



DECATUR FIRE DEPARTMENT
MEMORANDUM
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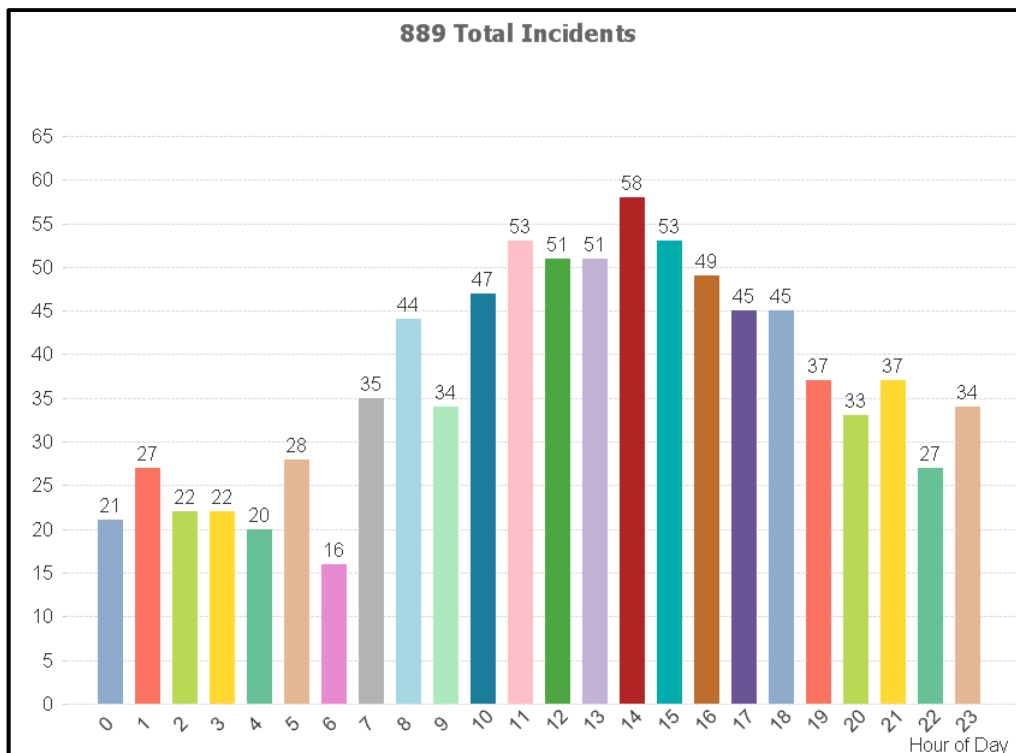
TO: Scot Wrighton, City Manager

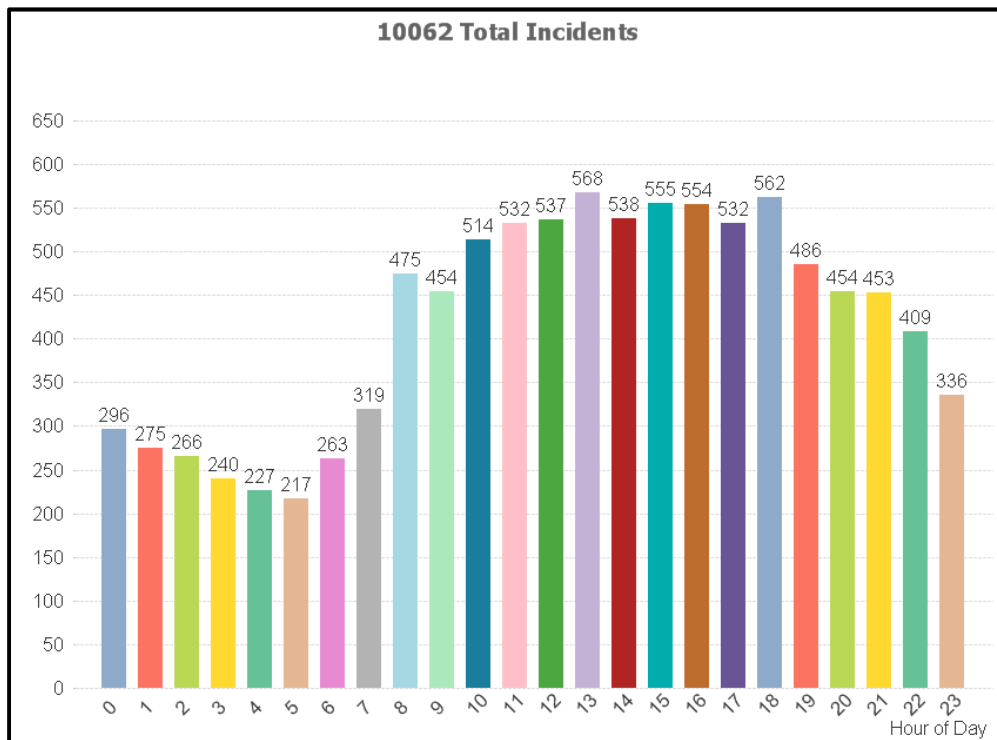
FROM: Jeff Abbott, Fire Chief

RE: Monthly Report – November 2019

The fire department responded to 889 alarms in November. The total so far this year is 10,062 alarms. There have been 582 less alarms this year from the use of Emergency Medical Dispatching. Construction of the new station 5 is nearing completion. The station is expected to open in the next month. There will still be some unfinished items that will need completed in the spring of 2020, but the station will be operational.

The ladder truck at station 2 has a serious frame rail/torque box issue that will have it unusable for a significant amount of time. We are working with the manufacturer for a repair estimate or if the issue is covered by warranty. This is the same issue we had with Truck 3 a couple of years ago. The Opticom system is being installed at the intersections of Mound and Rte. 51 and Pershing and Monroe. This will be a test to see how the system works and will be functional soon.





Training Division:

For November, all personnel completed Live Fire training and demonstrated Fire Service Vehicle Operator (FSVO) driving proficiency. The Live Fire training, conducted at our Station 2 Training Tower, was designed to force companies to “critically think” about how to address a large setback where the preconnected lengths of hose would not reach the structure. This drill encompassed multi-company tasks where the Truck company had to force entry into a commercial building which allowed the Engine company to enter, locate and extinguish the fire. The Truck company then searched the floor above the fire and rescued a victim as the Engine company protected the stairwell egress. The driving course was setup at the old UPS site on the Decatur Airport grounds. All personnel were required to successfully navigate a complex cone course, without knocking any cones over. An NFPA-accredited Fire Behavior module was also completed online.

Monthly EMS Training focused on Bloodborne/Infectious Pathogens and Infectious Disease control. This training consisted of a hands-on component presented by Cpt. Elder and an online component thru our Target Solutions site. Additionally, annual Workplace Violence and Sexual Harassment Awareness training was completed online.

Fire Prevention Division:

The Fire Prevention Division investigated ten (10) fires; five (4) ruled as Accidental; and six (6) were Undetermined. They completed sixteen (16) key box installations or removals for the month, sixteen (16) business inspections and five (5) fire scene reinspections.

Fire Prevention also attended Technical Review and Traffic & Parking Commission meetings; conducted three (3) business consults and one (1) in-house interview; addressed two (2) citizen complaints regarding business egress; installed seventeen (17) smoke / CO detectors; and assessed twenty-three (23) plan reviews.