



MEMORANDUM

TO: Brian Murphy
Village Administrator

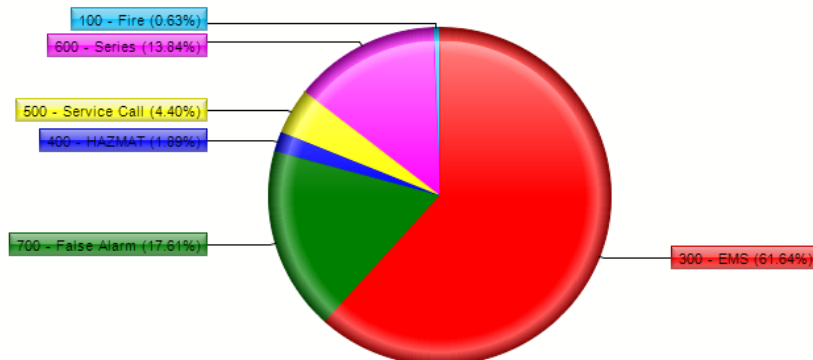
FROM: Thomas Gaertner
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Fire Chief

DATE: March 2, 2022

SUBJECT: Monthly Report – February 2022

The Fire Department responded to 159 calls during the month of February. This is slightly below our average number of calls in comparison to February 2021 where we had 161 calls. We experienced 1 fire related call for the month. Emergency Medical Service calls represented 62% of our response activity for the month of February.

Incident Type Group	Feb 2022
100 - Fire	1
300 - EMS	98
400 - Hazardous Conditions	3
500 - Service Call	7
600 - Good Intent	22
700 - False Alarms	28
Monthly Total	159



Incidents of Interest

On February 20th, Red Shift responded to the MVA at North and Forest Ave. The accident involved four vehicles. River Forest firefighters extricated a passenger using the battery operated spreaders. Elmwood Park firefighters extricated another passenger using their spreaders. There were seven patients that were triaged by River Forest Ambulance 215. Five patients were transported by ambulances from Elmwood Park, Forest Park, Oak Park, Norwood Park, and River Grove. River Forest firefighters removed debris and fluid leaks from both sides of North Ave between Forest and Park Ave. North Ave was closed for approximately three hours.

Suppression Activities

For the month of February, we responded to 159 emergency calls, which translates into 5.6 calls per day, which is above our average amount of calls. Of this total, 1 call was an actual fire incident.

That incident was On February 9 when Gold shift responded to Oak Park for a building fire at 406 N. Taylor. Truck 219 assisted with manpower until released per Oak Park command.

Chief Gaertner

- Attended meeting with Kristen Bilar (Municipal GIS Partners) in reference to updating fire hydrant water flow information in the villages GIS System.
- Attended monthly RFFD Officers meeting.
- Met with Brian Staunton of WSCD to review budget and operations of the dispatch center.
- Attended monthly Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association meeting.
- Attended monthly MABAS Division 11 Fire Chiefs meeting.
- Met with staff at 800 N Harlem Ave (The Sheridan at River Forest) to make introductions and discuss fire and EMS response to their facility as well as supporting them with public education and senior citizen outreach programs.
- Attended Annual Foreign Fire Tax budget meeting
- Attended Zoom meetings with staff over current CBA negotiations with IAFF Local 2391
- I have begun reviewing and revising the departments Rules and Regulations as well as the Operating Directives. Also continuing on reviewing compliance with Illinois OSHA Regulations.
- I have assigned duties and responsibilities to each shift officer and their respective shifts and have created an Organizational Chart to reflect those changes. (See attached)
- I have published the River Forest Fire Department Declaration which will be given to each department member. This document provides each department member with our vision and paints the picture of who we are as a department, what is expected, and where we are going. (Please see the attached document)

Fire Prevention Fire Marshal Wiley

February is a month that I have dedicated to inspecting all the buildings at the two campuses of Dominican University. As you may know, I inspect a number of occupancies twice a year. I inspect all of the university buildings in the first half of the year and then certain Target Hazard occupancies get a second inspection in the second half of the year. At the Universities, I inspect all of the dorm buildings twice. With the pending sale of the Priory Campus, I wanted to be sure they were inspected prior to the completion of the sale. Dominican has 15 buildings that I inspected. The Shifts completed 28 Company Inspections, which is above the average for any given month. With the increase in inspections over last year comes an increase in violations brought to building owners attention.

Now that I am concentrating on Plan Reviews, I was able to cut my review turn-around. It's still higher than I want but my monthly average turn-around has been cut in half to 7.25 days (down from 15.25 days last month) and the YTD is at 11.25 days. I will continue to chip away at these numbers as the year progresses.

One of the projects that I am working on is setting up a recycle program for old smoke alarms. By the end of the year 2022, a new State of Illinois smoke alarm law goes into effect that will make current alarms with replaceable batteries obsolete. With that obsolescence comes the disposal of a large number of ionization smoke alarms that have a small amount of radioactive material inside the alarm. We would like to set up a recycling program so they do not end up in a landfill.

The last item in my monthly report is a summary of activities that do not fit in any other category such as, hydrant flows for sprinkler companies, servicing a Knox Box, public education flyers, and picking up and/or dropping off vehicles for service among others. These activities may not be difficult but do take up time that I like to account for.

Training Lt. Carter

During the month of February, the department participated in various training activities such as:

- Loyola CE was held online. Subject was Cardiac Emergencies
- Shifts continued their assigned building inspections
- FF/PM's A. Howe, Basa and McKenna continuing truck training
- I attended an OSFM update in regards to new training requirements in Calumet City on February 14th
- FF/PM McKenna attended FSVO class in Western Springs on February 19th
- FF/PM Zipperich taught CPR for Global Facial Dental
- Division 11 Haz Mat drill was held on February 22nd and 24th in North Riverside. Monitors were reviewed and Level A suits tested
- Division 11 TRT drill was held on February 17th and 18th. The 14-man deployable tent was assembled on both days
- All shifts went to Maywood Station 1 to look at rigs and discuss responses
- Members completed mandatory training IRMA Right to Know, Blood Borne Pathogens, and Lock Out Tag Out

Outside of Department Training

Course	Name	Date	Hrs.
Haz Mat Div drill	Basa, Bencik, Zipperich	Feb 22 & 24	4
TRT Div Drill	Carter, E. Howe, Zipperich	Feb 17 & 18	3
Investigator Div Drill	None		
ITTF/OSFM	McKenna – FSVO	Feb 19	8

Individual Shift Reports

Gold Shift Report Lt. Howe

Activities: For the month of February, Gold Shift had a total of 50 calls. 20 of the calls were fire related, 28 involved emergency medical services and there were 2 service calls.

Incidents/Events of Note: On February 9 Gold shift responded to Oak Park for a building fire at 406 N. Taylor. Truck 219 assisted with manpower until released per Oak Park command.

Training: Gold shift had 90 hours of fire related training this month, 40 hours of EMS training and 3 hours Hazmat for an average of 22.1 hours per firefighter. Our monthly fire training included Emergency Vehicle Driver Safety, OSHA mandated Right to Know, Blood Borne Pathogens, Lock Out Tag Out and Loyola mandated continuing education on cardiac emergencies.

- FF. McKenna completed Fire Service Vehicle Operator in Western Springs
- Lt. Howe and FF Zipperich participated in the Div. 11 TRT drill in Cicero
- FF Zipperich participated in the Div. 11 Hazmat drill at North Riverside
- FF Zipperich conducted one CPR class in February.

Inspections: 11 Company Fire Inspections were completed.

Black Shift Report: Lt. Bochenek

Activities: Black Shift had a total of 54 calls. 19 were fire related, 34 were EMS calls, & 1 service call.

Incidents/Events of Note: A meeting with 800 Harlem regarding operational efficiencies was had. Crew had an interdivisional drill with Maywood and Melrose to understand each departments capabilities. Public outreach initiative regarding the ICE packet dispersal has been initiated with the township and the management of 800 Harlem.

Training: Black shift had a total of 165.95 hours of fire related training this month and 35.5 hours of EMS training for a total of 223 hours of training. Some of the fire training can be considered cross training between fire and Ems, but for categorization purposes it was placed under fire training. That is an average of 33.575 hours per LT and firefighter/paramedics. Some of the training conducted included LUMC Continuing Education, inspections, lock-out tag out, operating directives review, annual blood borne pathogen training, and right to know.

Inspections: 5-Company Fire Inspections and multiple re-inspections were completed

Red Shift Report: Lt. Smith

Activities: For the month of February, Red Shift had a total of 59 calls. 21 of the calls were fire related. There were 34 EMS calls and 4 service calls.

Incidents/Events of Note: On February 05th, Red Shift responded to a fire alarm at Concordia University in the Krentz Center. Units arrived and found smoke inside the second floor theater. An investigation found the stagehands were using a fog machine. The fog had spread into the rear hallway of the theater and activated the fire alarm. A battery operated PPV fan was used to remove the fog. The fire alarm was restored after the theater and adjacent rooms were ventilated.

Training: Red Shift had 68.75 hours of fire related training this month and 20 hours of EMS training for a total of 88.75 hours of training. That is an average of 14.8 hours per firefighter.

Red Shift completed the online Loyola Continuing Education: Cardiac Emergencies. Red Shift attended a Meet and Greet at the Maywood Fire Department, Station 1. The event consisted of Maywood, Melrose Park, and River Forest Fire Departments. Each department went over their equipment carried on their apparatus and introduced their personnel. Discussion of expectations of each department as the first on-scene rig on a Maywood structure fire took place. Red Shift attended a two-hour Zoom class from California: Alternate Fuel Vehicle Safety Training. FF Basa attended a four-hour Division 11 Hazmat Drill in North Riverside. Lt. Smith attended an eight-hour Zoom class from the National Fire Protection Association. The two-day class was on electrical vehicle safety training. Lt. Smith also attended two Zoom classes on EMS training. The topics were on pediatric toxicology (1hour) and pediatric respiratory emergencies (1 hour).

Inspections: 10 Company Fire Inspections with 5 violations noted, and 0 Re-inspections with 0 corrections.

EMS/Paramedic Activity FF/PM Fischer

In the month of February, we had a total of 100 requests for EMS. Of those 100 requests, 90 patients were cared for by RFFD EMS. Of the 90 patients, 35 were ALS, 55 were BLS and 1 was an invalid assist. 21 patients refused treatment and transport. We responded mutual aid EMS to 9 calls out of town and received mutual aid EMS 10 times. The 69 patients that were transported went to the following hospitals:

Gottlieb – 11	Rush/Oak Park - 51
Hines VA – 1	Resurrection - 0
Loyola – 13	West Suburban - 0
MacNeal – 0	
Community First – 0	

Vehicle/Equipment/ Station Maintenance FF Zipperich**Vehicles:**

200- Air pack mount needed (Chief to call Air One)
 201- Nothing reported
 202- Tire Pressure Monitoring System may need service; improperly reading low pressure
 213- Right rear outer tire repaired, valve stem extension removed. Discharge #2 gauge replaced. Interstate to schedule a remote service for deck gun install and programming (when ambulance parts come in) Ladder door latch replaced (rear cabinet). Door open switch on order. RAD detector battery replaced
 214- Reserve ambulance at PW, Forest Park used from 2-14 to 2-20 (return date estimated)
 215- MDT charging repaired, back up camera OOS. (Interstate to schedule remote service when camera delivered) Gas key FOB replaced
 218- Nothing reported
 219- Driver's side, outrigger switch door hinges replaced/ Warning system volume increased. May need a better speaker
 222-Nothing reported

Equipment:

213 RIT pack mask may need replacement, bypassing when opened
 215 Red bag CO detector removed from service/ MAST pants removed
 Oil and DEF fluid delivered
 Pub Ed printer delivered

Fire Station:

Warehouse Direct items ordered/ delivered except for Jet-dry
 Multiple kitchen items delivered (Kitchen Remodel Project)
 Clothes dryer replacement researched
 Oven door parts ordered/ temporarily repaired by ABT
 Condensate pump for station air compressor is OOS