

Monmouth Fire Department May Monthly Report

***June 21st, 2021
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.

Responses	Monthly	YTD
<u>Fires</u>	03	11
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.		
<u>Overpressure, Rupture, Explosion, Overheat (without ensuing fire)</u>	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.		
<u>Rescue and Emergency Medical Services</u>	77	393
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.		
<u>Hazardous Conditions (no fire)</u>	03	42
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.		
<u>Service Calls</u>	15	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.		
<u>Good Intent Calls</u>	05	23
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.		
<u>False Alarms and False Calls</u>	09	38
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).		
<u>Severe Weather and Natural Disaster</u>	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.		
<u>Other Type Incidents</u>	00	00
Includes citizen complaints concerning code or ordinance violations and any other incidents that may not fit any of the above categories.		
Total	112	555

Staff Training:

The fire department staff completed training on the topics of MABAS equipment and communications. The Monmouth Fire Department currently houses many of the MABAS Division 62 assets that are available for deployment to an emergency. The equipment at the department includes a UTV, generator/light tower, and a Western Shelter tent. All of the staff reviewed the proper use of each piece of equipment and practiced setting up and taking down the Western Shelter tent. The tent can be used for many things including housing responders, a command center, or a space to provide first aid.

The emergency medical training for the month of May was on the topic of rescue awareness. The fire department staff reviewed how to recognize situations that require a specialized form of rescue or extrication and any special considerations to take when performing the rescue.

Firefighter Wenger attended a Fire Apparatus Engineer class at the Illinois Fire Service Institute in Champaign. The week long class teaches firefighters the operation of the water pumps on the apparatus including the proper pressures to pump the water at for different types of hoses and nozzles.

Non-Emergency Activities:

The fire department completed hydrant flushing throughout the entire city and flow tested hydrants in select areas. When the department is flushing hydrants, each hydrant is flushed, lubricated, and checked for any defects. Any problems with the hydrants are reported to the water department so that the hydrant can be repaired or replaced.

The fire department concluded the paid protection subscription renewal period and only had a few residents who have not renewed their subscription.

The fire department participated in an event at Lincoln School where the firefighters had a truck and equipment on display for the children to look at.

Apparatus and Equipment Related Items:

Ambulance 46 and Brush 25 were both taken to service shops for regular maintenance and Ambulance 46 had a minor repair to a bad oxygen sensor.

The water heater at Station II went bad and had to be replaced.

Other:

Chief Rexroat and Assistant Chief Hinton attended a safety committee meeting at City Hall.

The Board of Police and Fire Commissioners have completed the promotional testing to form a new eligibility list for the rank of Assistant Chief at the department. If or when a vacancy occurs in the rank of Assistant Chief, the list will be utilized to promote Captains to Assistant Chief. The promotional list is valid for three years unless the list is exhausted.

Next month on July 10th, the Board of Police and Fire Commissioners will be testing applicants to the fire department to form a new entry-level eligibility list. This list will be used to hire new people to the department when vacancies occur. The eligibility list is valid for two years unless it is exhausted.

The Local Union organized and held a retiree breakfast at the North Fire Station for all of the current fire department staff and all of the retired MFD firefighters. The breakfast was well attended by everyone and the Union plans to make it an annual event.

Respectfully submitted,
Casey Rexroat, Fire Chief