



STAFF REPORT

DATE: April 20, 2021

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ITEM #:

TO: City Council

FROM: Fire Chief Dustin Kalis

AGENDA ITEM: Month End Fire Department Update for March 2021

REVIEWED BY: Kristina Handt, City Administrator

ISSUE BEFORE COUNCIL

Review month end activity update from fire department.

PROPOSAL DETAILS/ANALYSIS:

We had 43 calls in March:

- 27 Medicals
- 1 Structure Fire (Mutual Aid to Grant)
- 1 Vehicle Fire (Hwy 36 Auto Aid to Stillwater)
- 6 Dispatched and cancelled en route
- 1 Fire Alarms
- 3 Motor Vehicle Accidents
- 2 Grass Fires
- 2 Mutual Aid Standby (Lower St. Croix Valley Fire Department)

43 Total

Our average response time was 12 minutes from alarm to arrival. 22 calls had 3 or less responders minus the Duty Officer with 8 calls having only 1 personnel on the first due apparatus.

Drills for the Month:

#1 - CPR refresher for the department for Station 1 / Station 2 Quarterly EMS.

#2 – Future Station update and project information.

#3 – Quarterly EMS for Station 1 / Station 2 CPR refresher.

Points of Interest:

- Several mutual aid structure fire calls increased our average response time due to their long distance and the way Image Trend tracks the time of the call.
- 2 new paid-on-call personnel continue with their Firefighter I/II classes. Are expected to complete initial training in May.
- Continued staffing challenges with several personnel balancing the PT or POC hours and their personal and professional responsibilities.
- The new Tender 1 is in the final stages of completion and we are nearly ready to accept it into the fleet. Staff have begun in-service training on the new apparatus.
- COVID continues to be a significant risk to our small department and we continue to follow CDC and MDH protocols for awareness and prevention. Both fire stations continue to be closed to the public for the safety of the public and our personnel. Signs have been posted at both stations.

Part Time Staff Accomplishments:

- Cleaning and general maintenance at both stations.
- Vehicle and equipment inspections.
- Assisted with Burn Permit applications.
- Vehicle repairs as possible.
- Increased decontamination of apparatus and stations.
- Training of new personnel.