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Green Bay Fire Department Reaches 10,000 calls for 2008

Green Bay, WI, December 31, 2008 –Early this morning, the Green Bay Fire Department responded to call number 10,000 for the year. This is a record number of calls for the department. Five years ago (2003), we responded to 8,966 calls for the year and have been steadily climbing each year since then.

About 80% of the calls that the Green Bay Fire Department responds to are emergency medical calls. For various reasons, many people are using emergency medical services (ambulances) and hospital emergency rooms as a means of primary medical care, as opposed to visiting a family doctor at a clinic.

This year, we have responded to over 300 working fires with a total loss in excess of \$6.4 million dollars. Today is the last day of the “Wreath Campaign” (tracks residential home fires from December 1st - January 1st) and there are 11 red bulbs lit as of now. Last year we ended with 14 red bulbs

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