



Fort Atkinson Fire Department

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Fire Chief

Fire Chief Monthly Report

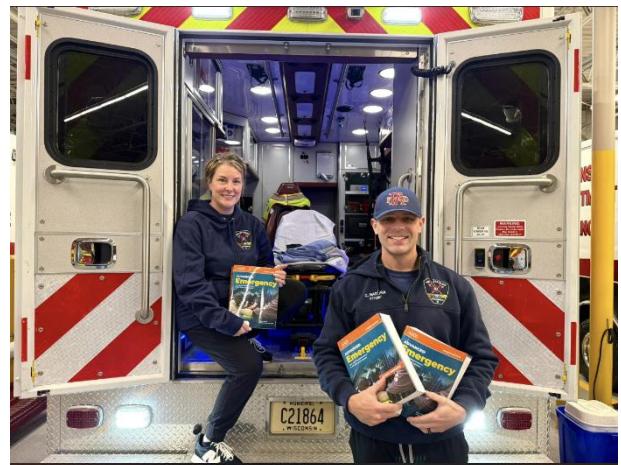
January, 2026

From the Fire Chief

January was an unusually active month for the department, marked by a high number of working structure fires both locally and across Jefferson County. Two structure fires, one in the City of Fort Atkinson and one in the Town of Koshkonong, were particularly significant, each resulting in substantial property loss. The department also provided mutual aid through MABAS to six additional structure fires, including a major incident with the Palmyra Fire Department where Fort Atkinson crews operated on scene for nine hours.

Operational Highlights

- Call volume continues to trend upward. Total responses for 2025 increased by more than 5% compared to the year before, and January 2026 call volume up 10% over January 2025.
- Command staff have begun an internal review of department operations to improve organizational clarity, better align responsibilities across the department, and establish clear priorities for 2026 and 2027.
- The department completed the transition from the FEMA mandated National Fire Incident Reporting System to the National Emergency Response Information System, a significant national change that improves data quality and strengthens future planning and reporting.
- The department continues to invest in EMS training. An EMT-Advanced class is now underway at the Fort Atkinson Fire Department, with FF/EMT-B Casey Badura and EMT-B Jodi Badura enrolled. In addition, FF/EMT-B Justice Rueth and FF/EMT-A Brandon Rogneby are currently attending Paramedic School through Mercy Hospital in Janesville.
- Lastly, the Fort Atkinson Fire Department will host its annual Honors Night on Tuesday, February 24, 2026 at 6:00 pm. This event recognizes department members for achievements during 2025 and includes commendations, retirement recognitions, promotional ceremonies, and the formal swearing in of new firefighters. All department members and stakeholders are invited to attend.



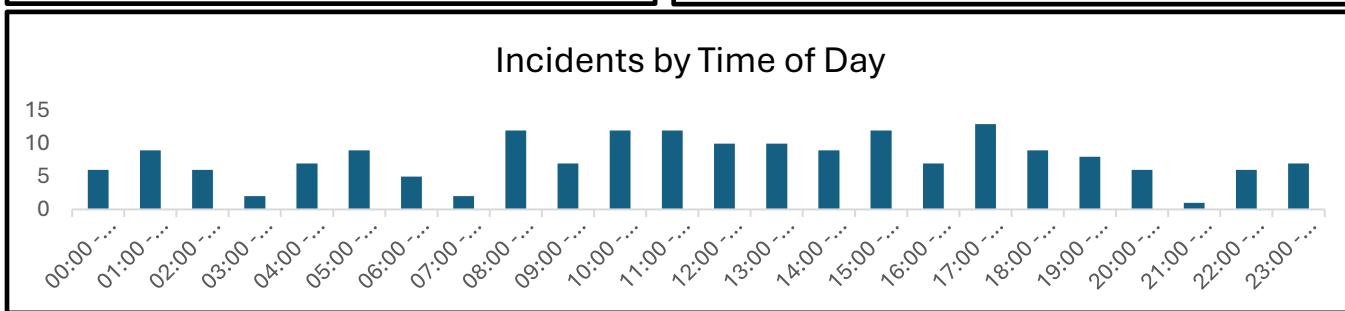
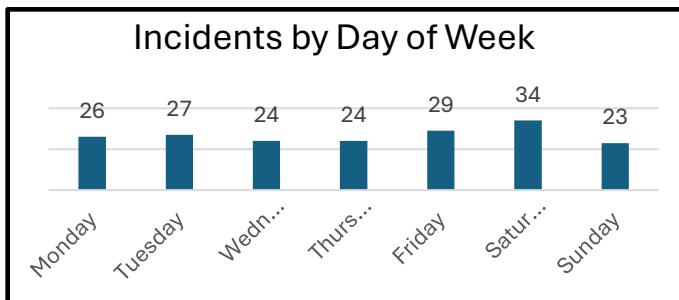
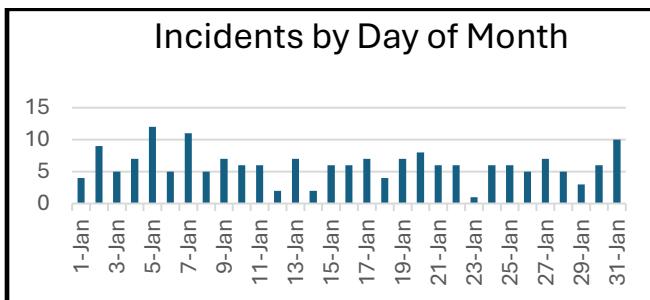


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January 2026 - Stats at a Glance



Incidents by Type

Medical - Illness - Sick Case	23
Public Service - Lift Assist	21
Medical - Injury / Trauma - Fall	19
Medical - Illness - Other	17
Medical - Illness - Breathing Problems	11
Fire - Structure Fire - Structural Involvement	8
Medical - Illness - Convulsions / Seizures	7
Medical - Illness - Abdominal Pain / Problems	7
Medical - Illness - Altered Mental Status	7
Public Service - Alarms - Fire / Smoke Alarm	6
Medical - Illness - Cardiac Arrest	5
Medical - Illness - Stroke / CVA	4
Public Service - Citizen Assist - Citizen Assist	4
Hazardous Situation - Gas Leak / Gas Odor	4
No Emergency - Cancelled	3
Hazardous Situation - Investigation - Odor	3
Medical - Illness - Nausea / Vomiting	3
Medical - Illness - Unknown Problem	3
Medical - Illness - Chest Pain (Non - Trauma)	3
Medical - Illness - Headache	3
Medical - Illness - Heart Problems	3

Incidents by Location

	January 2026	Year to Date
City of Fort Atkinson	143	143
Town of Koshkonong	23	23
Town of Oakland	9	9
Town of Hebron	2	2
Town of Sumner	1	1
Town of Jefferson	1	1
Mutual Aid	8	8

Total Calls

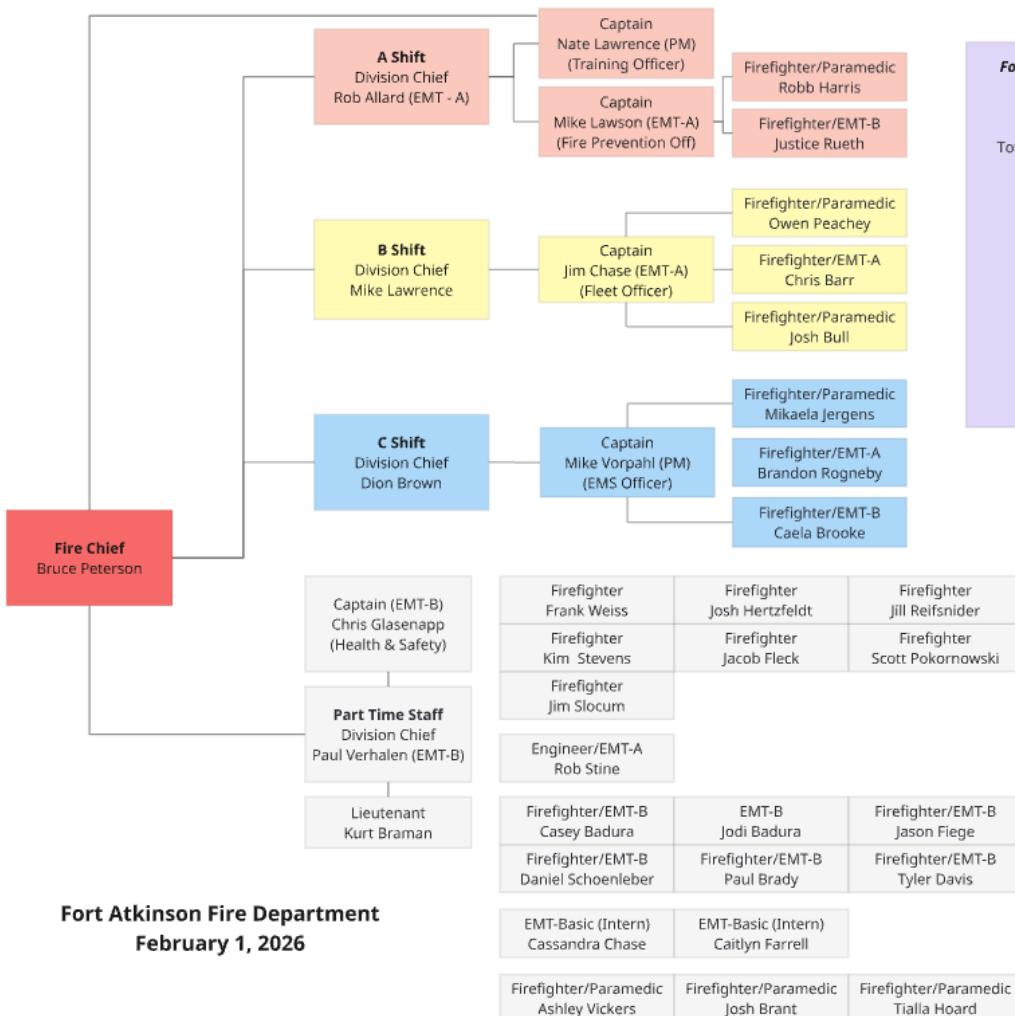
January 2026	January 2025	Year to Date
187	170	+10%



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Fort Atkinson Fire Department At a Glance

Fire Department Staff
Total Full Time Staff @15 + 1 Chief

Total Part Time Staff @ 22

Total Staff = 38

EMS

Paramedics

Full Time @ 6

Part Time @ 3

Total Paramedics = 9

EMT's

Advanced @ 6

Basic @ 10

Total EMT's = 16





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NIGHT

— FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR —

PART-TIME
FIREFIGHTER

CAREER
FIREFIGHTER

OFFICER
FIREFIGHTER

— RETIREE RECOGNITION —

13 YEARS

NICK
ARMSTRONG

23 YEARS

JEFF
ARMSTRONG

27 YEARS

NICK
RUETH

— COMMENDATIONS & AWARDS —

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH AT 6:00PM

WITH DINNER AND RECEPTION TO FOLLOW
FRIENDS AND FAMILY WELCOME

FORT ATKINSON FIRE DEPARTMENT
TRAINING ROOM
124 W MILWAUKEE AVE

