD's B platoon arrived, flames were seen coming from the second floor of an apartment. Crews were able to get the fire knocked down quickly and prevent it from spreading to the neighboring apartment.

Nobody was home at the time of the incident.

Units that responded included Engine Co. 2, 4, 5 Ladder 1 and Rescue 1, Squads 1 and 3.



OHIO RIVER FLOOD – APRIL 4, 2024



Flood Photos: Captain Jason Milton / WFD Drone