

Monmouth Fire Department November Monthly Report

***December 16th, 2019
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	23
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	07
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>	60	793
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>	09	135
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>	10	124
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>	03	48
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>	07	103
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	92	1233

Staff Training:

The emergency medical training for the month of November included a review of the methods to control bleeding. The staff went over a PowerPoint and conducted a case review.

Roger Blackman provided information and had an open discussion with each shift at the fire department in an effort to improve collaboration between the Water Department and Fire Department at large fire incidents. During the meetings with the shifts, Blackman discussed resources available to the fire department, maps, main sizes, and a possible way to share information between the departments.

Non-Emergency Activities:

One shift attended an event at the Warren County Library and read books to the children.

Apparatus and Equipment Related Items:

Both of the fire station's sprinkler systems received their annual inspection which was conducted by Johnson Controls. No major issues were found.

All of the Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (Air Packs or SCBA) were flow tested as part of the annual maintenance schedule for the units. During the flow testing, several small repairs were made to the air packs to ensure that they will all work correctly.

All of the fire trucks that are equipped with a water pump were pump tested by Alexis Fire Equipment. According to the Insurance Services Office and the NFPA, the pumps on the trucks are required to be tested once a year to ensure that they are working properly. The staff from Alexis Fire Equipment brought their testing equipment to the fire station and operated/inspected each pump. All of the pumps passed the pump test.

Other:

On November 23rd, the Board of Police and Fire Commissioners met to administer the written exam to start the process of establishing a new firefighter eligibility list. The applicants to the fire department took the written exam and in the following week were interviewed by the Police and Fire Commission. The applicants have an opportunity to add extra points to their overall score by using certain certifications, military credits, and college degrees before the final list is posted.

Respectfully submitted,
Casey Rexroat, Fire Chief