



DECATUR FIRE DEPARTMENT
MEMORANDUM
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TO: Scot Wrighton, City Manager

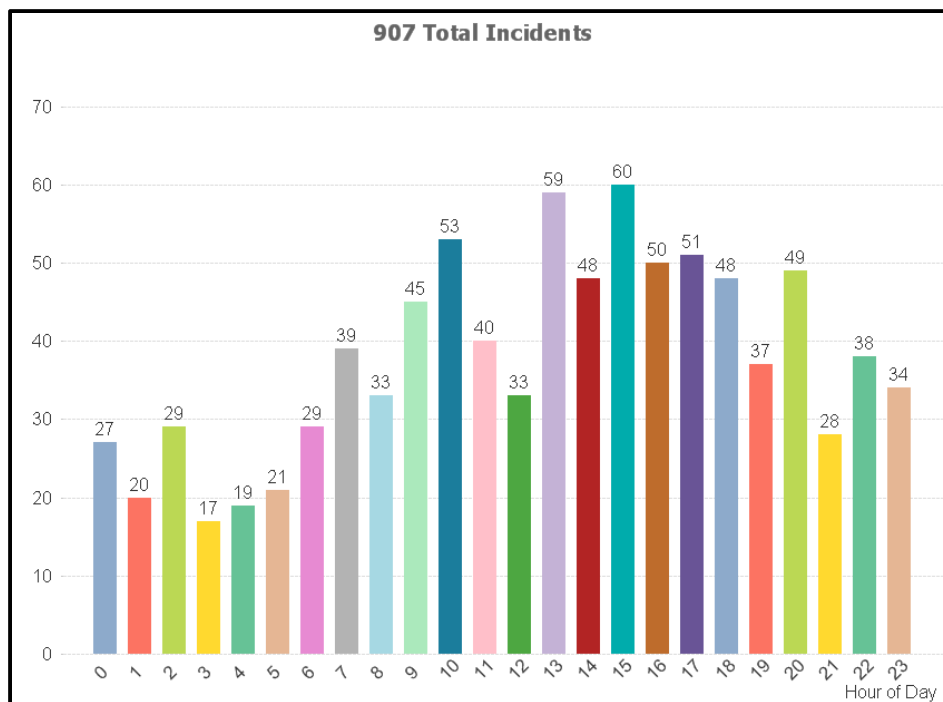
FROM: Jeff Abbott, Fire Chief

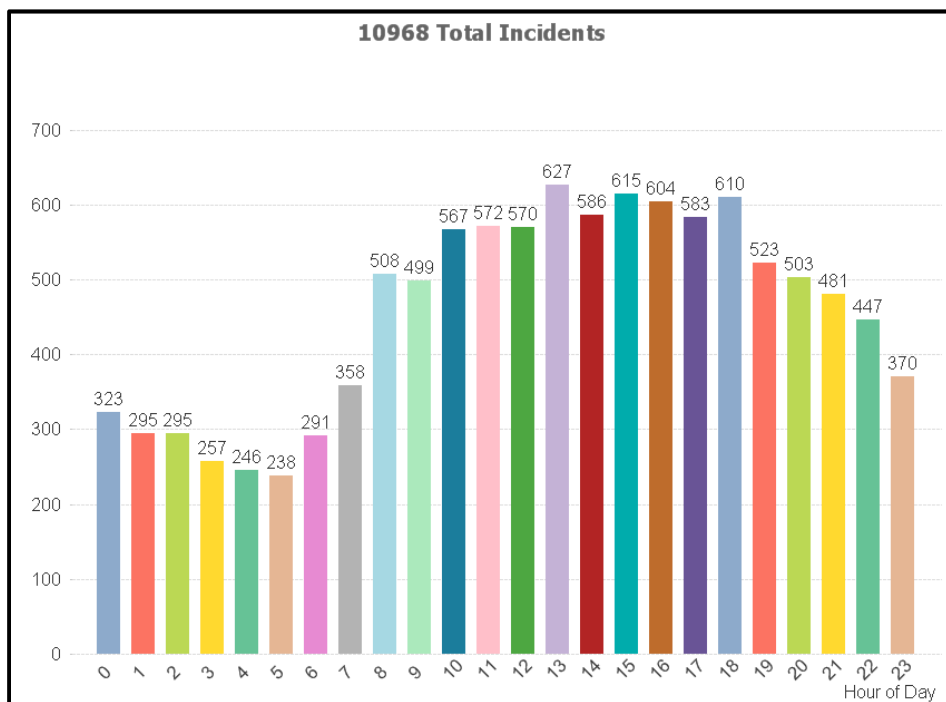
RE: Monthly Report – December 2019

The fire department responded to 907 alarms in December. The final total of alarms for the year was 10,968. That was 654 fewer alarms than 2018. The use of Emergency Medical Dispatching could be credited for the reduction. The department will continue to explore other possible alarm reductions while still providing the citizens the best service.

Fire Station 5 is nearing completion and should be open by the end of January or early February. Completion will occur in the spring when the landscaping can be completed. Architectural work has begun on the new station 3.

The ladder truck assigned to station 2 has been out-of-service for 3 months due to rust issues with the frame rails and torque box. Pierce Manufacturing is providing costs estimates to repair the vehicle. This is a similar issue that occurred to ladder truck #3, and the department expects the repair works and costs to be comparable.





Training Division:

The DFD Firefighter training for December consisted of companies from all 3 shifts performing a pre-plan tour of ADM Corn Plant and completing their annual SCBA mask fit-testing. The ADM tour provided members with site-specific maps and identified individual hazards and resources available should an incident occur. Every firefighter is required to have their SCBA mask inspected and tested on an annual basis to ensure proper functionality & fit. Fire companies also worked toward completing assigned fire pre-plans for the year. The Company drill subject for the month was “1st Due Decision Making”.

The primary focus for EMS training was the annual Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Refresher (BLS), conducted by on-shift American Heart Association CPR instructors. This mandatory training consisted of a hands-on component, as well as a Target Solutions video and test. Additionally, twenty-one (21) members licensed as EMT-I, EMT-P & PHRN completed EMS training in Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) & Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS). This mandated training was completed on-shift by DFD instructors. A “Back Injury Prevention” course was also completed in Target Solutions.

Fire Prevention Division:

The Fire Prevention Division investigated (7) fires; (2) ruled as Incendiary, (2) ruled as Accidental, and (3) were Undetermined* (2 still under investigation). They completed (62) school & business inspections; (17) key box installations or removals; (6) smoke / CO detector installations; (13) plan reviews; (2) business consults; and (3) in-house interviews. Fire Prevention also attended Technical Review Committee meetings and investigated a citizen complaint concerning unsafe living conditions. The Office of the State Fire Marshal forwarded this citizen complaint.