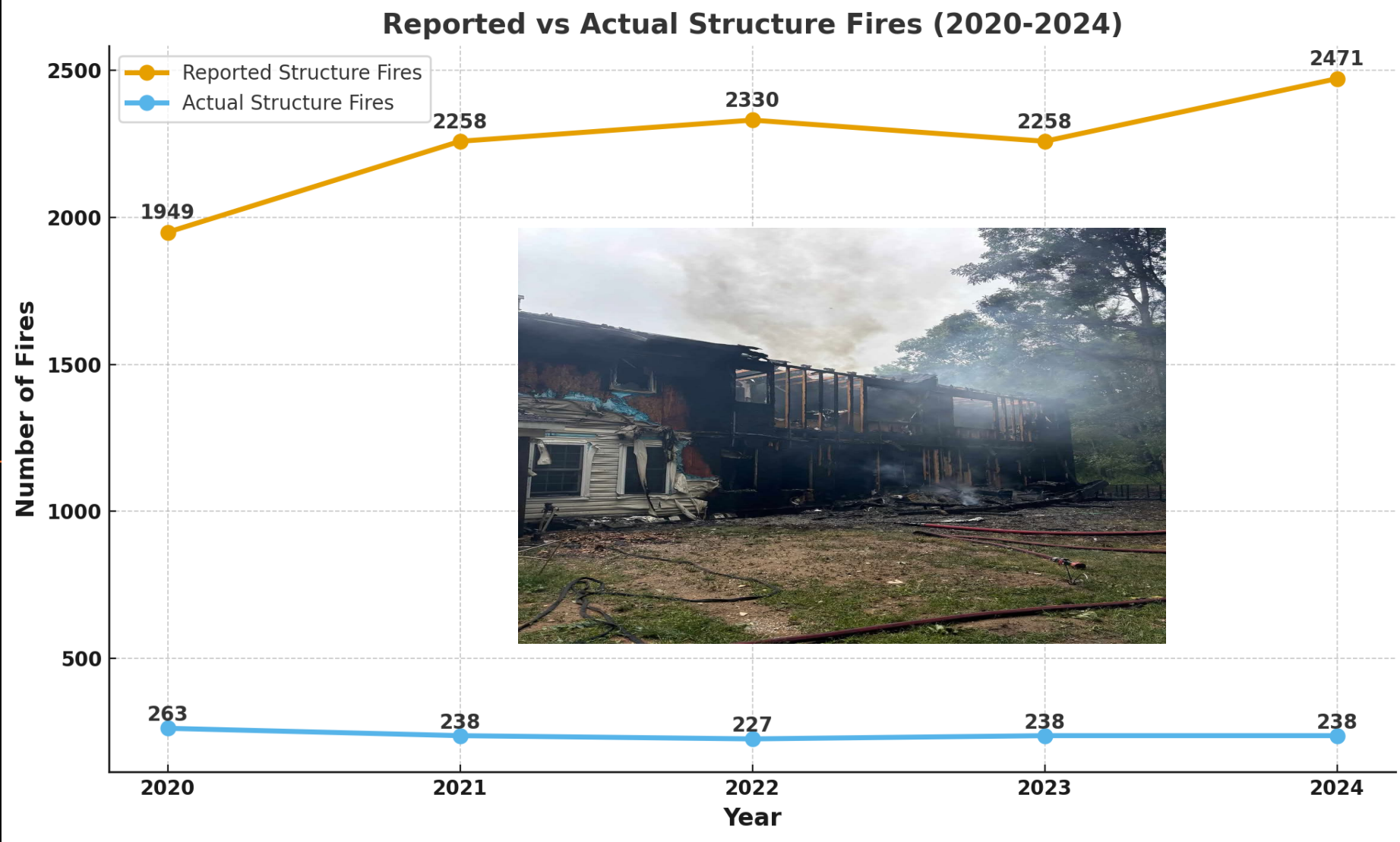




Grand Rapids Fire Department

2025 Year to Date: 112
Actual Structure Fires





Grand Rapids Fire Department Fire Prevention Division

Fire Prevention Inspectors assisted by GRFD part-time inspectors have completed 589 operational permit inspections.

Fire Prevention Inspectors with Building Department Inspectors have completed 326 construction plan reviews and over 250 rough-in and final building inspections.



Lt. Javon Welch and Fire Hazard Inspector Ted Jensen review a fire alarm system plan

Grand Rapids Fire Department Fire Prevention Division

July 2025 -Fire Prevention personnel collaborated with the Office of Special Events and the Building Department to provide fire safety education for event organizers.

Due to the success of this training, the group intends to conduct semi-annual training for the event organizers and vendors, furthering community risk reduction initiatives.



Information for Special Events Fire and Life Safety

Special Events subject to Fire Department Inspection

1. Events with anticipated crowds exceeding 500 persons
2. Temporary Tents or Membrane Structures larger than 400 Square Feet.
3. Fuel fired cooking when tents are present
4. Three or more Mobile Food Vehicles with fuel fired cooking equipment
5. Any Pyrotechnic, open flame, or “Cold Spark” displays. (Pyrotechnic and open flame permit application must be submitted at least 30 days prior to event. State law requires city council approval)

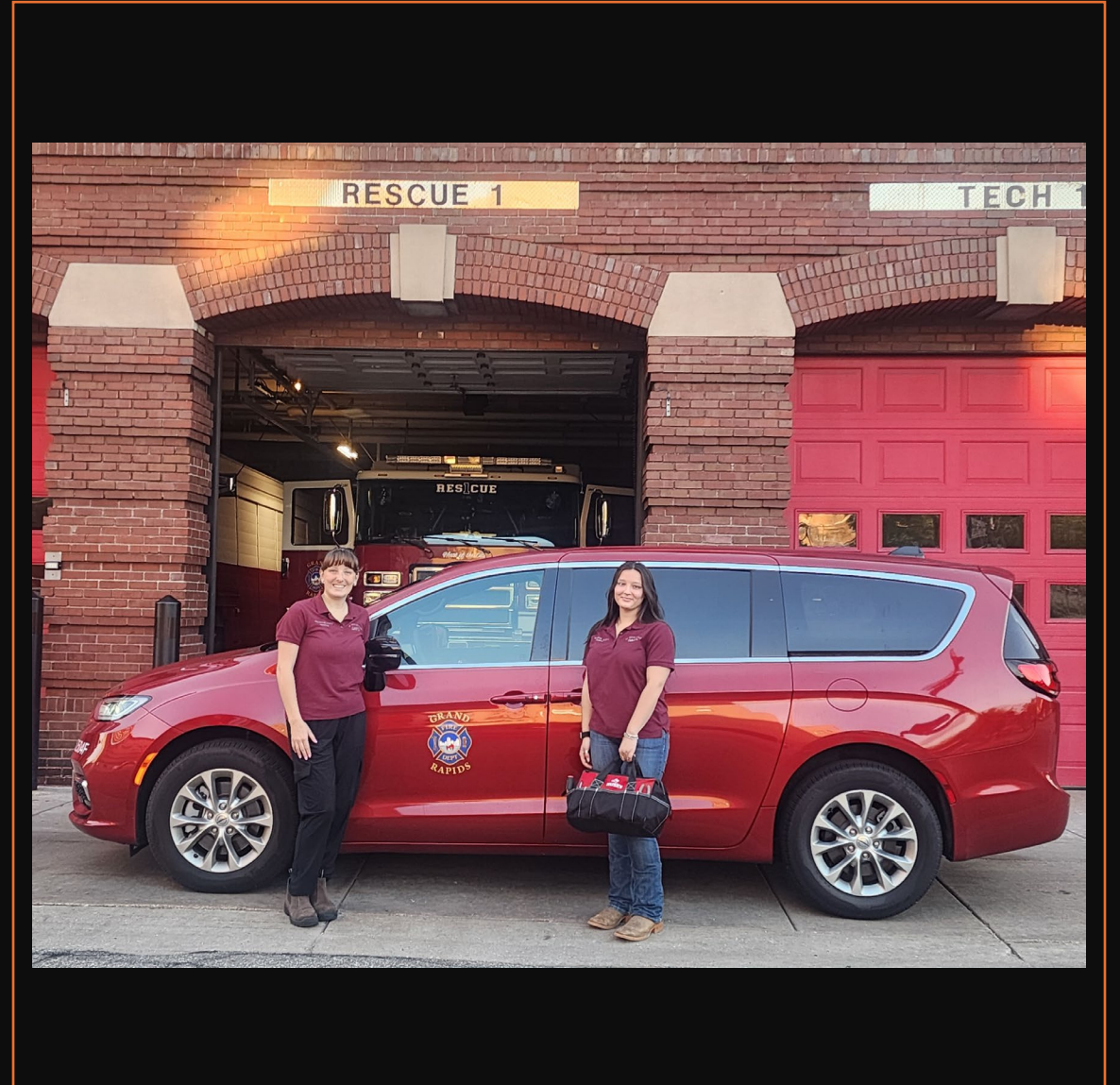
Events With anticipated crowds exceeding 500 persons requirements

- All seating arrangements need to comply with Ch. 10 of the International Fire Code.
- Emergency Action Plan
- Weather Monitoring person
- Crowd Managers compliant with City of Grand Rapids requirements
- Class 3-A 40BC Fire Extinguisher within 75 feet travel distance of combustible items in a conspicuous location and unobstructed.
- Solid fuel cooking (Grease, Deep Fryers) must have a 1.5 Gallon minimum, Class K extinguisher within 30 feet of every appliance, in a conspicuous location and unobstructed.

Grand Rapids Fire Department Fire Prevention Division - Residential Safety Program (RSP)

Since January 1, 2025 RSP Managers have installed 4,869 smoke alarms, 1911 carbon monoxide detectors in over 800 owner occupied homes throughout Grand Rapids

Since inception the RSP has installed over 88,700 smoke alarms, 20,800 CO detectors in nearly 16,000 homes.



RSP Managers Kathleen Novak and Sophia Seckel preparing to reduce risk in Grand Rapids.

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Community Risk Reduction

Fire Department personnel have engaged with our community at over 100 events.

Fire Prevention week will kick off October 5th, 2025. This year's fire safety message, "Charge into Fire Safety" GRFD will be sharing information Lithium Ion powered equipment purchasing, maintenance, and proper disposal.



RSP Manager Michael Curtis stocking GRFD education material



Office Assistant III Lisa Smith, aka Sparky with kids from our community.