

# ***Monmouth Fire Department December Monthly Report***

***January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
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>	02	26
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	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.		
<b><u>Rescue and Emergency Medical Services</u></b>	82	997
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>	12	117
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>	18	154
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>	08	68
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>	11	107
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>	01	05
Includes citizen complaints concerning code or ordinance violations and any other incidents that may not fit any of the above categories.		
<b>Total</b>	134	1477

**Staff Training:**

Fire department training for the month of December included the topics of Scene Size-up and Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA). Scene size-up involves the assessment of the emergency situation and is a very important skill for firefighters as it will determine what tactics the firefighters will use to mitigate the emergency. The staff also reviewed emergency procedures to use when using an SCBA including if the unit malfunctions in a dangerous environment and running out of air.

During the month of December, the fire department completed EMS training pertaining to poisons, bites, and insect stings. The staff reviewed information about the topic and conducted a case review.

Firefighter Dan Watson attended an Instructor I class at the Illinois Fire Service Institute. The Instructor I class is intended to give the firefighter the knowledge and ability to teach from prepared materials which are predominantly skills oriented. Areas covered include issues relating to today's Emergency Services Instructor, the learning process, methods of instruction, using lesson plans, communication skills, safety in training, technology in training, and evaluating the learning process.

**Non-Emergency Activities:**

During the month of December, the Monmouth Fire Department participated in the "Keep the Wreath Red" campaign. The "Keep the Wreath Red" campaign is a program that many fire departments across the United States participate in to raise awareness of fire prevention around the holidays. During the campaign, a wreath is decorated with red lights and hung on the front of the fire station. Each time that the fire department responds to a structure fire during the month of December one of the red lights is replaced with a white light. The wreath is used to serve as a reminder to stay safe around the holidays.

The fire department staff participated in both days of the annual "Freezing for Food" campaign with Prairie Communications at the Save-A-Lot grocery store.

All fire personnel underwent a mask fit testing and also received their annual medical evaluations. The testing is required annually by the Illinois Department of Labor/OSHA for anyone who is required to wear any type of respirator.

**Fire Code Items:**

The fire department assisted Director Clark with inspections at Lakeshore Recycling, F & M Bank, and Scooters Coffee. The fire department also conducted an inspection at Legacy Estates.

**Apparatus and Equipment Related Items:**

Engine 21 was taken to Alexis Fire Equipment to have a hydraulic cylinder replaced. The hydraulic cylinder that was replaced is for raising and lowering the cab on the apparatus. The engine was taken out of service for one day for the repair.

**Other:**

The fire department submitted a grant request to the FEMA Assistance to Firefighters grant program for the purchase of new turnout gear extractors and dryers for the fire stations. The grant request included one extractor and dryer for each station and includes the installation of the equipment. The requested amount for the project totaled \$32,750. If awarded the grant, the city would be required to pay for 5% of the project.

Respectfully submitted,  
Casey Rexroat, Fire Chief