



STAFF REPORT

DATE: January 16, 2018

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ITEM #: 7

TO: City Council

FROM: Greg Malmquist, Fire Chief

AGENDA ITEM: Month End Fire Department Update for December 2017 with Year End Totals and Recap.

REVIEWED BY: Kristina Handt, City Administrator

ISSUE BEFORE COUNCIL: Review month/year end activity update from fire department. Advise on any additional information requested.

PROPOSAL DETAILS/ANALYSIS:

We had 49 call in December:

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| 3 | Fire Alarms |
| 1 | Structure Fire |
| 1 | Fire – (rekindle) |
| 1 | Structure Fire (exposure) |
| 8 | Dispatched and Cancelled en route |
| 27 | Medicals |
| 1 | Fire – other |
| 1 | Gas Leak |
| 5 | Car accident with injuries |
| 1 | Smoke or odor removal |
| 49 | Total |

A Command vehicle did not respond on 11 calls for a response rate of 82%. Average response time was just over 7.4 minutes. (Two months in a row) 21 calls had 3 or less responders minus the Duty Officer with 7 calls having only 1 personnel on the apparatus.

We have been given the Home Safety Survey Grant which means that we will be getting free Firestop oven hood extinguishers next year. This should be a significant savings if we get a good response for the Safe Haven program. It is not clear how much money we will be able to get yet, but I am excited to get anything. The printing of the books for Safe Haven is all done and they look great! Citizens should be receiving them shortly.

Drills for the month:

- #1 Annual SCBA Fit Testing
- #2 Officer's Meeting
- #3 Annual Make-Up Drill

YEAR END

We had a total of 456 calls for 2017:

- 50 Cancelled en route
- 253 Medicals
- 91 Fire calls
- 62 Rescues

456 Total

The total average response time from alarm to arrival was 7 minutes for the year and we averaged 1.9 personnel on each truck that rolled out excluding Command Vehicles. We averaged 5.5 personnel per call.

Points of Interest:

- Staffing was the big issue for the year. Part time fire fighters were hired and began shift work from 0600-1800 7 days a week. That staffing model began in October and is still being adjusted to accommodate personnel as much as possible.
- One of our Command Vehicles was involved in a traffic crash while en route to a call. The vehicle has since been replaced.
- 2 more personnel resigned or retired bringing our Paid On Call total to 17 personnel with no pending applications.
- We have been expanding our training more consistently using the East Metro Training Facility.
- 2 more personnel completed instructor training for the Washington County CIRAS training (active shooter response).