

Biron Fire Department Annual Report for 2008

The Biron Volunteer Fire Department was called out forty eight times in 2008.

Of those forty eight calls; thirty were EMS calls to assist Wisconsin Rapids Ambulance. The remaining eighteen calls were fire related. Starting the end of October 2008, we are now assisting Grand Rapids Volunteer Fire Department with structure fires and G.R.V.F.D. is doing the same for us. Both departments are working towards combining our services to better serve our communities and save on budgeting shortfalls. This conjoining may take some time to accomplish, but with both departments in favor of the move it should work out fine. We are now training together on a monthly basis. The more we train together the closer the two departments will become. Training sessions for the year include; search and rescue, practical actions for structure fires, chimney fires, wild land suppression, water rescue and E.V.C. training (Emergency Vehicle driving Course). Training also included pump training on both B.V.F.D. and G.R.V.F.D. fire trucks.

The Biron Volunteer Fire Department's Engine #1 was in Greater Wisconsin Rapids Area Parade and the Final Alarm Procession. There are 24 fire inspections done bi-annually for all businesses in the village. Our 2008 "Street Dance" was a "big" success due to all the Village residents and people from the surrounding communities coming out to support our efforts. **"Thank You Again"**. This years "Street Dance" will be held Saturday, Aug. 15th 3:00p.m.to Midnight and the band will be "RUMOURS". Weather permitting we will also have a car cruise in, (Public Welcome).

An average of 61% of the fire personal responded to each call. We've had an average attendance at meetings of 71%. As of January 2009 we have a current roster of nineteen members. The Fire Department is always looking for new members interested in joining the Department. If you or someone you know is interested in joining our Department, please let me know.

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P.S. Please check and replace your smoke detector batteries; a battery is an inexpensive cost to save a life.