

Monmouth Fire Department September Monthly Report

***October 19th, 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.

Responses	Monthly	YTD
<u>Fires</u>	05	21
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>	01	03
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>	71	543
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>	14	100
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>	06	68
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	37
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>	15	82
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	115	854

Staff Training:

For the month of September, the Fire Department Staff completed the monthly emergency medical training on the topic of Airway Management. All of the firefighters reviewed the proper procedures and protocols for how to manage a patient's airway when it has become compromised due to trauma or other illnesses.

A representative from Ameren-Illinois conducted training with all of the fire department staff regarding safety at incidents involving natural gas, pipelines, and carbon monoxide. In the past, this training was completed in person but due to COVID, the training was conducted virtually. The representative provided information about transmission lines, distribution systems, and what actions/precautions to take at an incident involving leaking gas.

The fire department hosted the second of the two classes involving extrications from vehicles. This class was called Advanced Auto Extrication and was a single day class. The training covered how to properly stabilize and remove patients from vehicles that have come to rest upside down, on its side, or vehicles stacked on each other. The training was provided free of charge by the Illinois Fire Service Institute and was organized by Captain Ralph Peeler. Many neighboring fire departments attended both the Basic and Advanced Auto Extrication classes that were hosted by the Monmouth Fire Department.

Chief Rexroat participated in a webinar put on by the Illinois Office of the State Fire Marshal where fire departments discussed best practices and recommendations for dealing with a COVID outbreak within a fire department.

Non-Emergency Activities:

Chief Rexroat and Assistant Chief Spears attended the 911 Board Meeting.

Chief Rexroat participated in the bi-weekly conference calls with the Health Department to hear about updates on the current COVID situation in the County.

In September, the fire department began the annual hose testing program. Each year, the fire department is required to test all of the hose to ensure that it is functioning properly and is in good repair. The test for the hose includes filling the hose with water and pumping it up to the appropriate pressure and checking for any deficiencies such as tears, leaks or couplings that are slipping.

Fire Code Items:

Chief Rexroat assisted Director Clark with an inspection at Smithfield Foods for the new buildings that were constructed to house the locker rooms and pre-screening area.

Chief Rexroat conducted an inspection at the County Jail per their request.

Apparatus and Equipment Related Items:

Over the past few months, several of the fire apparatus have had issues requiring attention. Chief Rexroat has been working with Administrator Steinbrecher to prioritize the issues to make repairs and keep the trucks in service. Currently, the Aerial ladder on Tower 22 is out of service due to an issue with the pulleys.

Respectfully submitted,
Casey Rexroat, Fire Chief