

WHEELING FIRE DEPARTMENT

QUARTERLY REPORT



1st Quarter 2026

CALLS FOR SERVICE

Fire – 32

Hazardous Situation – 70

Medical/EMS – 1,197

Law Enforcement Support – 13

False Alarm – 140

Public Service – 321

Rescue – 13

Good Intent – 61

1,847 - Total Calls

WASHINGTON AVE BRIDGE COLLAPSE



On January 7, B Platoon, along with several other public safety agencies, responded to the Washington Avenue Bridge in the Pleasanton area of the city after the structure—then under demolition—collapsed into the creek below. The incident occurred around 1:45 p.m.

Three people were injured and taken to Wheeling Hospital by Squads 1 & 2. A new bridge is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

WINTER FIRE REPORT

Our three platoons were busy this winter responding to various structure fires.

On Jan. 29, crews responded to a kitchen fire inside a home on South Penn Street. One burn injury was reported.

On Feb. 21, a fire occurred in the rear of a home on Poplar Avenue in Woodsdale. No injuries.

On Feb. 23, a fire took place on the first floor of a home on Virginia Street. No injuries.



SEN. CAPITO VISITS WFD



U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito met with City officials and community leaders at the Fire Department Headquarters on Feb. 17 to discuss several key projects in the city, supported through congressionally directed spending allocations.

These investments include \$1.5 million for various fire station renovations throughout the city.

The group also discussed ideas and priorities for future initiatives.

BURN AWARENESS WEEK

During Burn Awareness Week (February 1-7), the Wheeling Fire Department was proud to support the important mission of our partners, the Osiris Shriners, in promoting burn awareness, prevention, and education.

WFD stands alongside the Shriners as they work to raise awareness and support those affected by burn injuries, helping make our community safer through education and outreach.



TRAINING REPORT



Crews stayed busy during the winter months, training and taking advantage of nice weather.

Firefighters trained in Wheeling Park's Good Lake, while frozen over, spoke with professionals at Wheeling Hospital about MRI safety and enhanced rope techniques at headquarters on a nice day in February.

READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY

In early March, Chief Blazier visited Elm Grove Elementary School to participate in Read Across America Day.

The Chief read "Firehouse Dog" to the class.

Students also got to see our recruits gear up!



1ST NEW RECRUIT CLASS OF 2026!



LUKE HARTO, SAMUEL KARRASCH & COLIN HUTCHISON