

# **Monmouth Fire Department**

## **March Monthly Report**

**April 16th, 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.*

<b>Responses</b>	<b>Monthly</b>	<b>YTD</b>
<b><u>Fires</u></b>	01	05
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	249
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>	88	28
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>	08	28
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>	04	26
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>	06	16
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>	03	19
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	00
Includes citizen complaints concerning code or ordinance violations and any other incidents that may not fit any of the above categories.		
<b>Total</b>	110	343

**Staff Training:**

During the month of March, the staff conducted emergency medical training on the subject of injuries to the abdomen. All of the firefighters reviewed the common injuries to the abdominal area and how to treat those injuries.

Chief Rexroat attended training on the subject of buried pipelines. The training covered emergencies involving pipelines that have ruptured including evacuation distances and notifications that would need to be made.

**Non-Emergency Activities:**

Preparation began on the billing process for the 2-mile paid fire protection service the City offers. This fee is based on assessed valuation of the structure so that information was received in February and bills will be generated and sent to paid protection recipients.

Several of the firefighters participated in the Merit Badge University held at Monmouth College to teach fire safety to Boy Scouts who are working to earn merit badges. The firefighters hosted the scouts at the fire station for the instruction and also provided a station tour for the scouts working towards a fire safety badge.

Firefighters participated in a career fair at Central School and talked to the children about what it's like to work at a fire department.

**Other:**

The Fire Department has loaned several historical items to the Warren County Museum for an exhibit they have about first responders in Warren County. The items loaned to the Museum were a leather bucket, badges, lantern, and a photo. The exhibit is scheduled to run through December of this year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Casey Rexroat, Fire Chief