



STAFF REPORT

DATE: May 18, 2021

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ITEM #:

TO: City Council

FROM: Fire Chief Dustin Kalis

AGENDA ITEM: Month End Fire Department Update for April 2021

REVIEWED BY: Kristina Handt, City Administrator

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Review month end activity update from fire department.

PROPOSAL DETAILS/ANALYSIS:

Year-to-date incidents 157 (2020 YTD: 166):

We had 45 calls in April.

32	Medicals
4	Motor Vehicle Accidents
3	Grass Fires
2	Smoke in a Structure
2	Public Assist
1	Dispatched and Cancelled En Route
1	Fire Alarms

45 Total

Our average response time was 9.1 minutes from alarm to arrival. 21 calls had 3 or less responders minus the Duty Officer with 3 calls having only 1 personnel on the first due apparatus.

Drills for the Month:

#1 – Boulder Ponds Assisted Living – Building Familiarization and Preplanning

#2 – Fields at Arbor Glen – Building Familiarization and Preplanning

#3 – Tender 1 in-service training

Points of Interest:

- Fire Inspector / Lieutenant Anthony Svoboda started. Working on development of our commercial fire inspection and preplanning program.
- 2 new paid-on-call personnel continue with their Firefighter I/II classes. Scheduled to complete initial training in May.

- Continued staffing challenges with several personnel balancing the PT or POC hours and their personal and professional responsibilities.
- In-service training completed on Tender 1.
- 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.