

Wheeling Fire Department

QUARTERLY REPORT



3rd Quarter 2024

CALLS FOR SERVICE

Fire – **28**
Explosion/Overheat (no fire) – **4**
Medical/EMS – **1,291**
Hazardous Condition – **41**
False Alarm – **212**

Service Calls – **260**
Good Intent Calls – **128**
Severe Weather – **0**
Special Type/Other – **2**

1,966 Total Calls

5,919 YTD Calls

DOWNTOWN APARTMENT FIRE



On August 21, WFD was called to Booker T. Washington Apts. on Main Street for a report of smoke inside the building.

Shortly after arrival, firefighters located a fire inside a 4th floor apartment.

One person was taken to the hospital for treatment. Other occupants were either evacuated or advised to shelter in place. The fire was quickly extinguished and isolated to one apartment.

ELM GROVE HOUSE FIRE

B Platoon firefighters were called to Columbia Avenue in Elm Grove on July 11. Smoke was reported coming from the basement of a home.

The crews were able to get the fire under control and prevent it from spreading throughout the house. Fortunately, no one was injured; and the house sustained only minor damage.

Responding units include Engine Co. 2, 5, 10, and 11. Rescue 1, Ladder 1, Squad 1 and Squad 2.



TRAINING REPORT

In late July, our three platoons received special training on a new Zoll Autopulse NXT that will be used for patients experiencing cardiac arrest.

The main function of the device is the automated CPR it can perform.

Automated CPR is known to be more efficient than traditional CPR.



Special thanks to Tom Bull from Zoll Medical. He provided our personnel with constructive hands-on training.

ROPES COURSE

To maintain a state of readiness, WFD personnel train throughout the year on a wide range of rescue scenarios.

WFD again teamed up with Crash Course Village from Dayton, Ohio for a rope technician course in August.

Hands-on training units covered life safety knots, repelling solo/with a partner, and haul and lowering systems.

The course highlight was a high-line rope rescue over Big Wheeling Creek in Elm Grove.



DOWNTOWN CRASH

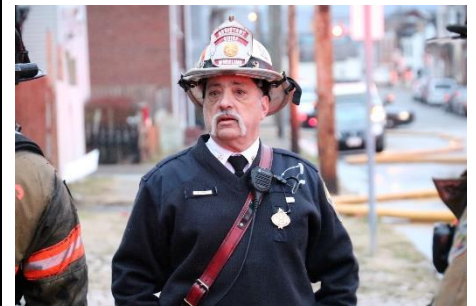
Seven vehicles sustained damage in a multi-vehicle crash on September 11. The accident occurred on Main Street in downtown when people were gathering for the memorial ceremony at Heritage Port.

Multiple units responded to the chaotic scene. Fortunately, no pedestrians were injured.



Both drivers were transported to the hospital for evaluation for injuries. Main Street was shut down for several hours to allow investigators to perform their work.

HARTO RETIRES



Happy Retirement! Assistant Chief Paul Harto wrapped up his 38-year career with the City of Wheeling on August 24.

He spent three years with the city's 911 dispatch before joining the Fire Department in 1989.

Chief Harto's radio call sign was C-4. He was promoted to Assistant Chief in 2008.

Harto has led the C Platoon since 2009 – mentoring a generation of firefighters with his knowledge, skill, and compassion.

HURRICANE IVAN – 20 YEARS LATER



Valley View & Washington Avenues – Sept. 17, 2004

Photo courtesy of The Intelligencer