

The logo is a Maltese cross with a central circle. The word "FIRE" is at the top, "EMERGENCY" is written vertically on the left and right arms, "EST. 1855" is at the bottom, and "MONMOUTH, ILL." is in a banner at the very bottom. A large, faint "FD" is in the center.

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

January 17th, 2023 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.

December Incidents

Basic Incident Type Code And Description (FD1.21)	Total Incidents
Incident Type Category (FD1.21): 1 - Fire	
111 - Building fire	1
113 - Cooking fire, confined to container	1
118 - Trash or rubbish fire, contained	1
151 - Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire	1
	Total: 4
Incident Type Category (FD1.21): 3 - Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident	
311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew	129
322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	3
324 - Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.	2
	Total: 134
Incident Type Category (FD1.21): 4 - Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	
400 - Hazardous condition, other	1
412 - Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	3
444 - Power line down	2
460 - Accident, potential accident, other	1
463 - Vehicle accident, general cleanup	1

Basic Incident Type Code And Description (FD1.21)	Total Incidents
Total: 8	
Incident Type Category (FD1.21): 5 - Service Call	
500 - Service call, other	3
522 - Water or steam leak	1
550 - Public service assistance, other	1
553 - Public service	12
554 - Assist invalid	1
561 - Unauthorized burning	2
Total: 20	
Incident Type Category (FD1.21): 6 - Good Intent Call	
600 - Good intent call, other	1
611 - Dispatched and cancelled en route	2
622 - No incident found on arrival at dispatch address	2
Total: 5	
Incident Type Category (FD1.21): 7 - False Alarm & False Call	
700 - False alarm or false call, other	6
715 - Local alarm system, malicious false alarm	2
734 - Heat detector activation due to malfunction	2
743 - Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	1
744 - Detector activation, no fire - unintentional	2
745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	1
746 - Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO	2
Total: 16	

Basic Incident Type Code And Description (FD1.21)	Total Incidents
	Total: 187

Total Number of Incidents Year to Date: 1,666

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.

Emergency medical training for the month of December included the topics of Burns and RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus). The MFD staff all reviewed the types of burns, how they happen, treatment of the injuries and how/where to transport patients with burn injuries. Also, the United States has seen an increase in the number of cases of RSV and the fire department staff trained on the subject to review the signs and symptoms to be able to recognize possible cases of the virus and treat the patient accordingly.

Non-Emergency Activities:

MFD provided a presentation to students at the Regional Adult Education Services (RAES) about firefighting as a career. Firefighters discussed general job requirements and what training and education is recommended to pursue a career in the fire service.

Firefighters attended the “Christmas on the Square” event that was held in the downtown square. The Monmouth Firefighters Local 1702 also helped to raise money for the Jamieson Center by ringing the bell and taking donations at County Market.

In 2017, the State of Illinois passed an update to the Smoke Detector Act which requires residents to replace their smoke alarms with 10-year long life smoke alarms. This update has taken effect on January 1st, 2023 and generally applies to residents who use battery operated smoke alarms in their homes, residents who have interconnected and hardwired smoke alarms are exempt. As MFD participates in free smoke alarm campaigns with the Red Cross and the Office of the State Fire Marshal, fire crews have been busy installing smoke alarms in the community over the past few months.

Apparatus and Equipment Related Items:

Ambulance 46 had an issue with the vehicle running rough and fouling spark plugs. The Ambulance was repaired at Complete Parts Repair and has been returned to service.

MFD has been moving forward with the purchase of the turnout gear extractors and dryers for the stations. The extractors and dryers are being purchased with funds awarded through the FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant. The grant funds will cover 95% of the total cost of the project and the City is required to cover the remaining 5%. The new dryers have been delivered to the station and the extractors are expected in March.

Other:

In October of 2022, the Board of Police and Fire Commissioners tested entry-level applicants to the fire department. At the conclusion of the testing process, the final eligibility list included 2 candidates that were eligible to be hired to the department. With the resignation of one firefighter in late 2022, the fire department is in the process of hiring someone to fill the vacancy. The first person on the final list has turned down the position and the second person is in the process to be hired. The hiring of the second person will exhaust the eligibility list and the fire department will again need to test applicants in early 2023. The reason to retest in the spring will be to maintain an active eligibility list in case anyone leaves the department in the next two years.

Early in 2022 the fire department was audited by the Insurance Services Office (ISO) to determine the ISO Classification for the City. The ISO Classification is a rating assigned to fire departments for insurance companies that reflects how prepared a community is for fires. Many things are taken into consideration during the audit including the fire department equipment, staffing, apparatus, and response times. Also included in the audit are statistical information from the dispatch center and the City's water system. The rating schedule for a fire department ranges from Class 1 to Class 10. Class 1 represents superior fire protection and Class 10 indicates the fire protection doesn't meet ISO's criteria. In 2014, the Monmouth Fire Department went from a Class 5 to a Class 4. During the most recent audit this past year, the fire department was able to maintain the Class 4 rating for the City. Improving and maintaining the rating takes a lot of hard work and this is a testament to the dedication and attention to detail the Monmouth Firefighters provide for the City.

Respectfully submitted,

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