

# **Monmouth Fire Department**

## **June Monthly Report**

**July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016**  
**City Council Meeting**



### **Emergency Responses:**

*The Monmouth Fire Department utilizes fire reporting software approved by the United States Fire Administration and the Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal. This software records fire department responses in over 90 categories to track fire department emergency response statistics. This information is used by the department to support decision-making for fire response planning. Tracking response data with approved software is also required for fire departments receiving Federal and State grant dollars.*

*The chart on the following page includes a brief summary for each of the nine main categories of incident types and the number of calls that were responded to in each category.*

<b>Responses</b>	<b>Monthly</b>	<b>YTD</b>
<b><u>Fires</u></b>	03	17
Includes structure fires, fire in mobile property used as a fixed structure (mobile homes and campers), vehicle fires, vegetation fires, rubbish fires, and field fires. There may also be other types of fires that do not necessarily meet the definition of one of the subcategories in this category.		
<b><u>Overpressure, Rupture, Explosion, Overheat (without ensuing fire)</u></b>	00	02
Includes overpressure rupture of a steam pipe or pipeline, overpressure or rupture from air or gas pipe or pipeline, overpressure rupture from chemical reaction, explosion without resulting in fire, and overheat or scorching with no ignition.		
<b><u>Rescue and Emergency Medical Services</u></b>	59	335
Includes medical assists (majority of MFD calls in this category), vehicle accidents with injuries, vehicle/pedestrian accidents, lock-in (gaining access to a vehicle or other area where a patient is locked inside), search for a lost person, extrication (victims trapped in vehicle, elevator, trench, confined space, machinery), water and ice rescue, and electrocutions.		
<b><u>Hazardous Conditions (no fire)</u></b>	33	80
Includes combustible/flammable spills and leaks, chemical releases or toxic conditions, carbon monoxide incidents, power line down, electrical equipment problems, vehicle accidents with no injuries, incidents involving explosives and attempted arson.		
<b><u>Service Calls</u></b>	06	65
Includes people in distress (locked out of vehicle), water in basements or leaky hydrant, smoke or odor removal, animal rescue, provide police with assistance, smoke detector checks, and unauthorized burning.		
<b><u>Good Intent Calls</u></b>	08	38
Incidents where the fire department was dispatched and then cancelled while en-route to the call. Also includes calls where no emergency was found upon arrival. Incidents where steam was mistaken for smoke or smoke from a barbecue or other controlled fire was mistaken for an uncontrolled fire. Includes emergency medical calls when the patient had been transported prior to the arrival of emergency responders.		
<b><u>False Alarms and False Calls</u></b>	13	74
Includes false alarms that were malicious or mischievous in nature, bomb scares, alarm activation due to the system malfunctioning, and the accidental activation of the alarm system (example -burnt food).		
<b><u>Severe Weather and Natural Disaster</u></b>	00	00
Includes responses to severe weather and natural disasters to stand by, investigate, or to assess the damage to determine if any additional assistance is needed.		
<b><u>Other Type Incidents</u></b>	00	01
Includes citizen complaints concerning code or ordinance violations and any other incidents that may not fit any of the above categories.		
<b>Total</b>	122	612

### **Staff Training:**

During the month of June firefighters completed EMS training on the subject of airway management and ventilation. This subject covers the procedures for clearing or maintaining a patient's airway and emergency ventilation for patients who are having trouble breathing. Firefighters reviewed a PowerPoint presentation and conducted a case review.

Firefighters also conducted training on the subject of drafting water from a static water source. Firefighters used the dry hydrant at Citizens Lake to pump water from the lake to practice the pumping techniques.

Captains Ryan Armstrong and Ralph Peeler attended a Command and General Staff class hosted by the Davenport Fire Department and instructed by the Illinois Fire Service Institute. The class teaches the firefighters about being an incident commander at large incidents that may cover several days. The class is centered on the National Incident Management System or NIMS which is the system used at all types of incidents by all types of agencies. Using the NIMS system at incidents ensures a more organized response and command structure by using pre-established command roles that all of the agencies can operate in which make incidents run smoother and more effectively.

### **Non-Emergency Activities:**

All of the shifts participated in the Freezing for Food Campaign at Save-A-Lot.

MFD provided a stand-by at the figure 8 race at Monmouth Park for the new race put on by the Prime Beef Festival Committee.

Firefighters participated in the Warren County reading program for children by reading to the group of children and showing them the fire engine.

Firefighters assisted at the Police Department entry-level testing by taking medical information from the candidates at the physical agility test.

Firefighters completed all of the hydrant flow testing for the year and also completed all of the hydrant flushing except for the hydrants surrounding Smithfield Foods which will be done sometime soon. Firefighters are still in the process of scraping and painting/color coding hydrants which causes no interruption to water services.

### **Fire Code Items:**

Firefighters conducted a fire code re-inspection at the Warren County Sheriff's Department.

### **Apparatus and Equipment Related Items:**

There were a few minor issues with the apparatus and equipment but overall no major problems were reported during the month of June that required anything to be taken out of service.

**Other:**

The Board of Fire and Police Commission will be conducting entry-level firefighter testing on July 16<sup>th</sup> at the Monmouth College Huff Center. Applications for the entry-level testing were due on June 24<sup>th</sup> and the Commission had a total of six applicants for the testing process. If all of the applicants pass the physical agility test they will be allowed to take a written exam. If the applicants pass the written exam they will be asked to come for an interview with the Police and Fire Commission and will also have the chance to submit any applicable certifications to earn extra points before the final eligibility list is formed and posted. Entry-level testing for the fire department is conducted every two years.

Respectfully submitted,  
Casey Rexroat, Fire Chief