Fire Department Overview

• GRFD hired a recruit class of 15 in January and Firefighters of color increased by 66% in comparison to FY18 with 10% of all staffing being people of color

• By September 2022, staffing is expected to be 206 (top end of Total Authorized Strength)

• Working with HR to build a GRFD Fire Cadet program for up to 6

• GRFD was re-Accredited by the Commission on Fire Accreditation International

• GRFD is nearly complete with the next departmental Strategic Plan (FY23 - FY25)

• Submitted a SAFER grant to add 8 personnel that would increase Ward 3 staffing at fires

• GRFD continues to collaborate with GRCC to create an Associates Degree curriculum
HOT Metrics: 1/1/2021 – 12/31/2021

Number of emergency department diversions – 78
Number of jail diversions – 130
Substance use disorder referrals – 62
Mental health referrals – 84
Number of contacts made in engagements – 7,477
Number of business and agency contacts – 301
Number of community meetings (in-person or virtual) – 151
Office of Emergency Management

- Under the direction of the Office of Emergency Management, enhanced the use of NIMS and ICS in emergency planning and response
- Finalizing the Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan in coordination with Kent County and Ottawa County
- Developing a City-wide Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP)
- Invested in and implemented a robust incident management tool for Emergency Operations Center (EOC) activations
- Facilitated a Water System Failure Tabletop Exercise
- Hosted and facilitated a Full-Scale Exercise focused on high rise fire response (happening in June)
- Kicked off the coordination meetings for all 17 Emergency Support Functions outlined in the new Emergency Operations Plan
- By June, the fundamentals of an emergency management program will be finalized and adopted (Emergency Operations Plan, Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan, and COOP)
Fire Department Key Performance Indicators

**Distribution:** The ability to get the first unit on scene within a benchmark time.

**Concentration:** The ability to assemble an Effective Response Force in a benchmark time.

**Reliability:** The percentage of time a unit is able to answer calls in their own district.
Fire Department Horizon Issues

• Prioritized Infrastructure Updates:
  • Division Avenue Fire Station
    • Land Acquired
    • Site Prep and Demolition in FY24
    • Bonding in FY25 for new Fire Station/Training Classroom/EOC
  • Kalamazoo South Fire Station
    • Seeking an additional station location in the south end to provide more equitable coverage in the third ward.
• Chester Street Fire Station – our oldest station needs an addition and remodel.
• Station Alerting Research for Replacement in FY24
• Cadet Program – Hire up to 6 to assist with department logistics and be able to give graduating high school youth a path to our career.
• Continuous Recruitment Model is underway
Grand Rapids Fire Dept.
Technical Rescue Team

Edward D. Braman
Battalion Chief
Overview

- 36 Team Members
- 1 Chief Officer
- 1 Medium Duty Rescue
- 1 Tractor Drawn Heavy Rescue
- 2 GRFD Rescue Companies
Response Disciplines

**Primary**
- Rope / Tower Rescue
- Collapse Rescue
- Trench Rescue
- Confined Space Rescue
- Machine / Industrial Rescue
- Advanced / Heavy Vehicle Extrication

**Support / Secondary**
- Swift Water Rescue
- Hazardous Materials
G.R.F.D. Technical Rescue

Rope / Tower Rescue
• Technician Level
• 85 / 40 Hours Initial Training
• Grand Rapids, MI

Confined Space Rescue
• Technician Level
• 40 Hours Initial Training
• Rope Rescue Operations Pre-Req
• Grand Rapids, MI
G.R.F.D. Technical Rescue

Trench Rescue
- Technician Level
- 80 Hours Initial Training
- Howell, MI

Collapse Rescue
- Technician Level
- 100 Hours Initial Training
- Grand Rapids, MI
G.R.F.D. Technical Rescue

Machine / Industrial Rescue
• Technician Level
• 60 Hours Initial Training
• Wixom, MI

Advanced / Heavy Extrication
• Technician Level
• 40 Hours Initial Training
• Grand Rapids, MI
G.R.F.D. Technical Rescue Notable Responses

City of Grand Rapids
- City Hall (2 Saved)
- Plaza Towers (1 Save)
- Devos Place (1 Fatality)
- Grove NE (1 Save / 1 Fatality)
- Butterworth Hospital (1 Save)
- Kent County Jail
- North Monroe (1 Save)
- Shawmut Elementary
- Fairview Apartments
- 196 / Ottawa (1 Save)
- Raybrook Manor (1 Save)
- Steel Collapse (1 Save)

Mutual Aid
- UFP Trench (Grand Rapids Twp) 1 Save
- Straight Line Winds (Spring Lake)
- GFS Rescue (Wyoming) 1 Save
- Wyoming Trench Rescue (1 Fatality)
- Wyoming Waste Water Treatment (1 Save)
Regional Response

- G.R.F.D. (Region 6)
- MI-TF 1 (6 Members)
- Lansing, Kalamazoo, Wayne Co., Washtenaw Co.