



STAFF REPORT

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TO: City Council

FROM: Greg Malmquist, Fire Chief

AGENDA ITEM: Month End Fire Department Update for June 2017

REVIEWED BY: Kristina Handt, City Administrator

ISSUE BEFORE COUNCIL: Review month end activity update from fire department. Advise on any additional information requested.

PROPOSAL DETAILS/ANALYSIS:

We had 42 calls for June.

- 1 Fire alarm
- 1 Arcing, shorted electrical equipment
- 1 Structure fire
- 2 Dispatched and cancelled en route
- 1 Electrical wiring/equipment problem
- 27 Medicals
- 2 Gas leaks
- 3 Car accidents with injuries
- 2 Car fires
- 1 Steam or other gas mistaken for smoke
- 1 Water rescue
- 42 Total

A command vehicle did not respond on 5 calls for a response rate of 88%. Average response was just over 6 minutes. 14 calls had 3 or less responders minus the Duty Officer with multiple calls having only 1 personnel on the apparatus.

Department drills for the month:

#1 – CEU (Building Construction and Underground Fires)

#2 – Live Burning at the Training Center

#3 – Station Drill (Make-up SCBA training; Ladder Truck training; Washington Cty Radio updates and reprogramming)

Points of interest:

- Staffing is still the prime concern:
 - 1 FF continues on Leave of Absence
 - 2 regular daytime responders will no longer be regularly available for daytime response
 - 1 Personnel officially resigned and is no longer on the roster
 - 1 call required a double tone and even after the second tone only 1 personnel reported to the station besides the Command vehicle
- The last of the 3 potential recruits this year has reported that he is unable to continue the hiring process at this time. He is still looking to join but is too busy for the time being

- We are actively researching the potential of creating a LEFD Facebook page and getting more engaged in social media. More to follow on this matter
- Our call response time has improved by 20% in the past 2 months, which of course is great, but that number is a little misleading. More calls this past couple months have been during hours that the station is manned as well as an increase in calls closer to the manned station and more personnel are rolling out by themselves due to staffing issues.
- We were able to attend the food truck event at the Stillwater High School this month as a Fire Prevention event for us. The kids loved the fire truck and the community had a lot of great questions as usual.
- One of the most important notes of the food truck event was that an informal survey was conducted with all of the children spoken to. During that survey it was nearly unanimous that they wanted to be Fire Fighters instead of Police. That might have had something to do with the plastic fire helmets we were passing out but we can't be sure.