



**DECATUR FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
**MEMORANDUM**  
2024-06

April 10, 2024

TO: Scot Wrighton, City Manager  
FROM: Jeff Abbott, Fire Chief  
RE: Monthly Report – March 2024

The fire department responded to 1093 alarms in March. So far in 2024 the department has responded to 3401 alarms. Last year there were 3393 alarms at this point.

The Fire Inspector test was given for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time and resulted in one person being promoted to Inspector. The training of the new Inspector will take at least a year to complete. The second inspector position still needs to be filled and testing will begin soon.

A much larger problem is the number of vacancies, and the pending vacancies in a couple of months. There are also a couple of military deployments at the present time. Currently, the department has six (6) vacancies and another four (4) pending in a couple of months. There is no current hiring register, and the new firefighter test will not be completed until June. The earliest hiring can take place will not be until September, and the employees hired then will not be out of training until November. This will likely result in the overtime budget being exceeded for the year.

Incident Type Category	2024		
	Jan	Feb	Mar
1 - Fire	28	31	32
2 - Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat (No Fire)	1	4	0
3 - Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident	879	758	768
4 - Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	40	22	29
5 - Service Call	114	113	112
6 - Good Intent Call	83	92	84
7 - False Alarm & False Call	87	55	68
9 - Special Incident Type	0	1	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,232</b>	<b>1,076</b>	<b>1,093</b>

**Training:**

Fire

- Fire Dept. Connections and Standpipe Operations for high rise fires with live fire conditions.

EMS

- Protocol updates for EMS.

Hazardous Materials

- Tour of Home City Ice Company and review After Actions Review Report.
- ADM Hazards Presentation

Technical Rescue

- Joint training with Springfield and Taylorville on Grain Bin and Elevator Rescue

Dive

- Cold water rescues using the Rapid Deployment Craft

**Fire Prevention:**

One (1) Fire Inspector promoted and has started in the position. Four (4) Chief Officers completed Inspection 1 & 2 training at IFSI.