



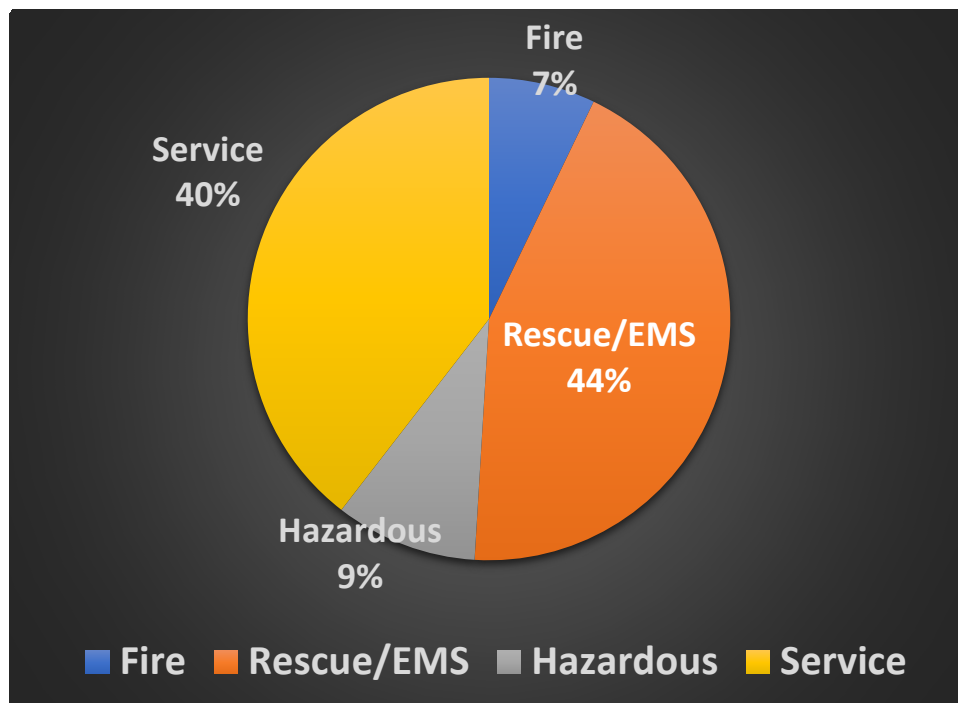
Winslow Fire and Rescue

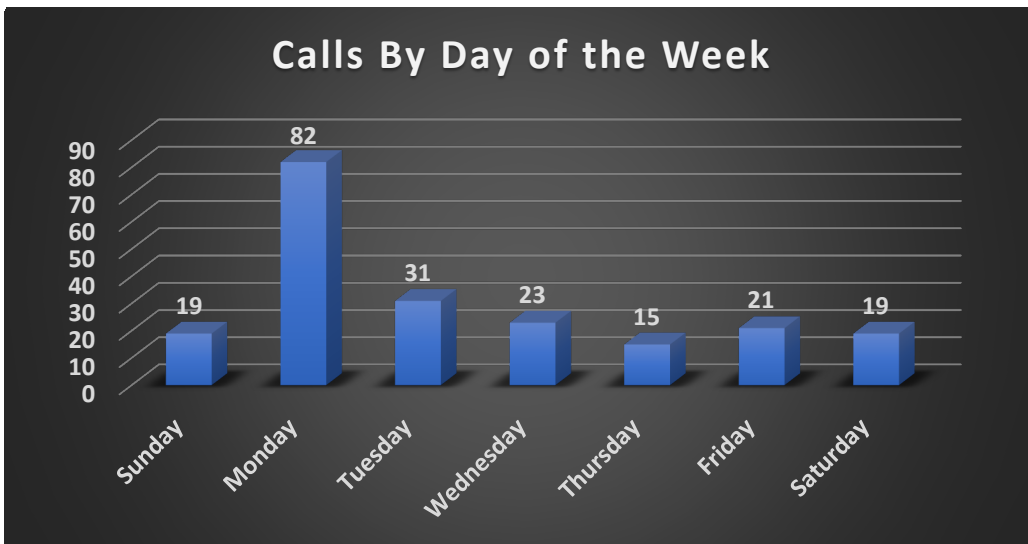
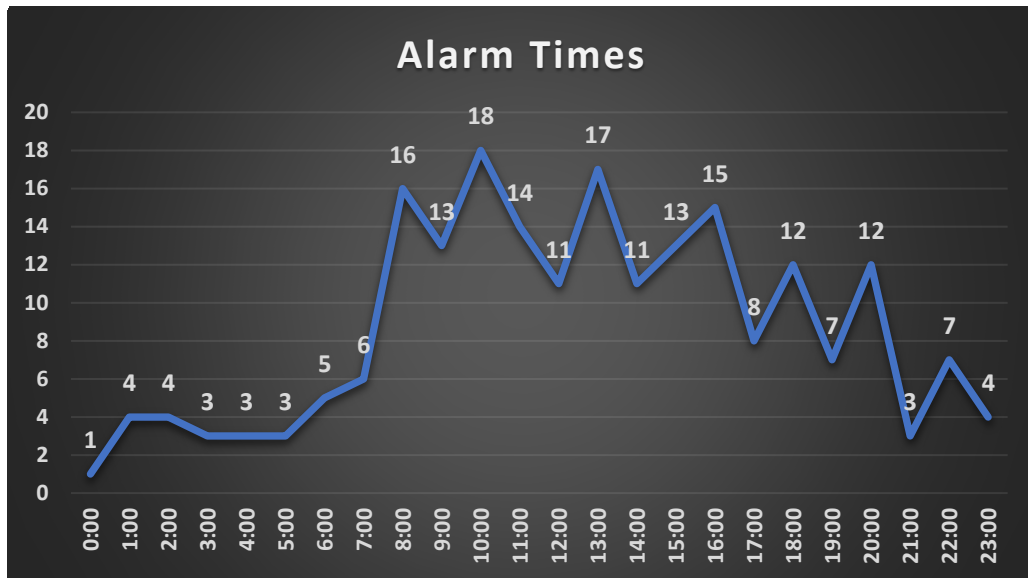
Town Council Monthly Briefing December 2023

Incident Response for December 2023

Total calls for the month were 210, 15 Fire-related calls, 92 EMS related calls, with 45 of them being EMS transport, 20 Hazardous Condition calls and 83 Service-related calls.

Mutual Aid calls for November were as follows. Winslow requested 8 paramedic intercepts for the month. Delta was not able to respond to 5 of those requests as they had no units available. Winslow Fire received mutual aid 1 time in the month of December for an EMS related call. Winslow provided mutual aid 5 times for the month of December.





Department News

New Years greetings, we had an extremely busy month here at Winslow Fire / Rescue. The week of December 18th was by far the busiest and most complex week have had in and around the area in years. We handled over 100 calls for service in 4 days' time. At one point we had a split crew staffed with an Engine and ALS ambulance staged in the parking lot at 1 Cushman rd. Due the flooding. And another fully staffed Quint and Ambulance at the Station. Giving the town excellent Fire and EMS coverage for the entire town without issue.

Emergency calls and service calls were handled flawlessly by our dedicated staff. I would like to personally thank the businesses that provided food and beverages for our staff in that difficult time. I would also like to thank the residents who did the same. We greatly appreciate your support. With that being said, I want to Thank my men and women who gave it their 100% in this difficulty time selfishly for the citizens and community. You are all amazing.

The upcoming items that I would like to discuss is the new State of Maine burning laws for fire permits. The forestry service will be launching a large educational campaign. It will be advertised on local TV channels, The Forestry's website, and Facebook. With all the green wood that is currently available, please keep in mind that, when burning green wood, it creates a lot of creosote that builds rapidly in chimneys. Also, we had a lot of Carbon Monoxide alarms and issues with generators. Please keep them away from our homes as far as possible. If not for the detectors that went off, there certainly would have been some serious health issues including death. Grant season is arriving soon, and we will be applying for grants to save the taxpayers money. If you haven't done so already due to the power loss for days. It's a good time to change all the batteries in your smoke detectors and Carbon Monoxide detectors. From all of us here at the Fire department we wish you a safe and happy new year!

Respectfully Submitted,

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Deputy Fire Chief*