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Fire Chief

Fire Chief Monthly Report

April & May, 2026

From the Fire Chief

April and May were busy months for the department with progress made in staffing, training, emergency response capabilities, and fire prevention efforts.

The department welcomed two new part-time firefighters, Keegan Hill and Xander Figliuzzi, who have begun the onboarding process. All three department ambulances successfully completed their required Wisconsin DOT inspections and remain in frontline service.

Training remained a major focus during the reporting period. Eight members successfully completed the department's Aerial Operator program, increasing the number of personnel qualified to operate the aerial apparatus. Members also participated in a multi-discipline water rescue exercise on Lake Koshkonong alongside area agencies. In May, the department presented a Fall Protection class in Oakland Township and a Basic Wound Care class.

A new light rescue boat was placed into service during the reporting period. The boat improves our ability to access remote shorelines and waterways throughout our response area and expands our water rescue capabilities.

Updated MABAS response cards went into effect on April 1. The revisions provide additional incoming resources at both the Working Still and Box Alarm levels and better align mutual aid responses with the needs of today's incidents.

The department continues to offer CPR training to community members, and the new online fire inspection reporting system is showing positive results. The system has improved follow-up on inspection items, reduced paperwork, and made it easier for businesses to report completed corrections.

I continue to represent the department on the Jefferson County EMS Workgroup. The group has made steady progress evaluating long-term EMS funding and service delivery options throughout the county.

We also welcomed Jacob Fleck home from his Wisconsin National Guard deployment and thank him for his service to our state and nation. I would like to thank our members for their continued dedication and professionalism throughout the spring months. Their commitment to training and service allows the department to continue providing a high level of fire, rescue, and EMS response to our community.

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The Month in Pictures

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Training Division

Training Hours:

April:		
Part Time Staff	179.5 hours	
Full Time Staff	323.5 hours	Total 503 hours
May:		
Part Time Staff	257 hours	
Full Time Staff	502.41 hours	Total 759.41 hours

Scheduled Training:

Tuesday, April 7th:	Company Standards: Ground ladders
Tuesday, April 14th:	EMS training – Airway skills
Tuesday, April 21st:	Company Standards: Forcible entry
Tuesday, May 5th:	Minute man hose load and deployment
Tuesday, May 12th:	EMS training – Traumatic arrests
Tuesday, May 19th:	Physical agility standards

Other Training:

Aerial Operators Class (Schoenleber, Weiss, Lawrence, Harris, Peachey, Bull, Vorpahl, Barr)
Lake Koshkonong multi agency drill
Paramedic school (Rogneby & Rueth)
EMT-Advanced school (Brooke)

Shift Training:

Company fire inspections
Minuteman load deployment
New driver training
Company Standards: ground ladders, hose deployment, forcible entry

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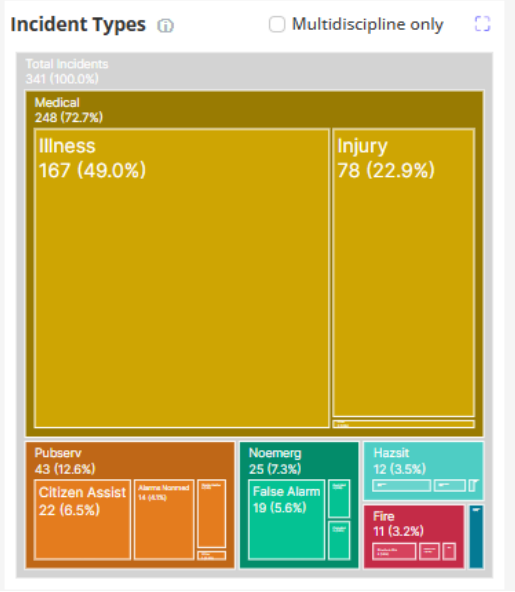
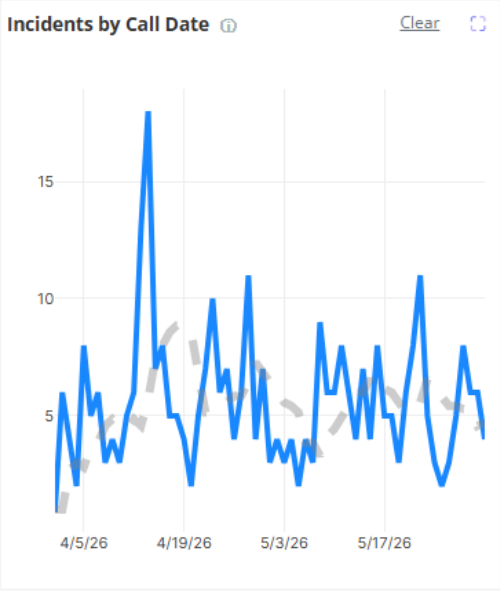
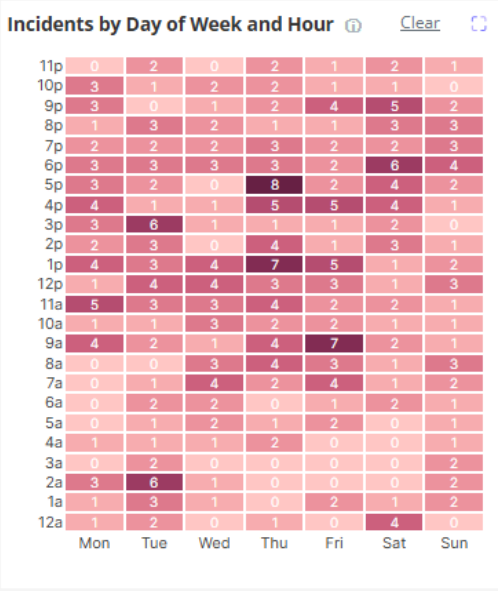
April& May 2026 - Stats at a Glance

Incidents by Location			
	April 2026	May 2026	Year to Date 2026
City of Fort Atkinson	158	124	708
Town of Koshkonong	18	19	74
Town of Oakland	5	7	28
Town of Hebron	5	7	22
Town of Sumner	2	0	9
Town of Jefferson	1	0	10
Mutual Aid - Outbound	1	6	26
Totals	190	163	879

Total Calls				
April & May 2025	April & May 2026	*YTD 2025*	YTD 2026	% Change
337	353	*911*	879	-3.6%







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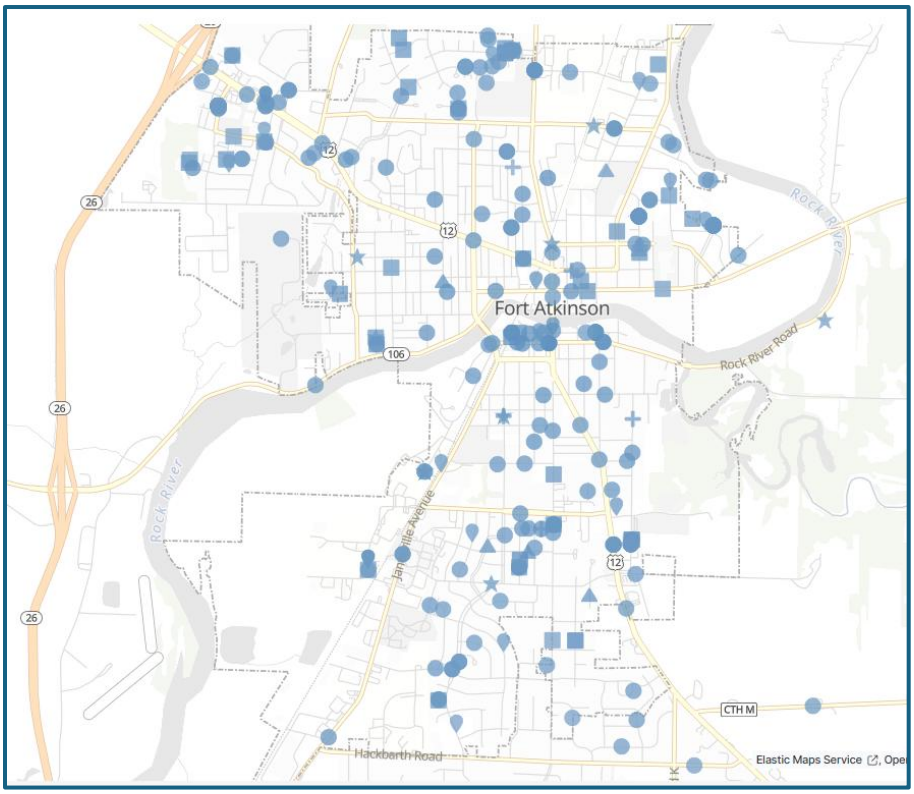
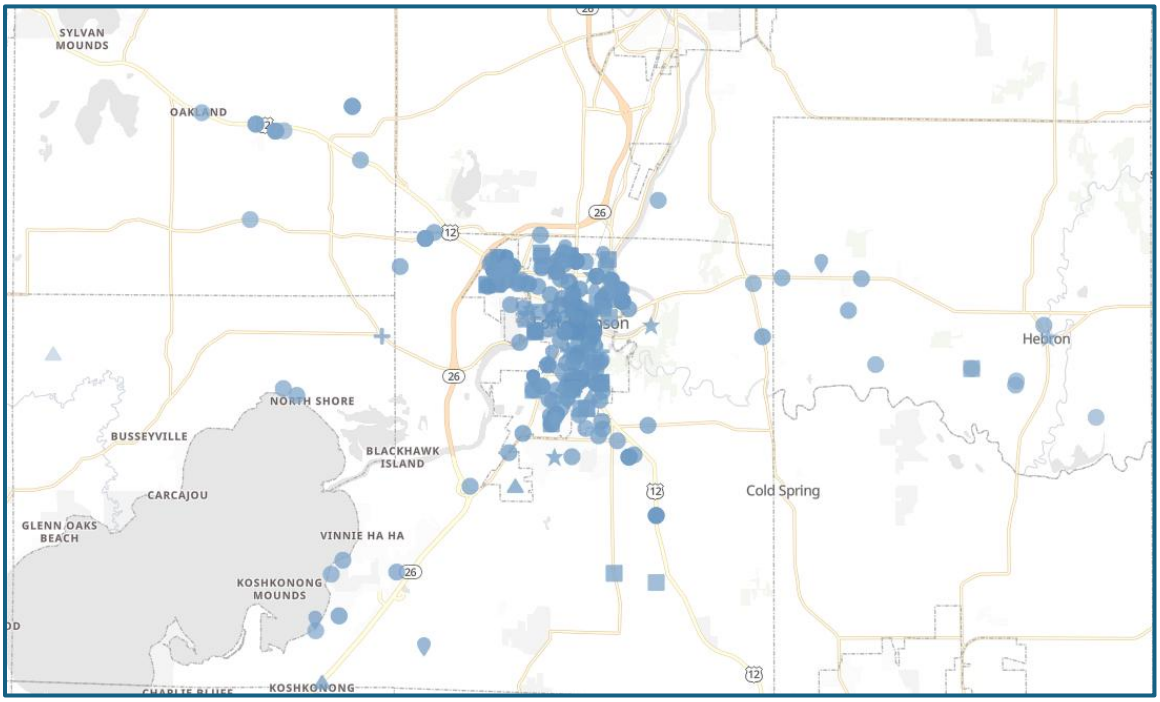
Incidents Location – City of Fort Atkinson



Incidents Location – Fort Atkinson Fire Department Service Area



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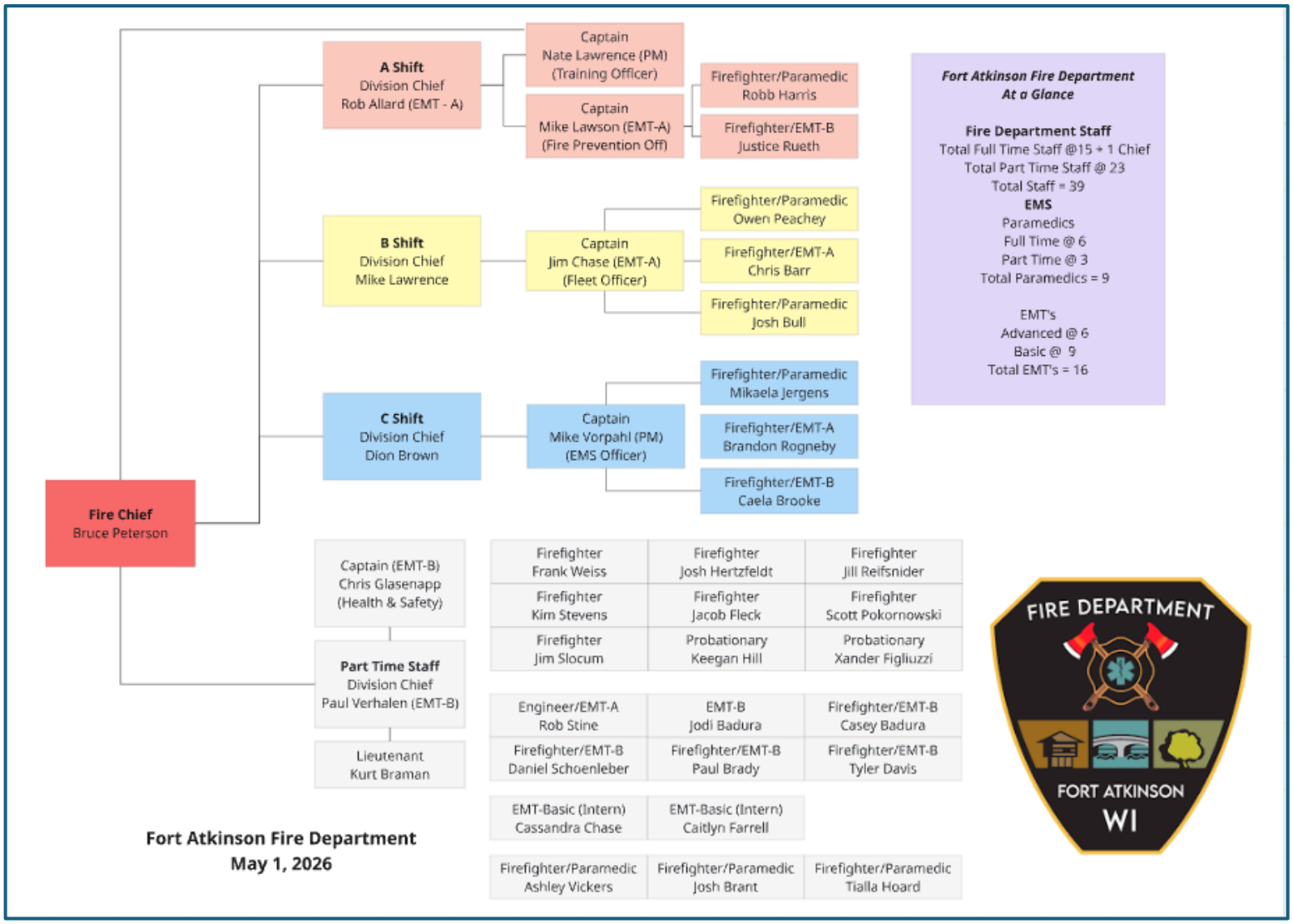
Fort Atkinson Fire Department Organizational Chart