

# ***Monmouth Fire Department July Monthly Report***

***August 17th, 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.*

| <b>Responses</b>  | <b>Monthly</b> | <b>YTD</b> |
|---|----------------|------------|
| <b><u>Fires</u></b>   | 01             | 15         |
| 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>   | 01             | 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>   | 80             | 390        |
| 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>  | 13             | 74         |
| 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>   | 07             | 54         |
| 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>   | 03             | 25         |
| 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>  | 02             | 59         |
| 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>  | 00             | 00         |
| Includes citizen complaints concerning code or ordinance violations and any other incidents that may not fit any of the above categories.   |                |            |
| <b>Total</b>  | 107            | 619        |

**Staff Training:**

During the month of July, the fire department staff trained on the topics of Public Education, District Familiarization, and Pre-fire Planning. The staff reviewed material on each subject and also practiced writing pre-fire plans for select properties in the City.

The subject of the emergency medical training for the month of July was Hematology/Hemorrhage, and Shock. Shifts reviewed the causes of each of the conditions, how to recognize them, and what procedures to take when caring for someone when it occurs.

Firefighter Tyler Osborn provided all of the fire department staff with CPR training to renew all of the CPR certifications at the department. CPR refreshers and certifications are required every two years.

All of the fire department staff completed the annual training on workplace harassment.

Captain Peeler worked with the Illinois Fire Service Institute to host a training class at the Monmouth Fire Station. IFSI provides certain classes at Illinois fire departments free of charge to allow local departments to receive training without traveling to Champaign where the institute is located. Captain Peeler has arranged to host several more classes at the department in the future. Because of COVID-19, all of the classes are held on the truck floor to allow for social distancing and several other measures are taken prevent the spread of the virus.

**Non-Emergency Activities:**

The fire department staff continued with the annual replacement of paid fire protection signs that are posted at each property where there is paid fire protection. The fire department has been replacing about 10-12 signs per year to update the signs for paid fire protection subscribers.

Chief Rexroat met with the staff of Warren County Housing Authority to conduct an after-action review of the fire that recently occurred in an apartment at Costello Terrace. The meeting was an open discussion of what happened at the fire, how the fire department responds, and any improvements that can be made to increase the safety of the tenants and staff.

**Fire Code Items:**

Chief Rexroat assisted Director Clark with a safety inspection at the new YMCA pool.

**Apparatus and Equipment Related Items:**

Engine 21 had an electrical issue and a leak in the water tank that needed to be repaired. The truck was taken to Alexis to have the issues addressed and the tank was repaired. While moving the truck after the tank was repaired, they discovered a problem with the alternator and main belt on the truck. The alternator and belt were repaired but it is not certain if that was the cause of the original electrical problem that the truck was taken to the shop for.

Respectfully submitted,  
Casey Rexroat, Fire Chief