

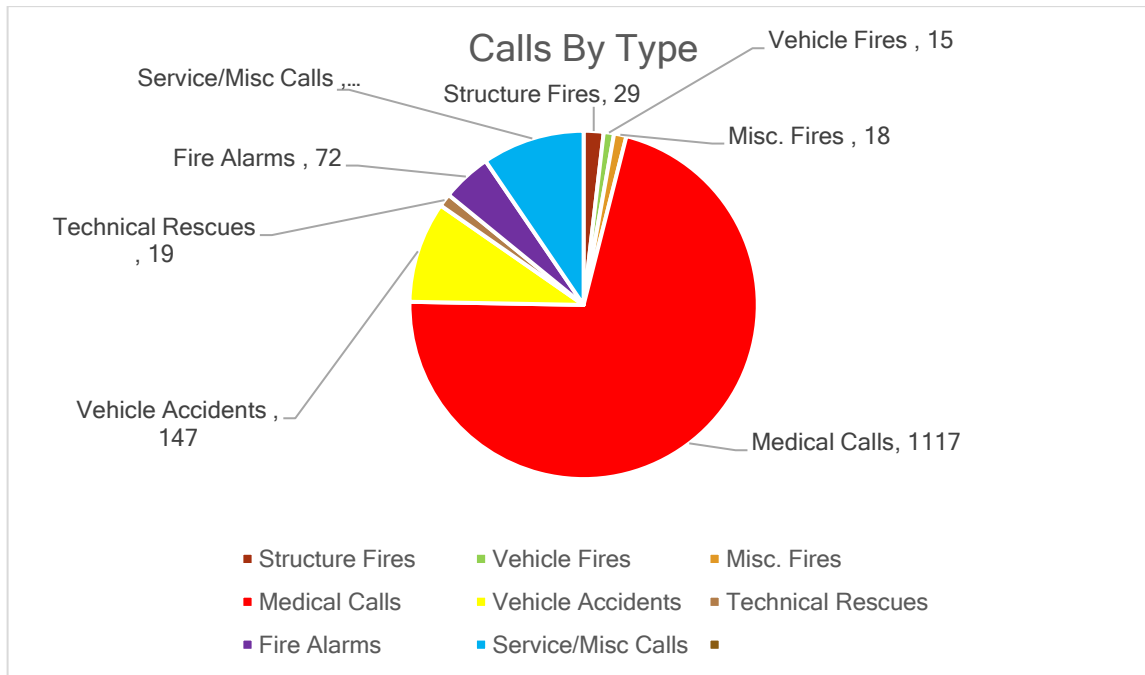


ANNUAL REPORT 2023

Somers Fire Department



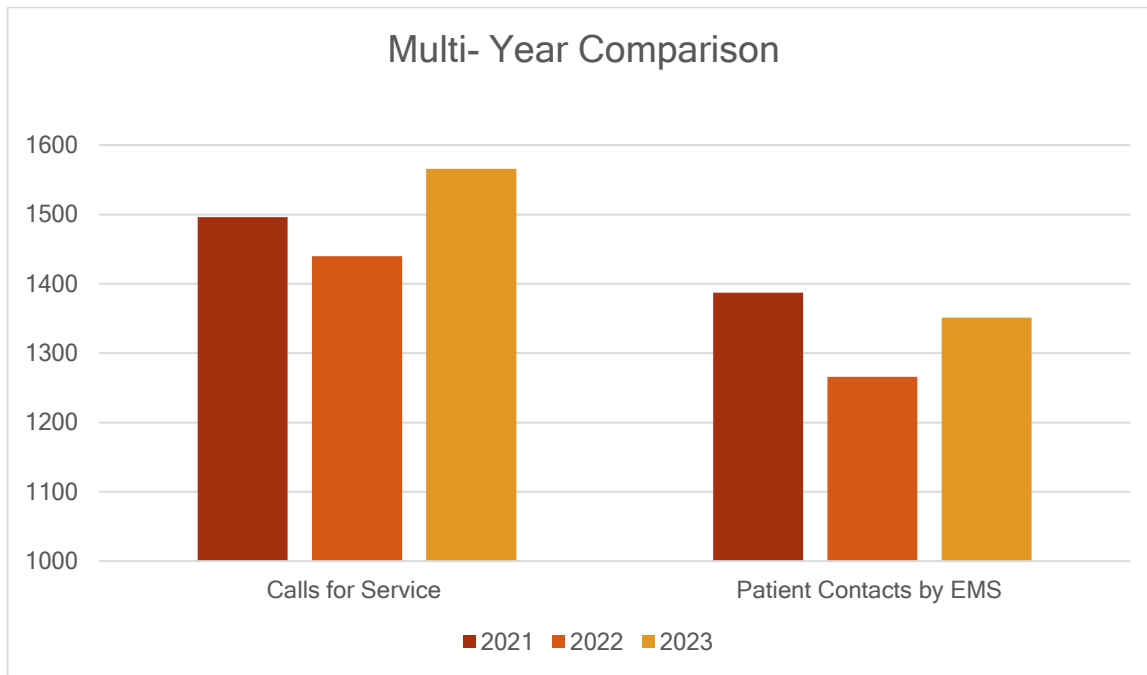
CALLS FOR SERVICE 2023



Call Type	Calls for Service
Structure Fires	29
Vehicle Fires	15
Misc. Fires	18
Medical Calls	1117
Vehicle Accidents	147
Technical Rescues	19
Fire Alarms	72
Service/Misc Calls	149
TOTAL	1566

This chart and table breaks down our total calls by call type categories. 2023 was the first time in the 90 year history of the Fire Department that we had more than 1500 calls.

CALL VOLUME & NUMBER OF PATIENT CONTACTS LAST 3 YEARS



	2021	2022	2023
Total Calls for Service	1496	1440	1566
Patient Contacts by EMS	1387	1266	1351

The chart above shows the total number of calls we went on and shows how many patients we contact with. Since some calls like car accidents count for one call, a lot of them we come in contact with multiple patients. 2021 was the tail end of the main period of COVID 2022 declined slightly and 2023 it rebounded with no specific cause other then community growth.

STAFFING CHANGES

In 2023 we created a full-time Deputy Chief position. This second chief position allows for the Chief and Deputy Chief to alternate on call nights and weekends, so the chief isn't on call every day. The Deputy Chief also assisted with Administrative and operational duties within the fire department. The Deputy Chief Position was filled by Former Captain Jodin Froeber a 23 year veteran of the Somers Fire Department. The Promotion of Deputy Chief Froeber created an open line firefighter/Paramedic position which was fill by Jospeh Butts who has served as a Paid-on Call/Part Time Firefighter/Paramedic for the village for 4 years.

We have also continued to work on recruitment of new Paid-on Call/Paid on Premise Firefighter/EMTs. At the end of 2023 we had 51 Paid on Premise Members on the department. A lot of these individuals do not have any certifications, but we are working with local technical colleges to get them their EMT Basic and Firefighter 1 Certifications. Each of these members put in 48 hours a month at the station helping staff our fire department. Even those without certification can assist and have value to our department.

2023 ANNUAL TRAINING REPORT



During 2023 the Somers Fire & Rescue Training Division conducted numerous trainings in the areas of:

- Fire Suppression
- EMS (ALS & BLS)
- EMS License Refresher
- Hazardous Materials
- Water/Ice Rescue
- Special response (high angle, trench, collapse & confined space)
- Driver Operator (engines, aerial, tender & MED units)
- Injury Prevention

A total of over 16,000 hours of training between all members took place in just 2023 alone.

All of these trainings are done in order to stay compliant with Local, State and National standards. These standards are followed as a minimum.

- Wisconsin SPS-330
- NFPA 1001
- Wisconsin Department Health Services (Administrative Code DHS 110.07)

During 2023, two New Recruit Academies were run (spring & fall) for new members. The Academy is a total of 108 hours. During the Academy, members are trained in basic fire ground skills, department policy and procedures as well as general fire department operations. The Academy prepares members to complete the State of Wisconsin Firefighter 1/Hazmat Ops course. A total of 19 new members were taken on in 2023.

The Department must send members to local Technical Colleges (Gateway & MATC) for certification courses. These courses provide members with the entry or basic license requirements to operate on an emergency scene. Without these certifications or licenses, members cannot legally provide patient care, enter any hazardous environment such as a fire or drive fire apparatus. Over the last few years, State standards have made more stringent standards for licenses and emergency scene operations.

The courses are as followed:

Firefighter 1/Hazmat Ops: 140 Hours

EMT-Basic: 180 hours

Firefighter 2: 42 hours

Fire Officer 1: 40 hours

Driver Operator Pumper: 66 hours

Driver Operator Aerial: 36 hours

Paramedic (including clinical time) 1700 hours

The hours of training are mandatory for ALL active members of the Somers Fire & Rescue. This keeps the members trained to the highest possible standards and always up to date with the best practices for emergency incident mitigation and patient care. The hours of training also help in the areas of Grant application and acquisition as well as ISO ratings.

Somers Fire & Rescue members also trained on new equipment that was placed into service in 2023.

As we move into 2024, the training division will be busy with additional Recruit Academies, monthly fire & EMS trainings as well as training members on new equipment, newer and safer tactics and providing the Village of Somers with high quality members ready for any situation.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Training Captain Aaron Strom**



Live Fire Training at Donated House

2023 FIRE PREVENTION REPORT

2023 Fire Prevention Report

During 2023 the department had forty-nine official public education events:

- Continued our door-to-door smoke alarm program. Crews targeted neighborhoods, identified as having a high risk for fire. They provided information on the smoke alarm program, and fire safety. In several homes, crews were able to perform on site safety checks and install new smoke alarms.
- During 2023 the department installed fifty smoke alarms and eight CO alarms.

	2023	2022	2021
Smoke Alarms Installed	50	70	66
CO Alarms Installed	8	4	6

- Annual fire safety education day at Somers Elementary School Grade K4 to 5.
- Annual fire safety education day at Busy Bees Daycare.
- First annual Somers Community Day open house with demonstrations, education and vendors.
- Eight Community CPR classes.
- Fire station tours for all age groups. These tours allow us to provide age-appropriate fire safety education.
- Fire safety and prevention class for UWP maintenance staff.
- Public education events throughout the community.
- Placed new Inflatable smoke house in service. This gives the department a improved way of teaching hands on fire safety education to the public. It is ADA compliant and appropriate for all ages. With this unit the department no longer relies on an outdated county shared smoke house trailer.
- Lt. Celebre, Head of Community outreach has coordinated, and taught most of the events listed, his report is also included.

Sincerely,

Lt. Adam Pisula

Fire Inspector & Public Education Officer

Community Outreach Report

- “Make the Difference” Initiative was created in March of 2023
 - Public Health and Community Outreach initiative focused on various aspects of community health with the goal of informing the public and bettering patient outcomes.
 - Through fundraising at various events, the initiative raised money to purchase new CPR equipment for training. Also purchased manual CPR devices which were donated to Sheriff’s Deputies to improve the quality of first responder CPR they can provide.
 - Heavy focus was placed on providing community CPR/AED/First Aid classes to as many members of the public as possible. Total people trained for the year was approximately 110.
 - This initiative will continue in 2024.
- First Annual “Somers Community Day” took place on May 13th. This was a public event where our facilities were open to the public in an “open house” format. Apparatus and station tours were offered. Safety demonstrations were orchestrated. Local businesses and entities were present with informational booths.
 - The event was a great success and will be built upon/continue annually.
- Somers Fire & Rescue made several appearances attending public events throughout the year, interacting with the public regarding many different aspects of public safety.
 - Apparatus tours and personnel on hand to answer questions and speak with members of the public were offered and provided at all events.
 - Some of these events include Festival Foods seasonal events, Somers Elementary Special events, Gateway Technical College Summer Camp, Memorial Day Parades and events, PFFW Burn Camp, 1 Hope Back to School event.
- Lt. Celebre provided a presentation for an elderly group associated with the Kenosha County Sheriff’s Office on 10/18/2023 covering the topics of Home Fire Safety & Fall Prevention with material focused for the age group.
- Somers Fire & Rescue participated in the “Kenosha Expo” on 03/11/2023 and 03/12/2023, interacting with visitors in attendance. Information was provided on things such as the Department, Fire Safety & Prevention, Health & Wellness, and the “Make the Difference” Initiative.

Respectfully submitted.

Lt. Nico Celebre



Somers Community Day 2023

Fire Inspection Report

2023 Fire Inspection Report

Throughout the year the following types of inspections were conducted.

- Regular Biannual Fire Inspections of all commercial properties and multi-family units.
- Re-Inspections of buildings when violations are found, until compliance is met.
- New sprinkler installation Inspections.
- New fire alarm installation inspections.
- New occupancy inspections.
- Underground flush tests.
- Construction site inspections.
- Special events inspections.
- Fire protection inspections. These include specific inspections of existing systems and building features, calculating occupancy load, and consultation with business owners about fire safety concerns.

	2023	2022	2021	2020
Total number of inspections performed	769	759	798	844
Total number of occupancies in the village/town	374	360	355	333
Total number of hours spent on inspections	465	463	490.5	470

2023	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct.	Nov	Dec	Total
Inspections	2	0	29	93	141	65	0	2	56	49	88	106	631
Re- Inspections	10	0	0	10	7	9	1	0	1	1	11	16	66
Occupancy	1	2	1	0	2	0	0	1	1	3	3	2	16
Sprinkler	3	1	3	0	0	0	1	3	2	1	3	2	19
Fire Alarm	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	7
Flush	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	1	1	1	8
Fire prevention/ protection	0	4	1	0	0	1	4	0	0	3	1	1	15
Construction site	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	5
Special Events	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
TOTAL	19	8	35	103	150	76	8	9	64	59	108	130	769
Hours	12	8	22	54	83	40	7	7	40	37	85	70	465

Grant Awards & Funding

In 2023 the Somers Fire Department was awarded a FEMA Assistance to Firefighter Grant (AFG) for a new Air fill station. This air fill station is used to fill the breathing air in our firefighting SCBA (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus), SCUBA Diving Air Tanks, and vehicle mount breathing air tanks like the one on our ladder truck. This unit can fill 3 bottles at a time and has a 75 ft hose to fill the tank on the ladder truck. This replaces a unit that was over 20 years old and was always breaking and it could only fill 2 tanks at a time. The Grant paid for \$71,184.76 of the total price which was \$74,744.00 so the village only had to pay the \$3559.24 portion of the cost which is a required matching funds part of the federal grant. The Department also applied for and received a Wisconsin DNR Fire Protection Grant which covered 50% of the cost of new protective hoods for all of our members and 4 new pagers for the department. The DNR grant paid for \$3200 of the \$6400 total cost and this was all equipment we were going to have to purchase anyway. The other large grant we were awarded was the Wisconsin EMS grant in which we were awarded just over \$64,000 for EMS related equipment.

The Somers Fire Rescue Association also received a grant from Union Pacific Railroad which allowed them to purchase a "Skid Unit" for one of the departments new UTVs. A skid unit is the slid in unit with water tank, pump and patient carrying platform. The Fire Rescue Association also purchase a pumping trainer device for the department at a cost of \$6500 that allows us to practice pumping of multiple hose lines and recycle the water so we can train all day and only use say 5000 gallons of water where if we were flowing hose lines out into the parking lot we could use a significantly more water.

We also received a couple of generous donations from citizens which allowed us to purchase additional public education and public outreach items to better promote fire safety and CPR in our community.

New Equipment in 2023

In 2023 the Somers Fire Department was fortunate enough to receive multiple new pieces of equipment several which were obtained through the grants listed above. Below is a list of some of the new equipment for the department in 2023

- Inflatable Fire Safety Education House- used for public education events.
- Two Polaris UTVs - Used for off road rescue and firefighting operations.
- Four Battery powered ventilation fans - used to get smoke or other hazards out of buildings.
- Fire Chief Command Pickup Truck- used by the fire chief to respond to and control emergency scenes.
- Skydio X10 Drone with thermal imaging capabilities- will be used for search and rescue and well and fire scene monitoring
- Department Utility Pickup truck- replaces an old utility van. This truck will be used to pull trailers and will be used by fire inspectors when conducting inspections.
- Crash Attenuator trailer- this trailer will be used to block traffic for emergency scenes so our crews can work in a safe area.



Inflatable Fire Safety Education House