

Monmouth Fire Department

October Monthly Report

November 16th, 2020

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>	04	25
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	03
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>	83	626
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>	14	114
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>	11	79
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>	07	44
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>	12	94
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	131	985

Staff Training:

During the month of October, the staff at the fire department completed Emergency Medical Service training on the topics of Lifting/Moving patients and also the incident command system at medical emergencies.

Other training that was completed during October was vehicle extrication training. All of the firefighters practiced the different techniques for manipulating or dismantling vehicles in order to get access to a victim of a car accident. Berg's Towing donated the cars for the fire department to use for the training which is very beneficial to be able to have actual vehicles to train on.

Non-Emergency Activities:

Fire Prevention Week occurs annually during the week of October 9th which is the anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire and the lesser known Peshtigo Fire which occurred about the same time. The theme for this year's Fire Prevention Week was "Serve up fire safety in the kitchen". This year fire safety week was done a little differently due to schools not being in session. In order to get the word out, Assistant Chief Spears, Captain Cozadd, Firefighter Carson and Firefighter Wenger worked with Ken Helms to develop an educational video about fire safety and also to provide a virtual tour of the trucks. The video was posted on Facebook and also sent to the local schools to be shown to the students working remotely. Along with the video, the firefighters were able to make it out to a few locations for in-person presentations such as Monmouth Early Learning Center and ICS School.

The fire department provided fire extinguisher training to the employees at Americold Logistics.

Fire Code Items:

Chief Rexroat worked with Director Clark with an advisory inspection at the Monmouth Manor Apartments and also assisted with a few rental property complaints.

Apparatus and Equipment Related Items:

Engine 21 had a few minor issues repaired and Ambulance 46 received the 6-month Department of Transportation inspection. The Ambulance also had a minor repair completed by the firefighters at the department.

Respectfully submitted,
Casey Rexroat, Fire Chief