



Fort Atkinson Fire Department

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Fire Chief

Fire Chief Monthly Report

March, 2026

From the Fire Chief

Dry conditions in late March led to a rapidly escalating fire incident on March 29, 2026, on Lower Hebron Road in the Town of Hebron. What began as a burning brush pile spread to a nearby barn, then extended to an adjacent residence, and ultimately threatened a second residence across the street due to significant heat. Upon arrival, crews were faced with a fully involved barn, a working structure fire in a residence, and a spreading grass fire. A MABAS box alarm was requested to bring additional resources to the scene and support simultaneous fire attack and exposure protection operations.

With the barn already fully involved, initial efforts were directed toward the residence where fire had extended. Crews were able to initiate an interior attack and stop further fire spread, preventing significant damage to the primary residence and protecting the nearby home that had begun to show signs of ignition. The outcome of this incident reflects the importance of early decision making, coordinated operations, and sufficient staffing on arrival. This incident also reinforces the need for strict adherence to outdoor burning regulations. Residents should confirm burning is allowed with their Township Chair and notify the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office prior to any open burning. Under dry and windy conditions, fires can spread quickly and place multiple structures at risk within minutes.

The department continues to make steady progress across several operational areas. Two new part time firefighters, Keegan Hill and Xander Figliuzzi, began the onboarding. All three FAFD ambulances successfully passed the required bi-annual Wisconsin DOT inspections. A new light rescue boat has been placed into service, improving our ability to respond to water emergencies, particularly in more remote areas within our response district.

Public outreach remains a priority, with CPR classes continuing to be offered to community members. Updated MABAS cards went into effect on April 1, including enhancements to our incoming aid at both the Working Still and Box Alarm levels. The department is also seeing positive results from the new online fire prevention reporting system, which is improving efficiency and follow up on inspection related items.

Training Division

March Training Hours:

Part Time Staff	200.5 hours	
Full Time Staff	<u>304.33 hours</u>	Total 604.83 hours

Scheduled Training

Tuesday, March 3rd:	Company Standards: Fire service safety and PPE
Tuesday, March 10th:	EMS training – Airway skills
Tuesday, March 17th:	Company Standards: Communications

Shift Training

- RIT pack deployments
- Company Standards: Building construction, effects of suppression and overall
- Preplan / Walkthrough: Fort Atkinson Hospital
- Fire inspection training & program review
- Elevator training

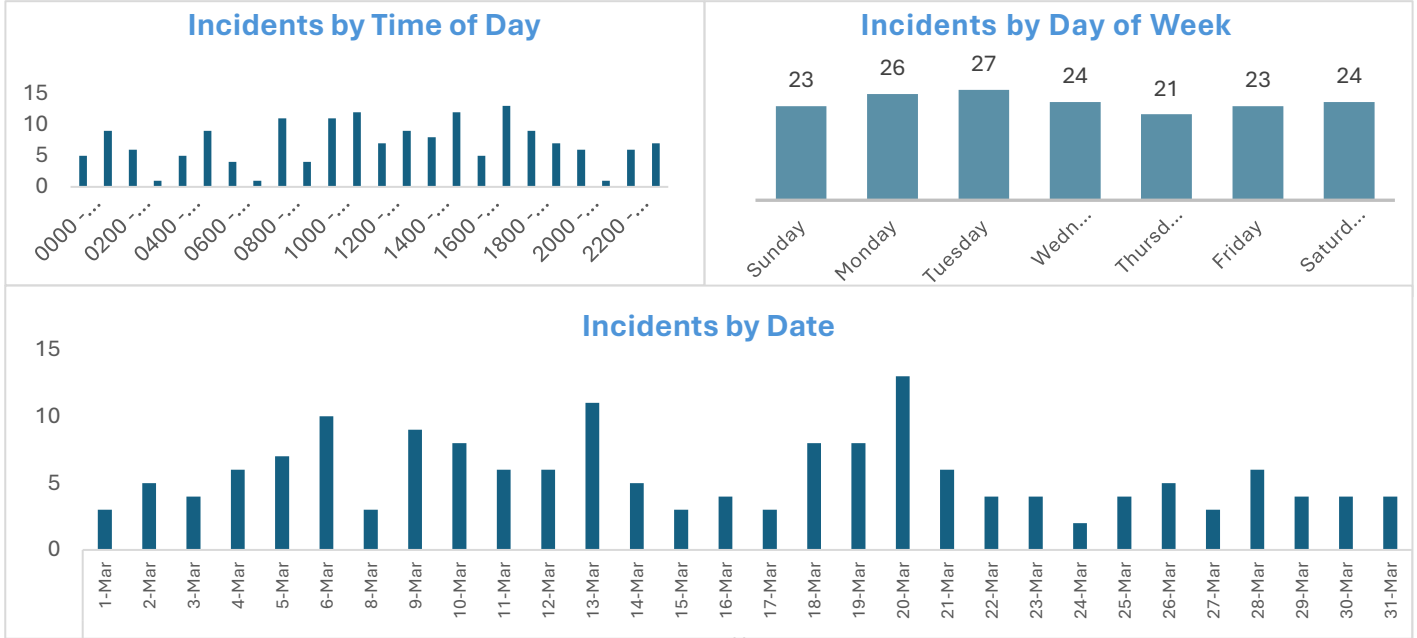


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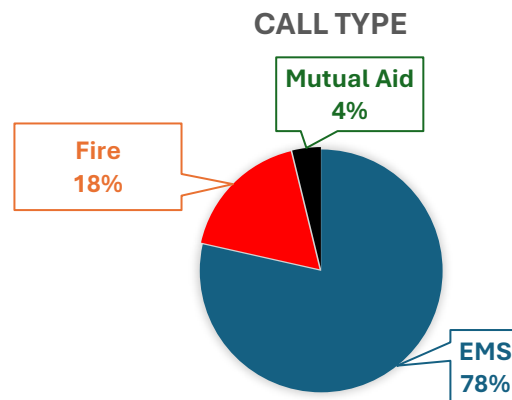
March 2026 - Stats at a Glance



March 2026 Incidents by Type	
Medical - Sick Case	59
Illness - Other	45
Medical - Breathing Problems	37
Illness - Chest Pain	17
Illness - Convulsions / Seizures	17
Illness - Abdominal Pain	16
Illness - Nausea / Vomiting	15
Alarms - Fire / Smoke Alarm	15
Illness - Altered Mental Status	15
Investigation - Odor	13
Fire - Structural Involvement	12
Illness - Stroke / CVA	10
Injury / Trauma - Motor Vehicle Collision	9
False Alarm - Malfunctioning Alarm	9
Citizen Assist / Service Call	9
Illness - Unknown Problem	8
Vegetation / Grass Fire	8
Illness - Unconscious Victim	7
Illness - Psychological Behavior Issues	6
Illness - Cardiac Arrest	6
Motor Vehicle Accident	6

Incidents by Location		
	March 2026	Year to Date
City of Fort Atkinson	131	419
Town of Koshkonong	9	40
Town of Oakland	4	20
Town of Hebron	6	11
Town of Summer	3	7
Town of Jefferson	5	9
Mutual Aid	10	20

Total Calls				
March 2025	March 2026	YTD 2025	YTD 2026	% Change
198	168	534	526	-1.5%



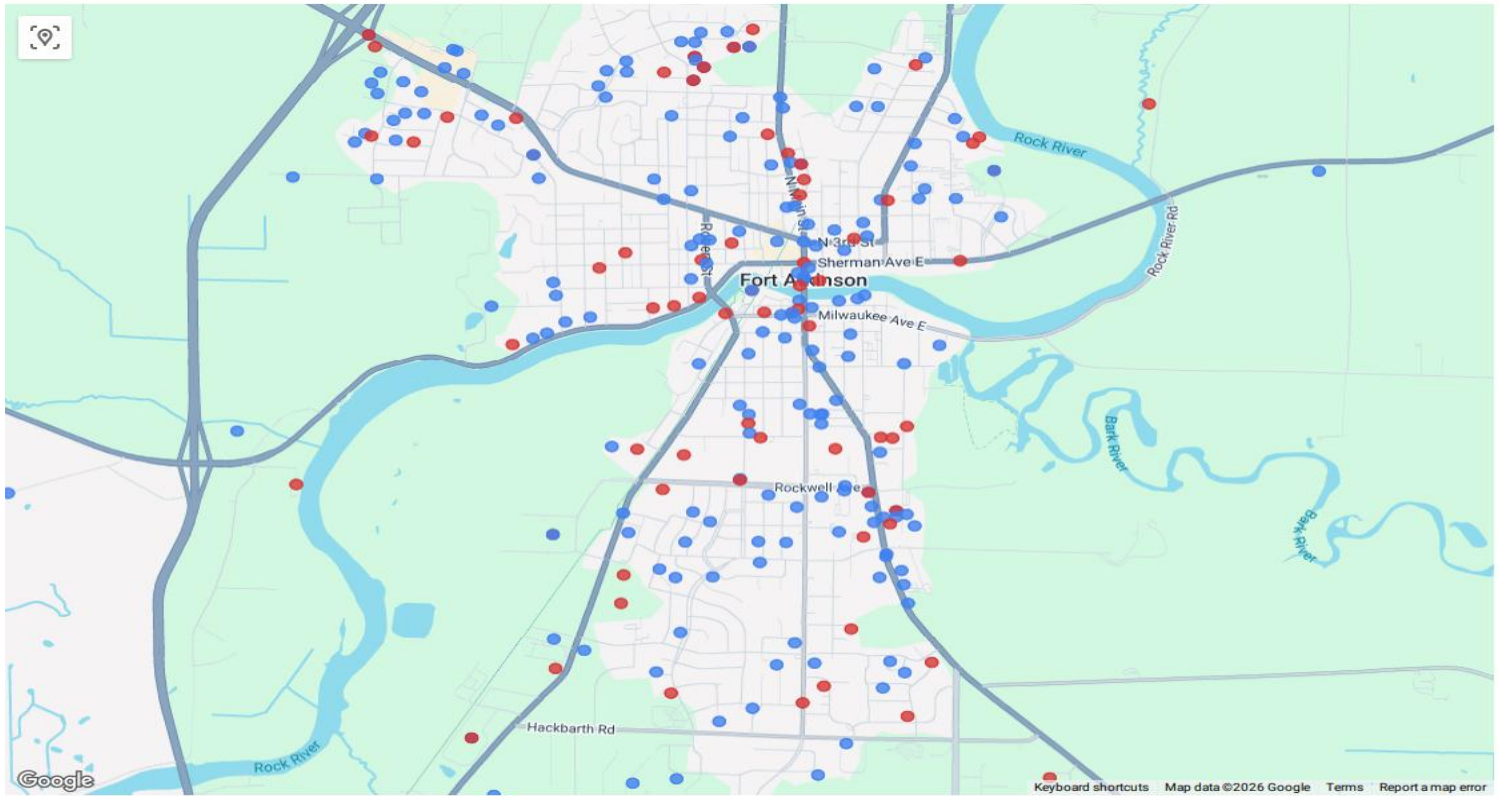


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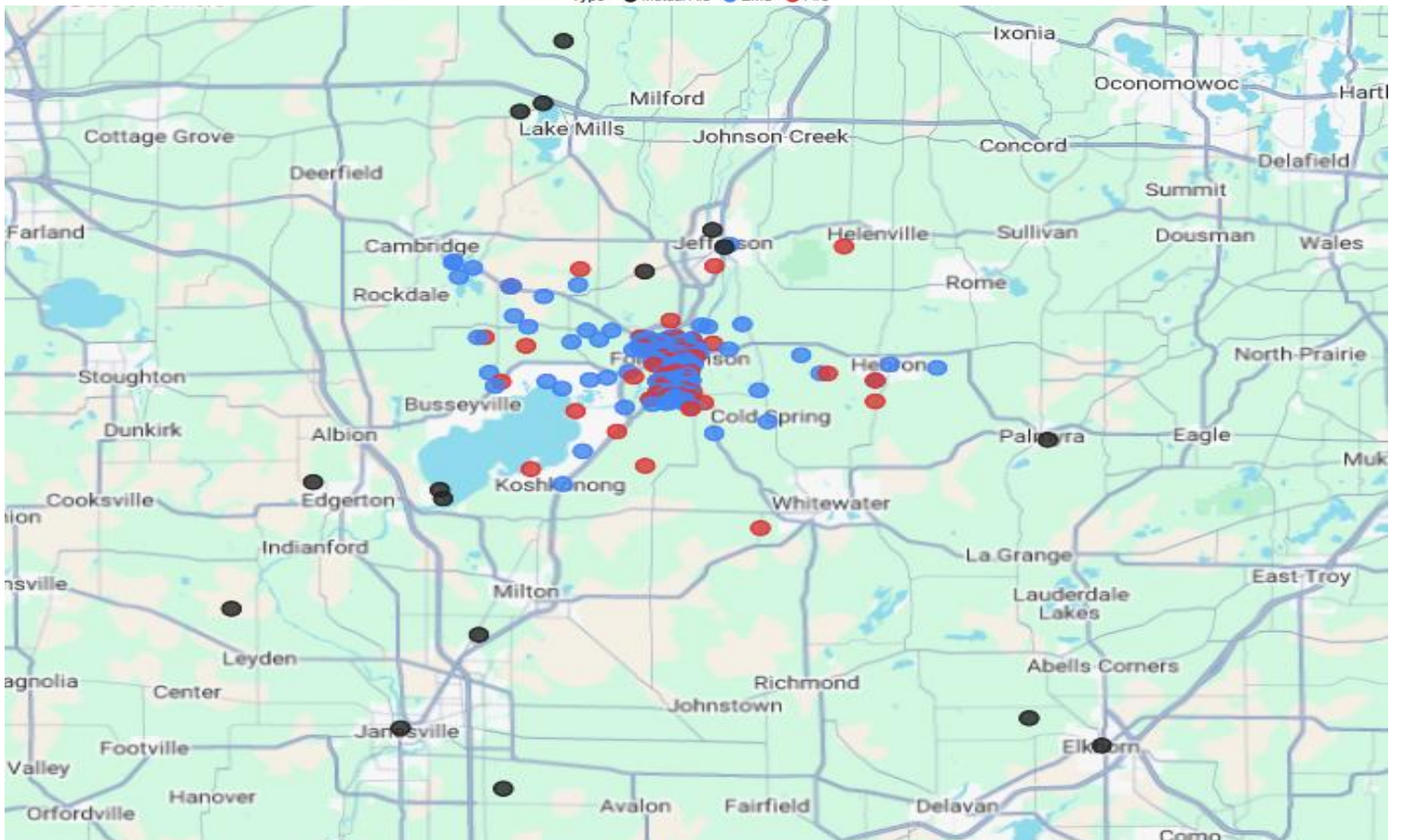
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2026 Year to Date Incident Locations



Type ● Mutual Aid ● EMS ● Fire

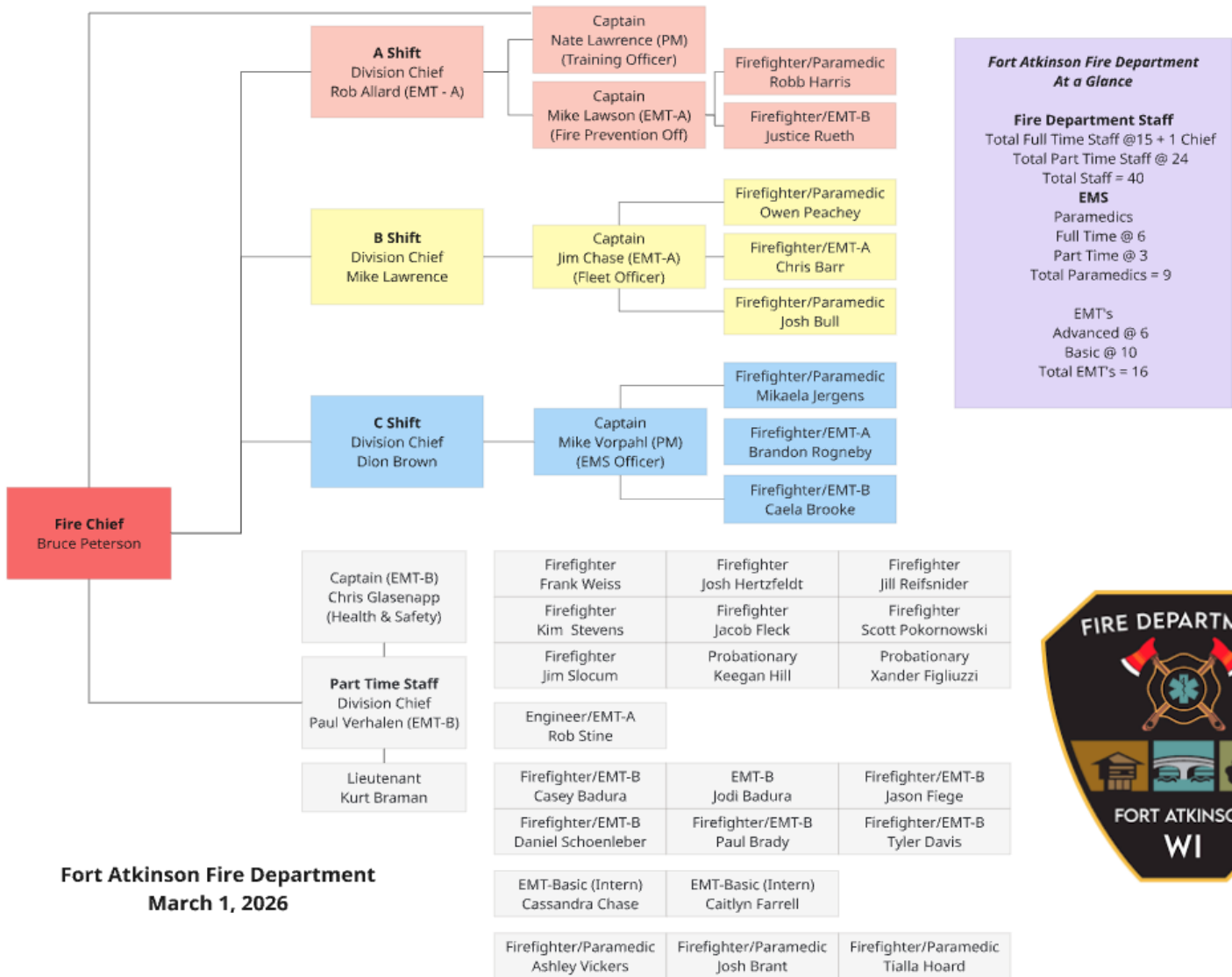




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