



STAFF REPORT

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TO: City Council

FROM: Greg Malmquist, Fire Chief

AGENDA ITEM: Fire Department Update for November

REVIEWED BY: Kristina Handt, City Administrator

ISSUE BEFORE COUNCIL: Review monthly activity through the 28th, from fire department. Advise on any additional information requested.

PROPOSAL DETAILS/ANALYSIS:

We had 36 calls in November as of the 28th:

- 3 Fire Alarms
- 1 Good Intent call
- 4 Cancelled en route
- 27 Medicals
- 1 Car accidents with injuries
- 36 Total

A Command vehicle did not respond on 6 calls for a response rate of 83%. Our average response time was 8 minutes from alarm to arrival. 25 calls had 3 or less responders minus the Duty Officer with 6 calls having only 1 personnel on the first due apparatus. 12 calls this month had only shift personnel for responders.

Drills for the Month:

- #1 - CEU – Scene Preservation
- #2 - Aerial Operations
- #3 - Quarterly EMS

Points of Interest:

- Fire Fighter Richard Sachs retired after a 43 year career with the department. Richard served in nearly every position in the department including a period of time as the Chief of the Department.
- 1 new PT Fire Fighter started and is now in the rotation.
- 1 new PT Fire Fighter is moving through the process for hiring.
- PT positions are nearly filled pending the final hire. Staffing continues to be an issue on the POC side though. Thankfully, two new POC personnel are in the process of either training or joining.
- Several personnel assisted Bayport Fire with a house burn.
- Several personnel attended extra Auto Extrication training held at the East Metro Training Center this month.
- Mutual Aid had to be requested for a fire alarm due to lack of responders.
- Several calls required double pages due to lack of responders so far this month.

Part Timer Accomplishments:

- Groundskeeping and landscaping at both stations.
- Cleaning and general maintenance at both station.
- Practical drills as assigned during shifts.
- Orientation and training of new PT personnel.
- Vehicle and equipment inspections.
- Assisted with Burn Permit applications.
- Researched hose that failed hose testing and disposed of unrepairable lines.
- Assisted department with semi-annual Bunker Gear Washing.
- Assisted with pumping out septic at Station Two.
- Implemented radio rotation system for PT personnel on shift.