WE ARE VOLUNTEERS
SERVING OUR
COMMUNITY SINCE
MAY 08, 1894

Current Membership of 120 allowed
74 Active Members (same as last year)
(50 Members are Certified EMS Responders) 1 less than last yr
1 Department Surgeon
2 Department Chaplains

75% of the Nations Firefighters are Volunteers
It is an estimated that the Town has a $6m Annual Cost Savings vs Career. That with the response your town volunteers give, some residents believe they have a full time Fire Dept.
2 FIRE Stations
1 Main St, 1 Buckingham St and a 3rd requested to be part of the future Police and Senior Center Complex

Current Apparatus:

- 4 Engines
- 1 Engine Tanker
- 2 Aerial Ladders
- 1 Rescue
- 1 Utility/Brush Truck
- 3 EMS cars
- 2 Utility/Rehab
- 3 FD Command Cars
- 2 Fire Marshal Cars
- 1 ATV
- 2 Trailers
- 1 Rescue Boat
- 1 Ice Rescue Boat/Sled

READY TO RESPOND
MEMBERS TRAIN EXTENSIVELY ONLINE & IN PERSON

IN 2022, MEMBERS LOGGED OVER 2450 HOURS OF VOLUNTEER TRAINING
PUBLIC EDUCATION

- Volunteer Firefighters visit each Daycare, Preschool, Grammar school and Parochial school each year during October for fire prevention. The Department Hosts an Open House for the public to learn about Fire Prevention and how the Department performs, we also distribute Smoke Detectors for those in need.
ABOVE ARE INCIDENTS ALONG MAIN STREET

WFD RESPONDED TO 2,982 FIRE, RESCUE AND EMS CALLS IN 2022, AN INCREASE OF 54 INCIDENTS FROM 2021.
LADDER 2 IS A 1992 SIMON DUPLEX/LTI 110 FT, CURRENTLY 31 YEARS OLD. NFPA REPLACEMENT IS RECOMMENDED AT 25 YEARS OLD.

THIS VEHICLE IS CURRENTLY GOING THRU BID PROCESS AND EST REPLACEMENT IS 2 YEARS AWAY.

THANK YOU FOR $1,500,000 Bonding approval Nov. 08, 22 replacement of Ladder 2, FY 22-23
Department Requests funding annually of $150,000

This fund allows the town to replace fire apparatus on a 25 yr replacement schedule per NFPA Guidelines. This fund saves the Town thousands of dollars in bonding / interest costs. Past years of non funding has caused some delays in the replacement plan.

Current account contains $776,507, with $757,357 of that fund approved FY 22-23 for a Bid purchase of Engine 1, Order date was 03/30/2022 with estimated delivery late fall of 2023. (ENG 1 26yrs old)

$150k funded for the upcoming 2023-2024 FY will begin the process of replacement of RESCUE 10

RESCUE 10 is a 2000 Spartan Chassis Medium Rescue. Based on annual funding and replacement costs, reuse of Rescue 10 Stainless steel body, a cost savings to the Town. The replacement cost today is est. at $600,000. Making delivery of a new Rescue 10 during 2026-2027 FY, if fully funded each year forward. Rescue 10 would be 27 years old when replaced.
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FY 22-23 Budget was $1,053,893 --- FY 23-24 Budget request is $1,049,269 a .044% decrease of $4,624
The Watertown FIRE and EMS Services, continually serve the TOWN OF WATERTOWN and OAKVILLE, with members putting themselves in harms way daily. They respond to Fire and Medical Emergencies and treat residents who are still testing positive for COVID19 and other diseases.

The Deputy Chief and I know the Town was in hard times due to the Pandemic and we are now on the recovery side, with the assistance of Federal monies. That the Town Manager was fair in his review to the Fire Department budget. That along with projects already completed and a budget presented as asked for at a ZERO increase, we will make this less than ZERO increase budget work and ask that no further cuts be made.
The Watertown Fire Department stands Ready Day & Night