

# **Monmouth Fire Department**

## **June Monthly Report**

**July 20th, 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>	03	14
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	01
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>	56	310
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	61
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>	09	47
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>	06	22
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>	10	57
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>	97	512

### **Staff Training:**

During the month of June, the fire department staff completed training on the topics of fire behavior, ventilation, and MABAS Equipment, the training included both classroom and practical training. The staff used PowerPoint slide shows and videos for the classroom portion and then set up the Western Shelter tent as part of the MABAS equipment training.

Emergency medical training for the month of June included a review of injuries that involve spinal trauma and a case review. On some calls, emergency medical personnel respond to accidents that involve trauma to the spine. Injuries to the spine must be handled very carefully in order to prevent any further injury while transporting the patient to the hospital for care. The MFD Staff reviewed the techniques for caring for a person who has suffered spinal trauma and also how to properly immobilize a patient to prevent the injury from getting any worse.

### **Non-Emergency Activities:**

The fire department provided a tour of the fire station for the YMCA day campers. The children were shown all of the trucks, equipment, gear, and were given the opportunity to use a fire hose to spray water.

The firefighters continued and completed repainting select hydrants in the City. Each year, a portion of the hydrants in the City are selected to be flow tested to determine how many gallons per minute are available from the hydrant. Hydrants are selected to be flow tested because the records are out-of-date or there have been improvements to the water distribution system. After the hydrants have been flow tested, the firefighters repaint the hydrant and color-code the bonnet based on the volume of water available from the hydrant. The color coding helps firefighters choose the appropriate hydrant to use during an emergency based on the amount of water needed.

Chief Rexroat and Assistant Chief Spears attended the 911 Board meeting that was held at the Police Department.

### **Fire Code Items:**

Chief Rexroat assisted Director Clark with an inspection of the new Patton Block Grill & Brew Pub, no problems were found.

### **Apparatus and Equipment Related Items:**

The MABAS Western Shelter that was taken to Centreville, IL earlier this year was retrieved and brought back to the Monmouth Fire Department. The tent was used by the hospital in Centreville for pre-screening patients during the pandemic. Upon its return, the tent was thoroughly cleaned by the MFD staff to ensure it is ready for another response if necessary.

## **COVID-19 Update**

- The fire department continues to stay diligent during responses regarding COVID-19 by wearing masks when necessary and practicing social distancing.
- For most visits from the public, access to the living quarters and offices at the station has been restricted.
- Chief Rexroat continues to participate in the bi-weekly conference call with the Health Department to stay up-to-date on local issues.
- The free smoke alarm program that the fire department participated in was suspended in March by the Red Cross who supplies the smoke alarms. So far, the Red Cross has not provided notice that they are restarting the program.

Respectfully submitted,  
Casey Rexroat, Fire Chief