

# Valley Fire & Rescue Quarterly Report

Quarter 1 – 2024



## Mission:

The members of the Valley Fire & Rescue Inc. department shall strive to protect the lives and property of the citizens of the communities through fire suppression services, pre-fire planning, and public education. We will serve these communities to the best of our abilities and training. We are committed to continuously improving our understanding of the communities of Valley Fire & Rescue Inc. in the State of West Virginia, Mason County.

## Vision:

At Valley Fire & Rescue, we envision a future where our commitment to excellence is the driving force behind a safer and more resilient community. Our goals of enhancing productivity, performance, collaboration, and interpersonal relationships form the foundation of a united and high-performing team.

In this vision, Valley Fire & Rescue is synonymous with innovation and efficiency. We strive for a culture of continuous improvement, where every member is dedicated to ongoing learning, development, and compliance. Our collective pursuit of knowledge ensures that we stay ahead of emerging challenges and remain at the forefront of cutting-edge firefighting and rescue techniques.

As a beacon of progress, we are dedicated to creating a comprehensive recruitment plan. We attract and onboard new members strategically, ensuring that our team reflects the diversity, skills, and passion needed to excel in our mission. Valley Fire & Rescue becomes not only a place of service but a community where every individual is valued, respected, and empowered to contribute their unique strengths.

Our vision extends beyond firefighting; it encompasses a holistic approach to community safety and well-being. Valley Fire & Rescue is a trusted partner, actively engaging with the community to build lasting connections. Together, we forge a future where the goals of enhancing productivity, performance, collaboration, and interpersonal relationships are not just met, but surpassed, creating a legacy of excellence for generations to come.

## Words from the Chief:

As we began a new year, with a new administration, we have faced multiple challenges. While facing these challenges our membership has stepped up and taken on challenges above what is expected of them. Their dedication and commitment to our organization and community have displayed great pride in their department. Although we have many more challenges ahead, I know this team will face them, and overwhelmingly achieve our goals and fulfil our vision of excellence.

## Operations:

Requests for assistance: 43

Average Response Time: 20.5

Average Members per Response: 3.9

### **Fire**

Structure: 6

Brush: 2

Vehicle: 2

Other: 2

### **Rescue**

Motor Vehicle Accident – no injuries: 7

Motor Vehicle Accident – injuries: 1

Motor Vehicle Accident – entrapment: 0

Hazardous Condition: 1

Other: 7

Assist EMS: 5

Medical Response: 0

Cancelled Enroute: 6

No Response: 4

### **Aid**

Mutual Aid Received: 10

Aid Given: 3

### **Training:**

Hours Offered in Station: 64

Members participation: 13

Hours completed: 338

Details about training: 8 members are participating in Emergency Medical Responder class with an expected completion of mid-April. 10 members participated in Sissonville Fire School where

they received various certifications such as Rope Rescue Operations & Technician, Confined Space Rescue Awareness, Operations, and Technician, Auto Extrication Operations, Navigating the Grant Writing Process, The First 10 Minutes, Man in Machine, and The Art of Reading Smoke. Our in-house training program offered classes such as NFPA 1404 Respiratory Protection, Food Handlers Safety, Officer Development, and Rapid Intervention Training.

## Membership:

Active Members: 19

NFPA Firefighter 1: 19

NFPA Firefighter 2: 15

All other Valley Fire & Rescue Requirements: 3

Leave of Absence: 1

Auxiliary Members: 10

Participation hours: 2006

## Accomplishments:

On 4/1/24 Mason County 911 implemented our automatic aid policy. All box alarms, Motor Vehicle Accidents with injury or entrapment will receive 2 departments from the initial dispatch. All commercial box alarms will receive 3 departments from the initial dispatch.

We are now on LinkedIn. [linkedin.com/company/valley-fire-rescue-wv](https://www.linkedin.com/company/valley-fire-rescue-wv)

## Upcoming:

- On May 5th, at 8:00am we are conducting live fire training for our department and our automatic and mutual aid departments.
- On May 14<sup>th</sup> the general election will include a vote to maintain our levy funding.
- We have an upcoming quarterly fundraiser lunch to benefit our training center on April 27, at 11:00 am. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be served.
- On August 24<sup>th</sup>, from 8:00pm to 12:00am we are conducting nighttime live fire training for our department and our automatic and mutual aid departments.