

Monmouth Fire Department October Monthly Report

November 15th, 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>	02	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.		
<u>Overpressure, Rupture, Explosion, Overheat (without ensuing fire)</u>	01	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>	104	823
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	95
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>	23	122
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	52
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>	10	91
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>	01	04
Includes citizen complaints concerning code or ordinance violations and any other incidents that may not fit any of the above categories.		
Total	157	1211

Staff Training:

Fire department October training included the topic of auto extrication. 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.

Captains Peeler and Cozadd attended Advanced Fire Officer training at the Illinois Fire Service Institute in Champaign. Advanced Fire Officer training provides the officer supervisory or managerial skills to be able to oversee multiple fire companies or fire stations. The training is taught over the course of eight weeks with two weeks of in-person training and the remainder being self-study. Topics covered in the training include Human Resource Management, Community and Government Relations, Administration, Inspections and Investigations, Emergency Service Delivery, and Health and Safety.

All of the firefighters participated in Truck Company Operations training that was held at the fire department and provided by instructors from the Illinois Fire Service Institute. The class was provided free of charge to the department and included the topics of aerial ladder placement, rescue, ventilation, and truck operation. Captain Peeler made arrangements for the class to be held for the fire department as part of the in-service training for the ladder truck.

Chief Rexroat attended the 70th annual Illinois Fire Chief's Association Conference in Peoria. The conference included some very good information and programs on the topics of leadership, management, and lessons learned from past incidents. During the conference, Chief Rexroat was sworn into the IFCA executive board as an Area Representative joining fire chiefs from Peoria and Chillicothe to represent the IFCA in twelve counties in West Central Illinois.

Firefighter Wenger took the exam to become certified in Fire Service Vehicle Operator (FSVO). FSVO is a prerequisite for other certifications including Basic Operations Firefighter, Hazardous Materials Operations, and Vehicle Machinery Operations. With the completion of the exam, Firefighter Wenger will now be able to become state certified in these other subjects.

Non-Emergency Activities:

The Monmouth Fire Department recognized National Fire Prevention Week which occurs annually during the week of October 9th. Each year, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) chooses the theme for Fire Prevention Week, this year's theme was "Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety". Although the fire department was limited from doing presentations at some schools and other facilities due to COVID, the following activities were able to be completed:

- The FD provided a tour for the Girls Scouts and Cub Scouts
- Provided a presentation at the Warren County Public Library
- Provided fire extinguisher training to the staff at Legacy Estates
- Conducted fire drills at Lincoln, Harding, Central, and ICS Schools
- Conducted fire drills at all of the Monmouth College Dorms, Fraternities, and Sororities

The fire department also hosted a Halloween trick-or-treat event at the North Fire Station. The Monmouth Police Department, Galesburg Hospital Ambulance Service, and Eagleview Community Health Systems were all in attendance to hand out candy to trick-or-treaters who passed through the station. The Monmouth Evening Lions were also in attendance and handed out hotdogs, chips, and bottled water. The event was very successful as hundreds of people came to trick-or-treat.

The fire department participated in the Monmouth College Homecoming parade and also the Monmouth Roseville High School Homecoming parade.

Fire Code Items:

Chief Rexroat assisted Director Clark with providing guidance to the YMCA on updates to their fire alarm system and a local bed and breakfast owner to ensure their facility was safe for occupancy.

Apparatus and Equipment Related Items:

Ambulance 46 received its bi-annual DOT inspection and passed without any issues.

Consolidated Fleet Services completed the annual inspection for all of the fire department's ground ladders. Only a few minor issues were found with the ladders and none of them were taken from service.

The annual service was completed on all of the small engines and generators at the department which also required a few minor repairs which were completed in-house.

Other:

Chief Rexroat and Assistant Chief Spears attended a Warren County 911 Board meeting to discuss a recent issue with one of the towers used by the 911 system.

A local foundation has provided the fire department with funding to replace outdated equipment and purchase new equipment to be used for rope and grain bin rescue incidents. With the funding, the fire department is able to purchase new rope, harnesses, personal protective equipment, and other rescue equipment to improve firefighter safety and effectiveness when called for these types of incidents. Any funding left over after the equipment purchases will be used for additional training for the firefighters.

Respectfully submitted,
Casey Rexroat, Fire Chief