

## July Ambulance Report

We have had 27 calls for the month of July. We have had 60 calls for the year already. For perspective, we had a total of 75 calls for the whole year in 2024. I estimate we'll easily surpass last year's total.

Despite the heavy call volume, the Team has answered all calls and provided excellent and professional care. New service members and veterans are working well together, and everyone is gaining valuable experience.

The press for new EMTs continues, however, regardless of our current numbers. Changes in our team members' availability will happen this fall and we will need some of our current EMRs to become EMTs to keep things running smoothly. I have discussed options with Tom Renz, head of EMS education at Northwood Tech. The state has currently increased the required hours needed for both EMT and EMR licensure. 'In Wisconsin, the hours required for Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) initial training have increased from 180 to 288 hours. This change was approved by the Department of Health Services (DHS) and is part of the new EMS training curriculum. The curriculum also increases Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) initial training from 75 to 108 hours.' [Docs.legis.wisconsin.gov](https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov)

I anticipate recruitment struggles as EMS requirements become more demanding. I will continue to brainstorm all possible incentives for future and current service members. I also welcome any suggestions.

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