

Monmouth Fire Department April Monthly Report

***May 17th, 2021
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>	01	08
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>	01	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>	91	316
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>	10	39
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>	06	32
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	18
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>	11	29
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	125	443

Staff Training:

The Fire Department's monthly training for April included the topics of ropes & knots and ladders. The staff at the fire department reviewed the different types of rope used in the fire service and the appropriate types of knots to use for rescue and hoisting equipment. The firefighters also reviewed the different types of rigging setups to use for rescue situations and practiced setting them up. In addition to the ropes & knots, the firefighters all reviewed the different types of ladders used in the fire service and the proper way to deploy them.

MFD staff also conducted emergency medical service training on the topic of hazardous materials. All of the firefighters reviewed the types of medical emergencies that can occur when working around hazardous materials and how to treat patients who have been exposed to a dangerous substance. Firefighters also reviewed how to keep themselves safe when responding to emergencies involving hazardous materials.

In addition to the monthly training, each shift met with representatives from Warren County Housing at Oak and Costello Terrace for familiarization training. Assistant Chief Spears set up the meetings with the WCH staff where they provided a tour of the buildings and mechanical areas, updates on improvements to their alarm systems, and discussions about possible future improvements.

The fire department hosted a class called "New Car Technology" that was provided by instructors from the Illinois Fire Service Institute. The training provides the firefighters with information about how new cars are being made and possible challenges they may encounter when rescuing someone from a vehicle accident.

Non-Emergency Activities:

Firefighters at Station II discovered a water line in a wall behind the kitchen cabinets had failed causing damage to several cabinets. During the repair, plumbers found several other water lines that also needed repairs and had to replace most of the plumbing in the wall that serves the kitchen and restroom. After the water lines were repaired, the firefighters were able to replace the cabinets so the kitchen could be used again.

Fire Code Items:

Chief Rexroat assisted Director Clark with an occupancy inspection of the renovations to County Market. No issues were found during the inspection.

Apparatus and Equipment Related Items:

Ambulance 46 and Engine 4 were taken for regular preventative maintenance and a minor repair to the ambulance.

Engine 23 was taken for regular maintenance where the mechanic found several issues that needed to be addressed including a serpentine belt, exhaust leak, tie rods, seals around the power steering, and several broken welds. All of the repairs have been taken care of.

An issue was found with the brakes on Engine 21 that required the brake chambers and brake drums to be replaced on both rear wheels. The engine was out of service for a few days for the repair.

Ambulance 46 was taken to have the 6-month DOT inspection completed and also had the annual inspection from the Illinois Department of Public Health. The ambulance passed both inspections and no issues were found.

Other:

The fire department attended the annual Pension Board meeting, 911 Board meeting, and a Safety Committee meeting.

The Board of Police and Fire Commissioners along with Chief Rexroat conducted interviews for the candidates who are participating in the promotional process for the rank of Assistant Chief.

Respectfully submitted,
Casey Rexroat, Fire Chief