



STAFF REPORT

DATE: November 20, 2018

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ITEM #: 4

TO: City Council

FROM: Greg Malmquist, Fire Chief

AGENDA ITEM: Month End Fire Department Update for October 2018

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 33 calls in September:

- 2 Fire Alarms
- 1 CO Alarm
- 1 Traffic Control (assistance requested by Law Enforcement)
- 2 Cancelled en route
- 18 Medicals
- 6 Car accidents with injuries
- 1 Gas Leak
- 1 Electrical / Wiring Problem
- 1 Water Rescue

- 33 Total

A Command vehicle did not respond on 6 calls for a response rate of 82%. Our average response time was 7.1 minutes from alarm to arrival. 26 calls had 3 or less responders minus the Duty Officer with 8 calls having only 1 personnel on the first due apparatus. 10 calls this month had only shift personnel for responders.

Drills for the Month:

- #1 - CEU – Ice and Cold Water Rescue
- #2 - Hoseline Advancement
- #3 - Annual Ability Test

Points of Interest:

- 1 new PT Fire Fighter started and is now in the rotation.
- 2 new PT Fire Fighters are moving through the process for hiring.
- 1 POC recruit is in the process of joining.
- Staffing continues to be an issue on the POC side but it looks like all PT positions may be filled within the next month barring any unforeseen circumstances.

- Both Chiefs attending the MSCFA Conference in Saint Paul.
- Several personnel assisted Bayport Fire with a house burn activity.
- AFG Grant application was completed requesting funds for SCBA replacements next year. Results of the request are pending.
- PT personnel have begun a new training program during shifts where a variety of practical drills are conducted. All drills are timed and help to ensure the most efficient response possible during the real event.
- Finalized details for hydrant labeling program with Public Works and will be moving forward with labeling.

Part Timer Accomplishments:

- Groundskeeping and landscaping at both stations.
- Cleaning and general maintenance at both station.
- Practical drills as assigned during shifts.
- Hosted Lake Elmo Elementary students for Fire Prevention week.
- Vehicle repairs - several vehicles required service at Oakdale Public Works.
- Assisted Ancom with radio repair of T2. Completed from last month.
- Put all replacement helmets in service for the entire department.
- Vehicle and equipment inspections.
- Assisted with Burn Permit applications.
- Attended Fire Prevention event at local Day Care.
- Installed new Mailbox at station.
- Assisted FireCat with hose testing for entire department.
- Replaced all wet hose with dry hose on all apparatus from hose testing.