

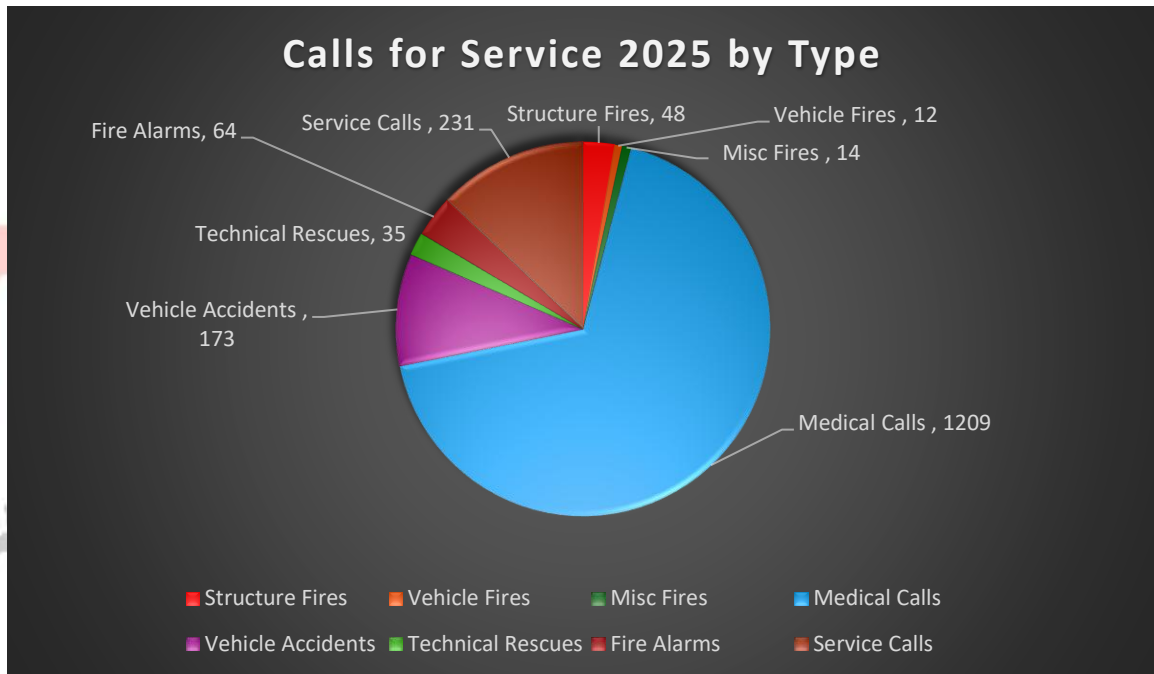
2025

SOMERS FIRE RESCUE ANNUAL REPORT



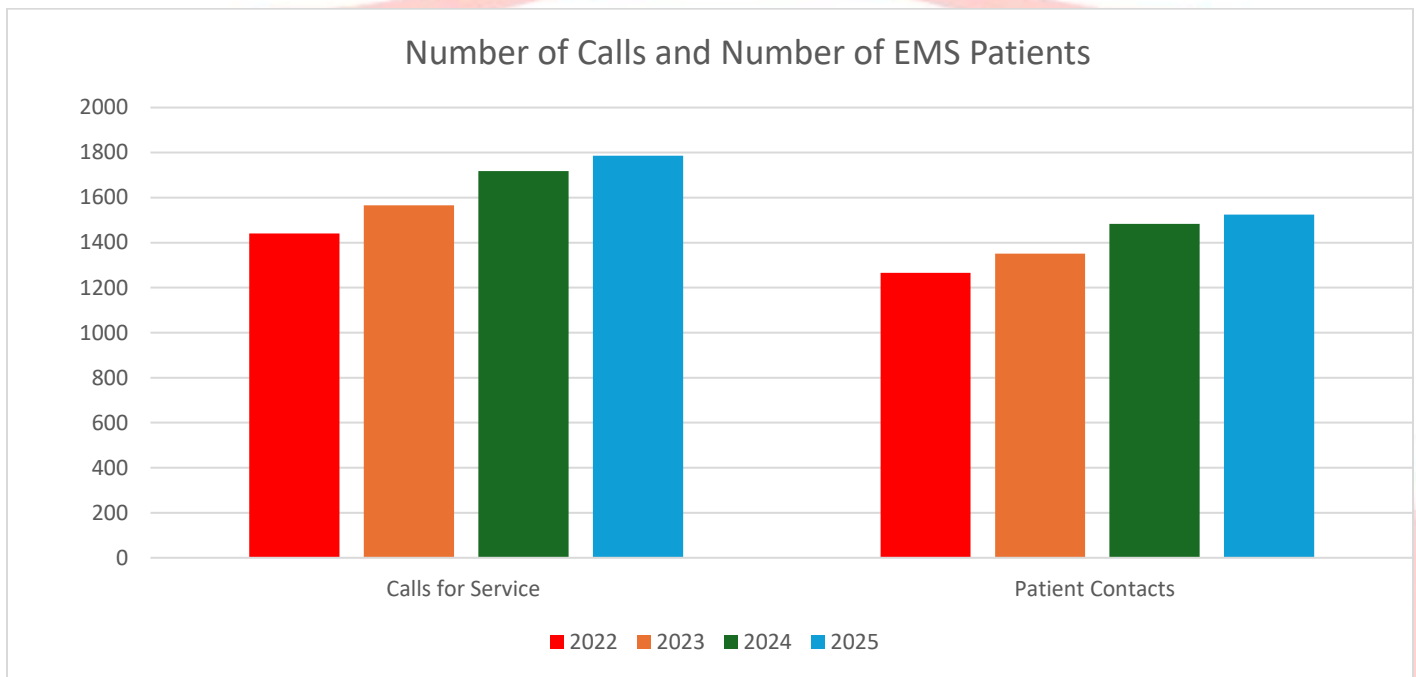
Chief Ben Andersen
Somers Fire Rescue Department
1/1/2025

CALLS FOR SERVICE 2025



Call Type	Calls for Service	% of overall calls
Structure Fires	48	2.7%
Vehicle Fire	12	.6%
Misc. Fires (Grass, Dumpster Etc)	14	.8%
Medical Calls	1209	67.8%
Vehicle Accidents	173	9.6%
Technical Rescues	35	1.9%
Fire Alarms	64	3.6%
Service/Misc Calls (gas leaks, Water leaks, unknown smells, Etc)	231	12.9%
TOTAL	1786	

CALL VOLUME & NUMBER OF PATIENT CONTACTS LAST 4 YEARS



	2022	2023	2024	2025
Total Calls for Service	1440	1566	1718	1786
Patient Contacts by EMS	1266	1351	1483	1525

STAFFING CHANGES 2025

In 2025 we added one additional Fulltime Firefighter Paramedic to our roster. This hiring was approved by the village board because of several factors including but not limited to growing community, increasing call volume and the fact that one of our other Fulltime Firefighter Paramedics was deployed overseas with the US Army Reserves for at least a year. As seen in the last several hiring processes Somers was able to hire back an individual who started with Somers and left for a fulltime career elsewhere before coming back to Somers. We take pride in the fact that our staff enjoy Somers enough to come back when fulltime positions open.



Certifications

- Firefighter 1 & 2
- Driver Operator Pumper
- National Registered Paramedic
- Numerous other Advanced Life Support certifications

Experience

- 14 years total in Fire & EMS
- 9 + years with City of Baltimore FD
- 3 years with Somers Prior to moving to City of Baltimore

Quote from Kyle Lovell "It's an honor to serve the citizens of Somers."

2025 ANNUAL TRAINING REPORT



Simulated Car Fire Training at Station 2

2025 Annual Year End Training Report

During 2025 the Somers Fire & Rescue Training Division conducted numerous trainings in the areas of:

- Fire Suppression
- EMS (ALS & BLS)
- EMS License Refresher
- Hazardous Materials
- Special response (high angle, trench, collapse & confined space)
- Driver Operator (engines, aerial, tender & MED units)
- Injury Prevention

A total of over 21,200 hours of training between all members took place in just 2025 alone.

All of these trainings are done in order to stay compliant with Local, State and National standards. These standards are followed as a minimum.

- Wisconsin SPS-330
- NFPA 1001
- Wisconsin Department Health Services (Administrative Code DHS 110.07)

During 2025, two New Recruit Academies were run (spring & fall) for new members. The Academy is a total of 108 hours. During the Academy, members are trained in basic fire ground skills, department policy and procedures as well as general fire department operations. The Academy prepares members to complete the State of Wisconsin Firefighter 1/Hazmat Ops course. A total of 20 new members were taken on in 2025.

The Department must send members to local Technical Colleges (Gateway & MATC) for certification courses. These courses provide members with the entry or basic license requirements to operate on an emergency scene. Without these certifications or licenses, members cannot legally provide patient care, enter any hazardous environment such as a fire or drive fire apparatus. Over the last few years, State standards have made more stringent standards for licenses and emergency scene operations.

The courses are as followed:

Firefighter 1/Hazmat Ops: 240 Hours

EMT-Basic: 180 hours

Firefighter 2: 82 hours

Fire Officer 1: 40 hours

Driver Operator Pumper: 66 hours

Driver Operator Aerial: 72 hours

Paramedic (including clinical time) 3400 hours

The hours of training are mandatory for ALL active members of the Somers Fire & Rescue. This keeps the members trained to the highest possible standards and always up to date with the best practices for emergency incident mitigation and patient care. The hours of training also help in the areas of Grant application and acquisition as well as ISO ratings.

Somers Fire & Rescue members also trained on new equipment that was placed into service in 2025.

As we move into 2026, the training division will be busy with additional Recruit Academies, monthly fire & EMS trainings as well as training members on new equipment, newer and safer tactics and providing the Village of Somers with high quality members ready for any situation.

Respectfully Submitted,
Training Captain Aaron Strom



Live Fire Training at South Hills Country Club hosted by Caledonia FD

2025 Fire Inspection Report

Through the year the following types of inspections were conducted.

- Regular Biannual Fire Inspections of all commercial properties and multi-family units.
- Re-Inspections of buildings when violations are found, until compliance is met.
- New sprinkler installation Inspections.
- New fire alarm installation inspections.
- New occupancy inspections.
- Underground flush tests.
- Construction site inspections.
- Special events inspections.
- Fire protection inspections. These include specific inspections of existing systems and building features, calculating occupancy load, and consultation with business owners about fire safety concerns.
- Implemented new Compliance Engine Program into fire inspections.

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Total number of inspections performed	990	871	769	759	798
Total number of occupancies in the village/town	400	397	374	360	355
Total number of hours spent on inspections	560	546	465	463	490.5

2025	Jan	Feb	march	April	May	June	July	Aug	sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL
Inspections	2	7	41	76	95	149	33	4	43	113	159	71	793
Re Inspections	31	1	2	18	11	14	13	0	0	8	13	7	118
Occupancy	2	2	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	15
Fire sprinkler/pump	4	4	8	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	31
Fire Alarm	2	2	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	13
Flush	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	7
Fire prevention/protection	1	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	7
Construction site	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	5
Special Events	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
TOTAL	42	22	66	115	106	163	47	4	43	124	174	84	990

Hours	22	13	42	74	63	82	24	2	25	75	90	48	560
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The Fire Prevention Division also processes permits for fire protection systems that include sprinklers, alarms, commercial kitchen hood systems as part of our plan review program. Each permit also requires an or multiple inspections that are included in the table above. Below is a summary of the permits processed in 2025.

Fire Sprinkler	7
Fire Alarm	2
Clean Agent	0
Wet agent	3

Sincerely,

Lt. Adam Pisula

Fire Inspector & Public Education Officer

2025 Fire Prevention Report

During 2025 the department had thirty-seven official public education events:

- Continue to offer and install free smoke alarms and CO alarms to any village or town resident.

	2025	2024	2023
Smoke Alarms Installed	19	20	50
CO Alarms Installed	6	4	8

- Annual fire safety education day at Somers Elementary School Grade K4 to 5.
- Annual fire safety education day at Busy Bees Daycare.
- Annual Somers Community Day open house with demonstrations, education and vendors.
- Seven Community CPR classes.
- Fire station tours for all age groups. These tours allow us to provide age-appropriate fire safety education.
- Public education events throughout the community.
- Improved our outreach to the community by using social media.
- Fire safety and education booth at the Kenosha Expo.
- Standby at UWP annual bonfire.
- Hands on fire extinguisher training with UWP staff and RA.

Sincerely,

Lt. Adam Pisula

Community Outreach Report

- **Community CPR Program Continued with approximately 20 people trained in bystander CPR/AED/Narcan Administration**
- **“Stop the Bleed” Training was installed as another community outreach training opportunity at Somers Fire with 3 members of the community being trained.**
- **Continued growth/interactions/and use of the Somers Fire & Rescue Facebook page with a growth of approximately 750 new followers**
- **Annual Somers Community Day continued for its 3rd year and was an overall success raising awareness of Somers as a Village, the Fire department, and Public Works**
- **Fire Department continued its annual involvement in several events both in Somers and surrounding areas such as Festival foods seasonal events, various parades, Burn camp, Parkside bonfire, Somers Elementary events, etc.**
- **Provided several station tours and public education/first aid training throughout the year including several large groups of students on field trips.**
- **Other department events such as Easter Egg hunt and Pancake breakfast with Santa continued and were successful.**
- **Participated in the Kenosha Expo to provide any information related to the department to the public and promote all that we do.**
- **Somers Fire continued to provide smoke and CO detector installs for Village Residents**
- **List of events participated in can be viewed in the Public Education/Fire Prevention Report**

Submitted by **Lieutenant Nico Celebre, Somers Fire & Rescue PIO**



\$\$ Grant Awards Received \$\$

Somers Fire & Rescue strives to find and apply for as many grants as possible to minimize the impact of the rising costs of Emergency Services on the citizens of the Village and Town of Somers.

WDNR Forrest Fire Protection Grant

Honda pump

Suction Hose 2 1/2"

Pond Strainer w/foot valve

Drip Torch

Fusees

Gated Wye

Discharge Hose 3/4"

Total Award \$763.82

We Energies Foundation

Two ice rescue suits

Total Award = \$1,872.65

SAFER Grant

Hiring 8 additional fire/medics (pays for a portion of their Salaries for 3 years)

Total Award= \$1,532,687.83

Respectfully Submitted by Firemedic Austin Hoecherl

Somer's Special Operations Division

The Somers Fire Department prides itself on being an all-hazard fire department. What does an all-hazard fire department mean? It means besides the traditional firefighting and EMS services that most people think of, we are also trained and equipped to respond to a wide variety of specialized rescue situations. We do this within our department and as part of the Kenosha County Specialized Response Teams. These teams include a Hazardous Materials Response Team (HAZMAT), Technical Rescue Team (Rope, Trench, Structural Collapse, Confined Space and Agricultural Rescue), Dive Rescue Team (SCUBA, Swiftwater, Flood and Ice Rescue) and Fire Investigation Team. Somers has staffed technicians trained to the Technician Level on all these teams. Being part of these teams allows us to acquire training and have access to equipment that we would not necessarily be able to purchase on our own. These specialty team calls are what we classify as low frequency high risk calls so having the knowledge and training within our department to start an operation while the rest of the team is responding from other agencies across the county is invaluable to our residents. In addition to the county wide specialized response teams Somers also has a drone unit as part of our Special Operations Division.

