

The logo is a Maltese cross with a red outline and a white center. The word "FIRE" is written in white capital letters across the top arm. The word "EMERGENCY" is written in white capital letters, with "EM" on the right arm and "ERGENCY" on the left arm. At the bottom of the cross, a banner contains the text "EST. 1855" and "MONMOUTH, IL." in white capital letters. In the center of the cross, there is a faint, stylized graphic of a fire hydrant.

Monmouth Fire Department
February Monthly Report

March 20th, 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.

February Incidents

Basic Incident Type Code And Description (FD1.21)	Total Incidents
Incident Type Category (FD1.21): 1 - Fire	
111 - Building fire	1
	Total: 1
Incident Type Category (FD1.21): 3 - Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident	
311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew	71
322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	1
	Total: 72
Incident Type Category (FD1.21): 4 - Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	
412 - Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	3
444 - Power line down	1
445 - Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	1
463 - Vehicle accident, general cleanup	1
	Total: 6
Incident Type Category (FD1.21): 5 - Service Call	
500 - Service call, other	3
551 - Assist police or other governmental agency	2
553 - Public service	4

Basic Incident Type Code And Description (FD1.21)	Total Incidents
554 - Assist invalid	4
	Total: 13
Incident Type Category (FD1.21): 6 - Good Intent Call	
600 - Good intent call, other	2
	Total: 2
Incident Type Category (FD1.21): 7 - False Alarm & False Call	
700 - False alarm or false call, other	4
711 - Municipal alarm system, malicious false alarm	1
743 - Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	1
	Total: 6
	Total: 100

Total Number of Incidents Year to Date: 277

Staff Training:

The EMS training for the month of February included the topics of Bloodborne Pathogens and HIPPA Awareness. The training included information about types of bloodborne pathogens, how they are spread, how to prevent exposure and what to do if exposed. The HIPPA awareness training covered what type of information is protected by HIPPA and how EMS personnel can avoid violations of HIPPA.

Fire related training for the month covered the topics of firefighter survival and mayday situations. All of the firefighters went over the procedures to follow if a firefighter were to become lost, injured, or trapped. The staff also practiced the techniques to rescue another firefighter or self-rescue if they become trapped in a fire.

MFD hosted a training event with members of the Western Illinois Firefighters Association on the subject of Grain Bin Rescue. Approximately 10 firefighters from other departments attended the training who practiced setting up hauling systems with the rope-rescue equipment.

Firefighter Devin Bemowski started attending the Basic Operations Firefighter Academy at the Illinois Fire Service Institute in Champaign. Firefighter Bemowski will attend the 7 weeks of academy followed by an 8th week of various classes to obtain his certification. Bemowski will lastly attend Vehicle Machinery Operations, a one week class that teaches how to extricate patients who are trapped or entangled in a vehicle or machinery before coming back to MFD.

Non-Emergency Activities:

MFD hosted a meeting to inform and train neighboring fire departments on the topic of incident accountability. Incident accountability has to do with accounting for all of the firefighters working at an emergency incident to ensure no one is lost or otherwise unaccounted for. MFD recently implemented a new system of incident accountability and invited all of the departments in Warren County to attend the meeting to learn about the system and how it can benefit everyone.

Apparatus and Equipment Related Items:

Ladder 40 had a minor issue with the electrical system which has recently been repaired. The truck was not taken out of service for the repair.

Engine 23 had a minor issue with the water pump. This issue was also repaired quickly and the engine was not taken out of service for the repair.

Other:

The Board of Police and Fire Commissioners will soon be testing again to form a new firefighter eligibility list. Last fall, the BFPC conducted the testing process and formed a list with two individuals. MFD hired one person and the other has been hired by another department which exhausted the list. The BFPC recently met to decide on a new date for the testing and also made a few changes to the testing process. The date for the testing has been set for June 24th which will be the physical agility test and written exam. The changes that were made to the testing process were:

- Lowering the age for applicants from 21 to 19. Applicants who are 19 years old may apply to the fire department and be placed on the final list but will only be hired if they are 21.
- All applicants are now required to complete the aerial ladder climb during the physical agility test. Previously, applicants could present a certificate showing they have completed the ladder climb exercise and bypass that portion of the test. All applicants are now required to climb the aerial ladder regardless of their certification.

Respectfully submitted,

Casey Rexroat, Fire Chief