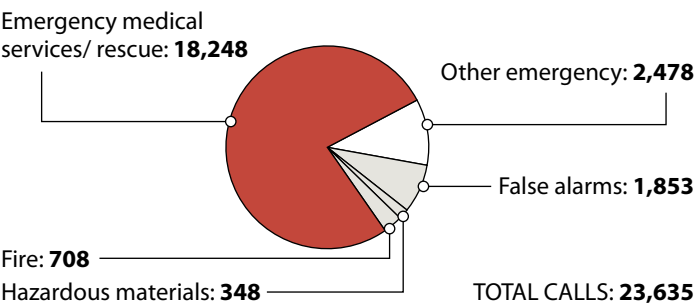


Rockford Fire Department ambulance calls up

Fire officials and union leadership plan to form a committee to find a way to add up to two ambulances to Rockford's fleet of five to better handle a growing number of emergency calls.

Ambulance requests accounted for 77 percent of all emergency calls to the Rockford Fire Department in 2008, and the number of ambulance calls has increased 33 percent since 2006.

CALLS BY TYPE FOR 2008



CALLS BY YEAR

	2006	2007	2008	2009*	PCT CHG FROM '06
Total calls	20,915	22,864	23,635	26,095	25%
Ambulance	15,390	17,372	18,243	20,500	33%
Fire calls	671	781	702	725	8%

*Projected

Source: Rockford Fire Department

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