

# ***Monmouth Fire Department September Monthly Report***

***October 4th, 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.*

<b>Responses</b>	<b>Monthly</b>	<b>YTD</b>
<b><u>Fires</u></b>	04	20
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	02
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>	97	717
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>	05	85
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>	27	98
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	45
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>	12	81
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>	02	03
Includes citizen complaints concerning code or ordinance violations and any other incidents that may not fit any of the above categories.		
<b>Total</b>	153	1051

### **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.

Fire training for the month included the topic of firefighter safety. The MFD staff reviewed several PowerPoint presentations and watched videos covering firefighter safety.

A trainer from Pierce Manufacturing provided training on Ladder 40 to all three shifts at the fire department. The trainer covered all of the controls for the operation of the truck, the ladder, and the pump.

### **Non-Emergency Activities:**

The fire department held a remembrance ceremony to mark the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 9/11. The ceremony was conducted at Station I and was held outside. The ceremony included a lowering of the flag to half-staff, a bell ceremony, and a bagpiper played Amazing Grace. The ceremony was open to the public and was well received by those in attendance.

The Monmouth Fire Department provided a color guard during the National Anthem at the Monmouth College home opener football game that was held on September 11<sup>th</sup>.

The fire department worked with the Prime Beef Festival staff to mark fire lanes and provide a stand-by for any emergencies during the car events at the festival. The fire department also participated in the Prime Beef Festival Parade.

Captain Cozadd and Firefighter Carson participated in a Farm Safety Day event that is organized annually by the Warren Henderson Farm Bureau. During the event, representatives from different agencies provide training and instruction to 5<sup>th</sup> graders in regard to safety around the farm. Cozadd and Carson provided fire safety tips and fire extinguisher training to the children.

The fire department hosted a blood drive at the North Fire Station. The blood drive was held on September 20<sup>th</sup> and was organized by Jana Cozadd of Eagle View Community Health Systems. The blood drive was well attended and there were 19 units donated.

### **Fire Code Items:**

Chief Rexroat worked with the staff at Monmouth College to figure the occupancy load in assembly areas of several of their residence halls. The college requested the figures in order to plan for events that may be held in their facilities.

### **Apparatus and Equipment Related Items:**

Chief Rexroat, Captain Cozadd, and Firefighter Carson traveled to the Pierce facility in Appleton, Wisconsin to complete the final inspection of Ladder 40 before it was delivered to the department on September 16<sup>th</sup>. Since it was delivered, the MFD staff has been working to get equipment mounted and hose loaded to put the truck into service. In addition to preparing the truck for service, the firefighters have been training on the use of the truck to ensure they are familiar with the setup and controls.

Engine 23 had an issue with the motor that caused it to be taken out of service for almost a week. The engine has now been repaired and has been returned to service.

### **Other**

The department has been awarded a grant from Compeer Financial in the amount of \$2,946 to purchase new rope rescue equipment to replace some of the department's outdated rope equipment. Captain Armstrong applied for the grant in August and the department was just recently notified of the award.

Respectfully submitted,

Casey Rexroat, Fire Chief



