

WHEELING FIRE DEPARTMENT

QUARTERLY REPORT



2nd Quarter 2025

CALLS FOR SERVICE

Fire – **19**

Explosion/Overheat (no fire) – **7**

Medical/EMS – **1,337**

Hazardous Condition – **56**

False Alarm – **248**

Service Calls – **280**

Good Intent Calls – **151**

Severe Weather – **7**

Special Type/Other – **1**

2,106 Total Calls

FLOOD EMERGENCY



On Saturday, June 14, flash flooding devastated the area, prompting dozens of rescue calls and forcing the closure of multiple roads and bridges for days. Tragically, nine lives were lost, making it the largest mass casualty incident in Ohio County's history.

WFD worked tirelessly alongside multiple agencies in response to the crisis.

Crews pulled more than 75 vehicles from Little Wheeling and Big Wheeling Creek, searched creek banks for survivors, and checked dozens of homes.

They also helped clear significant debris lodged under several bridges to restore access and improve safety. WFD was honored to support not only the City of Wheeling but also our neighbors in Triadelphia and Valley Grove during this difficult time.

Just one week later, severe storms returned, causing additional flooding in several neighborhoods.



NEW RECRUIT CLASS

Our first recruit class of 2025 was a big one! We welcomed eight new members to the force in the spring who graduated from basic training on May 1st.



Pictured with Chief Jim Blazier (center) are Griffin Stenger, Robert Chapman, Nicholas O'Malley, Joseph Migyanko, Terry Newbegin, Alexandra Burris, Scott Pekula and Matthew Beiter.

FIRE HQ UPDATE

As of late June, the new fire headquarters at 1700 Wood Street has been deemed substantially complete—a major milestone in the three-year construction project.

Crews are currently working through the final punch list, making last adjustments in preparation for our move-in, expected in late July or early August.



We're excited to settle into our new home and extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone involved in the planning and construction of this state-of-the-art facility!

NEW R-1 NOW IN SERVICE



In April, we officially placed the new Rescue 1 into service!

After arriving from the manufacturer earlier this year, R-1 underwent extensive inspections, additional equipment installations, and training sessions for our personnel.

The new truck brings expanded capabilities, improved tool storage, increased efficiency, and, most importantly, a higher level of safety for our crews.

Rescue 1 is quartered at Station 2 in North Wheeling. Our old R-1 will now serve as a reserve unit, ready to step in when needed.

FIRE PREVENTION REPORT

This spring, the Bureau of Fire Prevention brought the fire safety house to schools across the city, teaching students essential fire safety skills. In June, they also spent two weeks with our friends at Wheeling Hospital's Safety Town, helping young learners stay safe and prepared!



JUNE 2025 FLOOD RESPONSE

