

Monmouth Fire Department September Monthly Report

***October 15th, 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 |
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| <u>Fires</u> | 03 | 33 |
| 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 | 01 |
| 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> | 69 | 675 |
| 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> | 11 | 81 |
| 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> | 02 | 72 |
| 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> | 05 | 39 |
| 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> | 09 | 68 |
| 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 | 99 | 969 |

Staff Training:

For the month of September, the MFD Staff conducted Emergency Medical training on the subject of legal and ethical issues. Responding to medical calls can involve many legal issues including things such as consent to provide care, scope of practice, and mandatory reporting. All of the firefighters reviewed the information and conducted a case review. All of the firefighters also completed an annual bloodborne pathogen refresher.

Practical training for the month covered the topic of vehicle machinery operations. The fire department acquired three cars which were used to practice extricating victims who are trapped in a vehicle. During the training the firefighters were able to practice vehicle stabilization, lifting, and removing different parts of the vehicles to obtain access to trapped victims.

Familiarization walkthroughs were completed by all of the shifts at Cloverleaf Cold Storage and Midwestern Pet Foods. The walkthroughs were done on three different days to allow each shift to do the training while on duty.

Firefighters participated in Alice drills that were conducted by the police department at different schools.

Non-Emergency Activities:

The fire department helped at the Prime Beef Festival setup by painting fire lanes and posting signs for the lanes. The fire department was also set to provide a stand-by for the car races and demo-derby which were rescheduled for a later date because of rain.

In September, the Fire Department hosted a blood drive at the North Fire Station. Jana Cozadd who is an employee of Eagle View Community Health System offered to make the arrangements for the blood drive. Jana made all of the arrangements and the firefighters helped to set up on the truck floor where the blood drive was held. The Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center was at the fire station from 1:00 till about 6:30 and were able to get donations from approximately 27 people. This is the second year in a row that the fire department hosted the blood drive.

Apparatus and Equipment Related Items:

Engine 21 had a minor electrical issue with the truck that caused all of the lights to stop working without warning. The issues was addressed quickly by Alexis Fire Equipment and the engine was not taken out of service for the repair.

Respectfully submitted,
Casey Rexroat, Fire Chief