

Monmouth Fire Department January Monthly Report

***February 20th, 2018
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.

Responses	Monthly	YTD
<u>Fires</u>	03	03
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.		
<u>Overpressure, Rupture, Explosion, Overheat (without ensuing fire)</u>	00	00
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.		
<u>Rescue and Emergency Medical Services</u>	95	95
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.		
<u>Hazardous Conditions (no fire)</u>	09	09
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.		
<u>Service Calls</u>	11	11
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.		
<u>Good Intent Calls</u>	08	08
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.		
<u>False Alarms and False Calls</u>	08	08
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).		
<u>Severe Weather and Natural Disaster</u>	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.		
<u>Other Type Incidents</u>	00	00
Includes citizen complaints concerning code or ordinance violations and any other incidents that may not fit any of the above categories.		
Total	134	134

Staff Training:

During the month of January the Monmouth Fire Department hosted a training class on the subject of Ice Rescue. The class was taught by instructors from a company called Michigan Ice Rescue Concepts. The training consisted of a one day class with half of the class being taught in a classroom and the second half being taught outdoors on the ice. The Monmouth Fire Department along with several other area departments participated in the training and the outdoor practical training was done at Citizens Lake in Monmouth. Holes were cut in the ice on the lake and firefighters (wearing protective suits) practiced self-rescue from the ice and also practiced different ways to rescue someone who has fallen through the ice. The training was very beneficial to all of the departments that participated.

Non-Emergency Activities:

Firefighters participated in an event at ICS School for "In Our Community" day where the school invited people from the community to come and talk to the students about what they do. The firefighters gave a presentation to the students about firefighting and all of the things that the fire department does for the community.

Firefighters provided training to the staff at the Warren County Library on how to use a fire extinguisher.

Fire Code Items:

The new Casey's General Store was inspected prior to opening and no problems were found.

Apparatus and Equipment Related Items:

Engines 21 and 23 both had to have the pumps repaired due to both of them leaking water from the pumps on the trucks. Both of the trucks were repaired by Alexis Fire Equipment and were only taken out of service for a short time.

The fire department has purchased a new thermal imaging camera for the department. This is the second thermal imaging camera purchased in the last two years to replace aging cameras at the department. The thermal imaging camera is one of the best tools that the fire department has to find victims or hidden fire and is very beneficial to have two newer cameras at the department. The cost of the camera was shared between budgeted funds and through a grant from the Illinois Public Risk Fund.

Other:

The Monmouth Fire Department has submitted a funding request to the FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program for the purchase of a new ladder truck. The amount requested in the grant application was \$1,000,000 of which the City's match would be 5% or \$50,000 if the fire department is awarded the grant. This is the same grant that was applied for a year ago and the request was denied. The ladder truck that the fire department would like to replace is now twenty years old.

Respectfully submitted,
Casey Rexroat, Fire Chief