# WHEELING FIRE DEPARTMENT

#### **QUARTERLY REPORT**

#### **CALLS FOR SERVICE**

Fire – **26**Explosion/Overheat (no fire) – **3**Medical/EMS – **1,245**Hazardous Condition – **24**False Alarm – **169** 

Service Calls – Good Intent Calls – Severe Weather – Special Type/Other –



**TOTAL Calls: 1,780** 

### A SPECIAL VISITOR



In the early hours of February 7, WFD responded to the Booker T. Washington Apartments in downtown for a structure fire on the fifth floor.

Firefighters were able to rescue George Bartimac from his apartment and transport him to Wheeling Hospital for treatment.

George was discharged from Peterson Rehabilitation Hospital on March 28 and stopped by fire headquarters to meet some of the crew who worked the fire, took him to the hospital and saved his life!

#### NEW FIRE HQ TAKING FORM

Progress is being made on new fire headquarters at the intersection of 17<sup>th</sup> and Wood Streets in East Wheeling.

In March, crews were pouring footers and building grade walls. Pre-cast walls are expected to be erected in April. The building is scheduled to be completed by the end of this year!

WFD HQ is being constructed by PCS & Build of Cleveland, Ohio.



(View from US 250/WV 2)

#### JACOB ST. FIRE



It was all hands on deck the morning of January 18 when the Wheeling Fire Department was called to a house fire at 2314 Jacob Street in Center Wheeling.

Firefighters were able to rescue two people inside the home and transport them to Wheeling Hospital. Unfortunately, one of the two occupants later died because of their injuries.

The cause of the fire is undetermined.

## HONORING A BROTHER

WFD mourned the loss of retired Fire Engineer Matt McGovern, who died January 9. Matt served 25 years with WFD and spent most of his career driving Engine 4. Matt loved working out and playing hockey during the annual Guns vs. Hoses charity hockey game.

The WFD Honor Guard took part in his funeral on January 14 at Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church.



#### WINTER FIRE REPORT



February 7, 2023 1030 Chapline Street (Booker T. Washington Apts.) A Platoon

March 24, 2023 2357 Overbrook Ave C Platoon

### WELCOME, NEW RECRUITS!

Meet the first recruit class of 2023! In February, we welcomed Zach Heslop, Kevin Kinik and Mo Khan to the force. All will begin basic training and graduate to the probationary phase this spring.



#### **PUBLIC SAFETY CEREMONY - MARCH 23, 2023**







