

# Monmouth Fire Department October Monthly Report

November 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.

# **October Incidents**

Basic Incident Type Code And Description (FD1.21)	Total Incidents
Incident Type Category (FD1.21): 1 - Fire	
111 - Building fire	2
171 - Cultivated grain or crop fire	1
	Total: 3
Incident Type Category (FD1.21): 3 - Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident	
300 - Rescue, EMS incident, other	1
311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew	100
320 - Emergency medical service, other	3
323 - Motor vehicle/pedestrian accident (MV Ped)	1
324 - Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.	1
	Total: 106
Incident Type Category (FD1.21): 4 - Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	
424 - Carbon monoxide incident	1
440 - Electrical wiring/equipment problem, other	2
444 - Power line down	4
463 - Vehicle accident, general cleanup	1
480 - Attempted burning, illegal action, other	1

Basic Incident Type Code And Description (FD1.21)	Total Incidents
	Total: 9
Incident Type Category (FD1.21): 5 - Service Call	
500 - Service call, other	5
551 - Assist police or other governmental agency	1
553 - Public service	6
	Total: 12
Incident Type Category (FD1.21): 6 - Good Intent Call	
600 - Good intent call, other	3
611 - Dispatched and cancelled en route	7
622 - No incident found on arrival at dispatch address	1
	Total: 11
Incident Type Category (FD1.21): 7 - False Alarm & False Call	
700 - False alarm or false call, other	4
714 - Central station, malicious false alarm	1
733 - Smoke detector activation due to malfunction	1
735 - Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	2
736 - CO detector activation due to malfunction	1
743 - Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	1
745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	4
746 - Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO	1
	Total: 15
	Total: 156

**Total Number of Incidents Year to Date: 1,479** 

#### **Staff Training:**

In October, the MFD staff conducted training on the topic of extrications and patient care during extrications. MFD currently has two sets of hydraulic extrication tools kept on Ladder 40 and Engine 23, each set includes a power unit, spreader, cutter, and rams. In addition to the hydraulic tools, Engine 23 also has specialized equipment that may be needed for a more complex incident. The specialized equipment includes cribbing and struts for stabilizing a vehicle, air-bags for lifting, and other tools for cutting. Each year, Berg's Towing provides MFD with at least three vehicles for each shift to practice the skills used for extricating a patient from a vehicle. All of the MFD firefighters are certified in Vehicle Machinery Operations and eight members are certified at the highest level of Vehicle Machinery Technician.



MFD participated in hazardous materials response training with Smithfield Foods. MFD and the Galesburg Fire Department were invited to attend the training being completed by Smithfield's haz-mat team. MFD attended the training on two days to observe and discuss response, equipment, and procedures that may be used if an incident occurred at Smithfield.

MFD and the Warren County Sheriff's Department conducted training for active threat incidents. The training involved firefighters teaming up with law enforcement to enter a building to treat and extract wounded patients. This type of training is important to ensure the firefighters and law enforcement have clear communication and know what to expect of each other to ensure the rapid treatment and transport of anyone that is wounded.

Firefighters Martin and LaFollette graduated from the Illinois Fire Service Institute Basic Firefighter/NFPA Firefighter I Academy. The firefighters completed the 7 week-370 hour academy that provides the baseline training for their career in the fire service. Following the academy, the firefighters have three more weeks of classes before returning to the department to continue their training.



Chief Rexroat attended the Illinois Fire Chief's Association annual Symposium that was held in East Peoria. The symposium offered many presentations on the topics of leadership, culture, and also provides opportunities for networking with other fire chiefs. In addition, there were many updates from other fire service organizations such as the IL Office of the State Fire Marshal, Illinois Fire Service Institute, and the United States Fire Administration.

# **Non-Emergency Activities:**

The Monmouth Fire Department participated in National Fire Prevention Week which occurs annually during the week of October 9<sup>th</sup>. Each year the MFD staff visits schools and other facilities to educate on the dangers of fire and what to do if a fire happens. During the month of October, MFD provided presentations at the following:

- Lincoln Early Childhood School
- Harding Primary School
- Central Intermediate School
- Immaculate Conception School
- Warren County Public Library

- Monmouth Early Learning Center
- Oak/Costello Terrace
- Monmouth College (Dormitory Fire Drills)



MFD participated in the Monmouth College Homecoming parade.

# MFD attended meetings with:

- Galesburg Hospital Ambulance Service
- Warren County Sheriff's Department and Monmouth Police Department
- Monmouth College Safety and Security
- MABAS Regional Meeting
- MABAS Division 62

MFD held the annual Halloween event at Station I and invited area agencies to hand out candy to trick-or-treaters. The agencies that participated in the event were Galesburg Ambulance, Monmouth Police (Chief Switzer), City Hall (Heather Santos) and the Monmouth Evening Lions Club. An estimated 400+ people came to the station to trick-or-treat during the event while the Lions Club handed out 200 hotdogs.



# **Apparatus and Equipment Related Items:**

Engine 21 was taken to Alexis Fire Equipment for several minor repairs that were noted during the annual pump test that was conducted in June. The repairs were required in order for the pump to be certified for another year.

C & D Electric completed a lighting project at Station I as part of the Ameren Illinois Energy Efficiency Program. Through the program, the City was able to take advantage of incentives offered by Ameren to install energy efficient lighting throughout the station. All of the lighting in the fire station was converted to LED by replacing the fluorescent tubes or the entire fixture. In all, 256 LED tubes were installed in the living quarters and offices while 24 LED light fixtures were installed on the truck floor. The new lighting will improve energy usage at the station and provide a substantial reduction in energy costs. The estimated savings with the new lighting is \$236.00/month or \$2,800.00/year.

# **Service Anniversaries:**

Assistant Chief Pat Spears - 24 Years

Respectfully submitted, Casey Rexroat, Fire Chief