

Town of Beloit Fire Department Monthly Newsletter



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Unified Command Operations

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To ensure readiness and improve collaboration during emergencies, the Town and City participated in a tabletop disaster drill involving department and division heads. This exercise tested the City and Towns ability to implement a unified command structure.



The focus of the drill was to simulate the operations of the Emergency Operations Center (EOC), emphasizing its structure, core responsibilities, and the role it plays in coordinating efforts during a crisis. Participants were challenged to manage a complex, evolving scenario that required clear communication, decisive decision-making, and seamless cooperation among all agencies involved.

The unified command model brought together the Town (Tim Wellnitz) and the City (Jerry Gabrielatos) and representatives from multiple departments and divisions, demonstrating the importance of shared leadership and teamwork. The exercise highlighted how agencies collectively address challenges such as resource allocation, public safety, and effective communication with the community. Participants worked through hypothetical yet realistic disaster scenario ensuring that all roles and responsibilities were clearly understood.

The drill also served as an opportunity to identify potential gaps in emergency response plans, allowing for improvements in training, resource management, and interagency coordination. The lessons learned from this exercise will shape future training programs and ensure the Beloit area remains prepared to respond effectively to any emergency.



DC Mielke 5 years
FF Pinnow 11 years



Missed in November
FF Skokut 11/16
FF Pinnow 11/13

No December B-Days

Town of Beloit, City of South Beloit, and City of Beloit Join Forces



Over the past six years, the relationship between the Town of Beloit, South Beloit and City of Beloit Fire Departments has grown significantly, fostering a stronger more unified approach to emergency response. While each department maintains its own unique identity, operationally we are aligning closer together, working as a cohesive team to serve the greater Beloit community.

This collaborative spirit extends beyond department boundaries. Whether responding in rigs marked Town of

Beloit, City of South Beloit, City of Beloit, the shared mission remains the same: delivering exceptional service to those in need. Recently, a unified response model was communicated to MABAS Divisions 104 and MABAS Division 8, directing mutual aid partners to treat "Beloit" as one department during multi-agency responses.

This updated approach allows resources to be allocated more efficiently to neighboring areas while preserving the necessary response capacity for the greater Beloit region. By strengthening coordination and streamlining resource management, our departments are better equipped to handle complex incidents and ensure community safety.

This partnership exemplifies the commitment of Beloit-area fire services to evolve and adapt while upholding the traditions and identities of each department. Together, we continue to set a standard for collaboration in public safety.

The Town Brings Medical Advances to South Beloit

The Town of Beloit Fire Department has taken a significant step in advancing its emergency medical care in South Beloit. The department has received approval to carry paralytic medication, enabling its paramedics to perform Rapid Sequence Intubation (RSI) for patients experiencing severe airway difficulties. The Town currently has this capability in Wisconsin however this is new for Illinois.

RSI is a critical medical procedure that involves temporarily paralyzing a patient to secure their airway quickly and effectively. This capability is particularly valuable in situations where traditional methods of managing the airway are insufficient, such as severe trauma, respiratory failure, or other life-threatening conditions.

By adding paralytics to its medical arsenal, the department enhances its ability to deliver advanced pre-hospital care, aligning with best practices in emergency medicine. This development ensures that patients receive a higher standard of care when every second counts.

This achievement reflects the department's commitment to continuous improvement in service delivery and patient outcomes, further solidifying its role as a leader in emergency medical response.

**RAPID
SEQUENCE
INTUBATION**



Fire Station #2 Nearing Completion

The construction of Fire Station #2 is coming to an exciting conclusion, with only the finishing touches remaining before the station is ready for occupancy. Crews are finalizing interior finishes, completing exterior features, and preparing the station for its vital role in serving the community.

Stay tuned for updates as we approach the official opening of this state-of-the-art facility, which will enhance our response capabilities and provide a modern, efficient workspace for our firefighters.



MABAS Cards - Essential for Unified Response

Rock County fire departments just updated MABAS (Mutual Aid Box Alarm System) cards. DC Mielke worked closely with BC Hyde with these updates, ensuring that the Towns cards and South Beloit's cards reflect current operational capabilities and resource availability. With the City and Town of Beloit Fire Departments working more collaboratively, revising the MABAS cards aligns with the unified response model, clarifying that "Beloit" operates as one entity during emergencies. This reduces confusion and enhances efficiency when multiple agencies are involved.

Changes in apparatus, staffing levels, or specialized team capabilities also necessitate updates to ensure the right resources are deployed in a timely manner. Updated cards help streamline communication, providing dispatch and mutual aid partners with clear, accurate guidance for response actions. Beloit departments are ensuring mutual aid requests are met effectively while maintaining adequate coverage within the greater Beloit area.



Recruitment Efforts to Fill Vacancies Continue at Town of Beloit

The Town of Beloit Fire Department remains committed to ensuring the highest level of service to the community, despite ongoing staffing challenges. Recruitment efforts are in full swing to fill current vacancies and maintain the department's operational readiness.

In addition to promoting firefighting as a rewarding career, the department highlights benefits like competitive wages, training opportunities, and a supportive team environment. Special emphasis is placed on attracting individuals with certifications in firefighting and emergency medical services, as these qualifications ensure new hires can seamlessly integrate into the team.

The need for additional staff is especially pressing as the department continues to provide mutual aid to neighboring communities, maintain coverage for expanded service areas, and adapt to growing community needs.

If you or someone you know is ready to make a difference, consider joining the Town of Beloit Fire Department. Applications and further details are available on the department's website. Together, we can ensure a safer future for our community.

South Beloit Stats

South Beloit Fire Calls for Service

Prepared on: 12/8/2024

Incidents By Category	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	
Fire	Begin October 11th, 2024 ->										2	1		3
Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat (No Fire)											0	0		0
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident											39	68		107
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)											1	0		1
Service Call											7	13		20
Good Intent Call											4	3		7
False Alarm & False Call											2	1		3
Special Incident											0	1		1
Monthly Total:											55	87	0	142
As of Total:											55	142	142	

Mutual Aid Given/Received	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	
Automatic Aid Given	Begin October 11th, 2024 ->										0	0		0
Automatic Aid Received											1	2		3
Mutual Aid Given											2	1		3
Mutual Aid Received											2	2		4

T.O.B. Monthly Statistics

Town of Beloit Calls for Service Report 2024

Prepared on: 12/8/2024

Runs by Unit	2023												Total
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
Ambulance 241	14	4	6	8	5	5	12	9	4	3	2	5	77
Ambulance 242	98	44	71	71	86	117	114	102	95	120	93	99	1110
Engine 211	29	51	32	49	44	35	36	43	41	31	33	36	460
Engine 212	2	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Engine 222	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Battalion 2	5	7	4	3	5	5	4	4	0	0	4	3	44
Tender 261	0	3	4	7	0	1	4	1	1	1	0	1	23
Brush Truck 271	0	0	0	3	1	1	6	1	0	0	1	1	14
Utility 292	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	5
Rehab 252	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Boat 251	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
Light 254	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tactical EMS Personnel	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	5

Runs by Unit	2024												Total
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
Ambulance 241	18	1	3	5	2	1	1	9	5	3	0		48
Ambulance 242	110	110	106	87	137	111	144	114	92	113	108		1232
Engine 211	57	29	42	45	20	28	37	40	30	54	31		413
Engine 212	0	1	1	0	9	3	0	0	4	0	0		18
Engine 222	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	0	0		15
Battalion 2	4	4	7	3	0	1	4	5	3	6	2		39
Tender 261	3	2	6	3	1	1	0	2	2	3	2		25
Brush Truck 271	1	1	5	3	2	1	0	1	3	5	3		25
Utility 292	2	1	1	3	1	4	1	0	2	0	1		16
Rehab 252	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		5
Boat 251	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0		2
Light 254	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Tactical EMS Personnel	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0		5

Incidents By Category	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Fire	4	8	2	8	7	5	14	3	6	4	5	8	74
Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat (No Fire)	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	1	0	0	1	6
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident	103	49	67	82	90	111	116	105	100	120	95	101	1139
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	1	8	2	2	1	2	3	2	3	2	2	3	31
Service Call	18	5	15	9	12	12	12	20	8	10	11	12	144
Good Intent Call	15	11	17	19	11	15	16	15	15	13	12	13	172
False Alarm & False Call	1	7	4	6	6	5	3	7	3	5	5	5	57
Special Incident	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	5
Monthly Total:	142	88	107	127	128	151	166	154	138	154	130	143	1628
As of Total:	142	230	337	464	592	743	909	1063	1201	1355	1485	1628	

Incidents By Category	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Fire	8	6	8	11	6	4	6	5	8	11	4		77
Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat (No Fire)	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0		2
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident	129	115	107	85	129	111	133	117	99	110	93		1228
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	6	4	4	1	2	2	4	4	2	2	7		38
Service Call	18	7	18	20	14	9	13	16	10	16	15		156
Good Intent Call	14	12	17	14	15	8	20	14	10	14	17		155
False Alarm & False Call	8	4	4	7	2	8	4	7	5	7	5		61
Special Incident	0	2	0	0	0	1	4	0	2	3	1		13
Monthly Total:	183	150	158	138	168	145	184	163	136	163	142	0	1730
As of Total:	183	333	491	629	797	942	1126	1289	1425	1588	1730	1730	

Mutual Aid Given/Received	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Automatic Aid Given	60	31	36	50	42	61	75	73	68	70	61	37	664
Automatic Aid Received	10	13	16	10	17	12	14	15	15	19	17	17	175
Mutual Aid Given	10	8	17	12	16	21	35	21	12	15	11	22	200
Mutual Aid Received	3	3	3	9	4	2	2	3	1	1	2	3	36

Mutual Aid Given/Received	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Automatic Aid Given	70	58	59	57	71	66	60	40	29	35	32		577
Automatic Aid Received	16	13	13	12	19	27	17	10	11	16	14		168
Mutual Aid Given	26	25	23	13	22	14	31	30	21	27	14		246
Mutual Aid Received	9	2	7	3	11	4	7	8	4	14	7		76

Fire Inspections	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
General Fire Inspections	33	66	48	39	42	17	33	72	13	47	62	47	519
Reinspections	12	0	6	6	2	3	1	0	0	1	2	0	33
Investigations	0	1	1	2	1	1	4	0	0	2	0	0	12
Consultations	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	8
Monthly Total:	45	67	56	47	46	21	38	72	13	51	66	50	572

Fire Inspections	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
General Fire Inspections	16	57	29	52	40	11	17	15	1	0	0		238
Reinspections	0	5	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0		9
Investigations	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	0		5
Consultations	3	0	3	5	8	2	2	5	0	0	0		28
Monthly Total:	19	62	33	60	52	13	19	20	2	0	0	0	280