

Valley Fire & Rescue Quarterly Report

Quarter 4 – 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 another quarter closes, and the year ends we continue to make great progress with our organization. I am proud of our membership for stepping up and making great things happen. The number of both firefighting recruits and auxiliary recruits we have gained this quarter is amazing. Our membership is continually stepping up to achieve our goals as an organization and fulfill our vision. I would like to personally thank them for all they do to make this organization function. We will continue to grow next year and make it just as successful of a year as 2024 was. As we begin the new year, we hope to continue and build upon last years progress.

Operations:

Requests for assistance: 56

Average Response Time: 25.19 Minutes

Average Members per Response: 5

Fire

Structure: 1

Brush: 8

Vehicle: 1

Other: 7

False Alarm: 2

Rescue

Motor Vehicle Accident – no injuries: 6

Motor Vehicle Accident – injuries: 5

Motor Vehicle Accident – entrapment: 0

Water Rescue: 0

Hazardous Condition: 0

Power Line/Tree Down: 4

Severe Weather-Related Incidents: 2

Other: 11

Assist EMS: 3

Medical Response: 0

Cancelled Enroute: 6

No Response: 3

Aid

Mutual Aid Received: 19

Automatic Aid Received: 11

Aid Given: 10

Training:

Hours Offered in Station: 36

Members participation: 24

Hours completed: 457

Our in-house training program offered classes such as Incident Safety Officer, Basic Wildfire Suppression, Air Pack Familiarization, Nighttime Live Fire, ESO Checklists, Driver & Officer Training, and Hazardous Materials Refresher.

Membership:

Active Members: 25

NFPA Firefighter 1: 18

NFPA Firefighter 2: 19

All other Valley Fire & Rescue Requirements: 7

Leave of Absence: 1

Auxiliary Members: 15

Participation hours: 2394

Accomplishments:

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

Quarterly reports and monthly business meeting minutes are now available on our website.

Our Chief officers rewrote the Mason County Fire Department Billing Authorization, proposed it to the County Commission and they are reviewing it. This will increase our cost recovery effectiveness and improve funding flow for maintenance and new equipment purchases. This additional funding will decrease our overall needs and increase our effectiveness.

We were awarded FEMSA's SAFER Grant to increase staffing and enhance retention. This \$235,000 grant will help us continue the growth we have seen over this year.

Upcoming:

- ISFAC Firefighter 1 & 2 January – February
- February 15th we recognize our members for their hard work and dedication in 2024
- Resuming our training lunches (to be announced)
- We are planning an addition to our training center, beginning in May

- Rope Operations and Technician courses are being scheduled