

TOWN OF RUSSELL ANNUAL REPORT 2023

1-1-2023 Beginning Balances

Town Checking:	\$	81,149.59
Index Account:		\$161,937.54
Equipment CD:		\$162,468.03
Bridge CD:		\$40,238.02
<u>Total:</u>	\$	445,793.18

Add Credits:

Checking	\$	817,833.30 **
Index		\$529,368.23
CD's		\$25,048.33
	\$	1,372,249.86

Less Debits:

Checking		\$829,692.78 ***
Index		\$542,392.49
CD's		\$80,000.00
		\$1,452,085.27

12-31-2023 Ending Balances

Town Checking		\$69,290.11
Index		\$148,913.28
Equipment CD		\$96,456.28
Bridge CD		\$51,298.10
<u>Total:</u>		\$365,957.77

**Town of Russell Fire Department
Gleason, Wisconsin**

2023 Annual Report

April 2024

In 2023 the Town of Russell Fire Department responded to 63 different fire calls across our area which is again another increase from the year before. We will have a list of fire calls below.

For the year of 2024 we are very proud to announce that through careful budgeting and planning we again will not be increasing our budget for this year. However, with the increase in all costs and updated safety measures we must take to provide the best service possible to our members and community this may have to change in the future. For 2024 we did apply for a *Federal Grant to help alleviate some of our operational costs and through our active fundraising efforts we have been able to keep our heads above water*

Over the past couple of years, we have worked closely with our neighboring departments in establishing a better Mutual Aid System to be able to bring needed resources to a call in a more efficient manner. This should go into effect sometime this summer and should only increase our efficiency when dealing with major incidents.

Some great news for our department, we have reached a milestone unseen for many years. 96% of our volunteers are fully qualified for all aspects of firefighting. Usually, we have a few members who just drive trucks or perform other duties while on scene. This makes our department much more efficient in performing our duties. While we are very proud of this accomplishment, we are still looking for additional members to add to our roster. Anyone can apply and we can put you to work! Anyone that may be interested can contact Chief Kressel.

Thank you for your continued support!

Chief Kressel
Town of Russell Fire Department

2023 Fire Calls	
Structure Fires	10
Vehicle Fires	1
Carbon Monoxide	1
Wild Fires	6
Vehicle Accidents	20
Search and Rescue	9
Mutual Aid	7
False Alarms	9



Town of Russell First Responders

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2023 Annual Report

Dear Town,

April 11, 2024

The Town of Russell First Responders had another blessed year in 2023.

We continue to serve the communities of the Town of Birch, Town of Harrison, Town of Russell and Town of Schley in Lincoln County as well as the Town of Parrish, Town of Summit and Town of Vilas in Langlade County. We continue to serve Merrill Ambulance Service (Lincoln County), Tomahawk Ambulance Service (Lincoln County), Antigo Ambulance Service (Langlade County), Oneida County Ambulance Service (Langlade County) and Rhinelander Ambulance Service (Langlade County) for all medical emergency calls we are called to. We also serve the Town of Russell Fire Department, Tomahawk Fire Department and Town of Peck Fire Department for structure and other fire related standbys we are called to. The Fire Department standbys are to have medical responders on scene in the event of any medical emergency that could arise with Fireman or other persons on scene. We serve the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department, Oneida County Sheriff's Department and Langlade County Sheriff's Department for requested standby's and search and rescue operations. We now do medical standbys at the Gleason Community Club Snowmobile and ATV Races in Gleason.

Town of Russell First Responders is a not for profit, 100% volunteer organization, owned by the Town of Russell. Dedicated members donate their time, fuel and personal vehicles to help save lives in your community.

We responded to 226 emergency calls within 7 towns and 2 counties for the calendar year 2022 and 265 emergency calls for the calendar year 2023. This is an increase of 39 calls from 2022.

The breakdown on EMS calls by ENS Numbers is Towns of Birch and Russell combined 140 calls, Town of Schley 58 calls, Town of Harrison 46 calls, Town of Parrish 6 calls, Town of Summit 5 calls, Town of Vilas 10 calls. (These numbers are not exact but very close)

We recently added 3 new licensed EMR's to our roster. As of current, we have 10 members, 9 of which are licensed Emergency Medical Responders.

Donations from each town we serve, as well as donations from Churches, Clubs, Associations, other organizations and citizens like you, enables your first responder organization to have updated equipment, supplies and medications to function in the capacity we do now. The Town of Russell First Responders assists with all medical emergencies, lifting assists, firefighter standby's, simple accident extrication, welfare checks, traffic control, Sherriff Department standbys, search and rescues, shoreline water rescues, family transports by personal vehicle to hospitals when needed as well as some emergency animal rescues with oxygen and CPR training for pets.

Our goal in 2024 is to increase our training and expand our services. The Merrill Fire Department has agreed to take on the task of leading our group forward with improved and additional training.

Living in a recreational and retirement community, we expect to see our numbers remain close to the same for the calendar year of 2024. We have seen a decline in recreational accidents over the past two years since more UTV's have replaced ATV's on the trails.

In order to comply with Wisconsin State Laws, we continue the process of replacing many of our medical supplies as they do expire if not used by the expiration date. This includes the medications we carry which expire sooner than basic medical supplies. Our equipment and supplies are rotated but not everything is used within the expiration date. It is a very wasteful world we live in with short expiration dates on many of our medical supplies!