

# ***Monmouth Fire Department June Monthly Report***

***July 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>	8	22
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	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.		
<b><u>Rescue and Emergency Medical Services</u></b>	65	480
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>	07	47
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	47
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>	03	22
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	44
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>	90	662

**Staff Training:**

During the month of June, the staff completed emergency medical training on the subject of Diabetic emergencies. Often times, firefighters respond to medical emergencies and find a patient who is having a diabetic reaction. It is important for the firefighters to recognize the signs and symptoms of a diabetic reaction and how to treat the patient. The staff reviewed all of the indicators involving a patient who is having a diabetic reaction and how to administer medication to help them.

**Non-Emergency Activities:**

The firefighters helped out at the Relay for Life by assisting with setting up for the event and then taking things down after the event was over. During the Relay for Life event the firefighters participated in Kids Safety Day (held simultaneously) by talking to the kids and having a truck on display.

Firefighters participated in an event that was hosted by the Warren County Housing Authority at Lincoln Homes for families to come and talk to various agencies who attended. The purpose of the event was to have fun and give the families the opportunity to meet and talk to the agencies who attended.

Firefighters continue to install free smoke detectors for residents in the community. The fire department has been partnering with the Red Cross for just over a year now and have installed free smoke detectors in seventy-one homes in Monmouth.

The fire department assisted the staff at Legacy Estates with conducting a fire drill and gave suggestions on evacuating the residents. The firefighters also provided fire extinguisher training to the staff at Legacy.

**Apparatus and Equipment Related Items:**

Engine 21 was taken to Alexis Fire Equipment to have the exhaust and brakes repaired. Several of the trucks have recently been worked on by Alexis Fire Equipment to correct problems that are mostly caused by the age of the trucks. Many of the issues have been with the parts of the water pump that are wearing out and cause the truck to leak water. The repairs have been made as the problems become apparent and affect the operation of the trucks.

**Other:**

On June 30<sup>th</sup> the fire department assisted the Board of Police and Fire Commissioners with the entry-level firefighter testing which was held at the Monmouth College Huff Center. Entry level firefighter testing is held every other year to keep a current list of eligible candidates in case there are openings at the fire department. Five applicants passed the tests to continue on to the oral interview stage of the process which will be held in mid-July. Once the process is completed, the Police and Fire Commission will publish an eligibility list of the candidates that will be posted for two years. If the fire department needs to hire anyone over the next two years they will come from that list.

Respectfully submitted,  
Casey Rexroat, Fire Chief