



STAFF REPORT

DATE: June 19, 2018

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ITEM #: 4

TO: City Council

FROM: Greg Malmquist, Fire Chief

AGENDA ITEM: Month End Fire Department Update for May 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 52 calls in April:

- 2 Fire Alarms
- 1 Arcing/shorted electrical equipment
- 2 Structure fires
- 1 Carbon Monoxide incident
- 9 Cancelled en route
- 27 Medicals
- 1 Gas leak
- 2 Grass fires
- 2 Car accidents with injuries
- 1 Nothing found upon arrival
- 1 Vehicle fire
- 2 Downed power lines
- 1 Prescribed fire

52 Total

A Command vehicle did not respond on 12 calls for a response rate of 67%. Our average response time was 7.1 minutes from alarm to arrival. 23 calls had 3 or less responders minus the Duty Officer with 11 calls having only 1 personnel on the first due apparatus. 13 calls this month had only shift personnel for responders.

Drills for the Month:

- #1 - CEU: Engine Company Operations
- #2 - Quarterly EMS
- #3 - New County CAD system overview and Online Training system intro (Target Solutions)

Points of Interest:

- New ISO rating effective July 2018, that was obtained by a joint effort of Public Works and Fire Department. We were able to reduce our rating from a 6/9 to a 5 throughout Lake Elmo. This has the potential to save homeowners approximately \$250 on the annual insurance premium of a \$350,000 home, if their insurance carrier uses ISO.

- Staffing continues to be a struggle. The frequency appears to be on the rise where the only responders are the PT personnel. We currently have 3 PT Fire Fighter openings.
- One Personnel helped with the County wide Active Shooter training held this month.
- One part time fire fighter transitioned to a Substitute capacity as they can no longer meet the requirements of being scheduled part time.

Part Timer Accomplishments:

- Reinspection of Park Dental to help them with accreditation and Installed Knox Box to close out Inspection for Oakdale Gun Club.
- Assisted in and completed semi-annual gear washing for department.
- Updated and changed job board at Station 1 to account for shift workers.
- Grounskeeping and landscaping at Station 1.
- Conducted fire truck ride for LE Elementary school kids that one contest with the annual school carnival.
- Station 1 cleaning and equipment maintenance, (ice machine).
- Vehicle repairs - power supply to Tender 1, broken storage box on Ranger trailer, faulty wiring on Boat trailer, Boat motor propeller.
- Completed multiple requested Safe Haven home inspections and detector installations.
- Vehicle and equipment inspections