

RIVER FOREST FIRE DEPARTMENT



MONTHLY REPORT

AUGUST 2022



MEMORANDUM

TO: Brian Murphy
Village Administrator

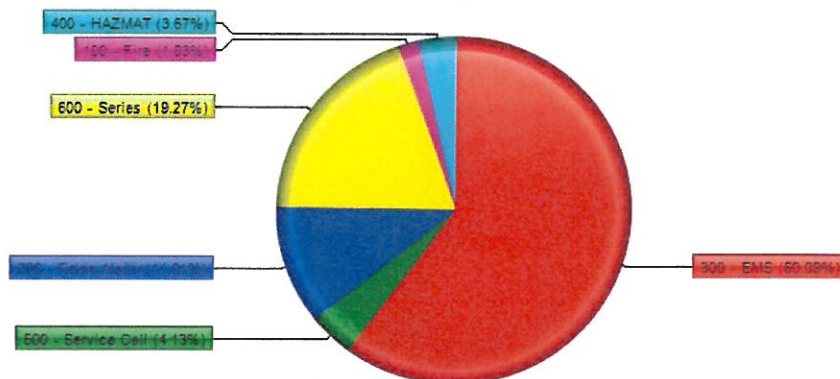
FROM: Thomas Gaertner
Thomas Gaertner
Fire Chief

DATE: September 6, 2022

SUBJECT: Monthly Report – August 2022

The Fire Department responded to 235 calls during the month of August. This is above our average number of calls in comparison to August 2021 where we had 188 calls. Emergency Medical Service calls represented 60.09% of our response activity for the month of August.

Incident Type Group	August 2022
100 - Fire	4
300 - EMS	131
400 - Hazardous Conditions	8
500 - Service Call	9
600 - Good Intent	59
700 - False Alarms	24
Monthly Total	235



Incidents of Interest:

Chief Gaertner Report

- Attended monthly RFFD Officers meeting
- Attended the West Central Municipal Conference Golf Outing
- Volunteered to work the Illinois Fire Service Association Tent at the Illinois State Fair on Sunday August 14th
- Attended various ESO Training Sessions
- Attended the Monthly Metro Chiefs Executive Board Meeting
- Attended a Leadership Development Course at the Long Grove FPD & provided by Tenzinga, our Employee Performance Management Company
- Met with new ambulance vendors for specifications for a new ambulance
- Attended the New Firefighter Orientation held at Concordia University
- Attended the WSCDC Operational Meeting held at the Oak Park Municipal Building
- Attended the IRMA Fire Chiefs Steering Committee quarterly meeting
- Participated in the Annual River Forest "Guns & Hoses" softball game

Training Lt. Carter

This month the department participated in various training activities such as:

- No Loyola CE for August
- Shifts continued their assigned building inspections
- Shifts continuing hydrant testing
- Lt's Bochenek and E. Howe attended an 8 hour Tenzinga personnel performance reporting class
- FF/PM Krall attended a Car Seat Technician class
- Lt. Carter and FF/PM Viera attended the Divison 11 Hazardous Materials Team Drill. Subject was suit donning and doffing, chemical identification and Haz Mat ID

Fire Prevention Bureau AUGUST 2022

The end of July is always a sad time in my life as July 29, 1992 is the date of a Line of Duty Death of Lieutenant Pat Luby from the Oak Park Fire Department. His death occurred at a house fire in Oak Park. July 29, 2022 was the 30-year anniversary of his death and I was requested by the shifts to critique the fire and discuss any "lessons learned" from the fire. Talking about that fateful night is very therapeutic and if the younger members of the department can gain any insight from any of the lessons learned, then I have done my job.

I attended a very interesting Zoom meeting on Smoke and Fire Dampers as part of my Continuing Education.

With the end of August, almost all the schools are now back in session for the '22-'23 school year. I adapted a number of new August Flyers on returning to school for the E-Newsletter. August is also the start of the school Fire Drill schedule. In accordance with the State Fire Marshal's Office, the first Fire Drill is to take place within the first week of the school opening. The first fire drill must be witnessed by the Fire Prevention Bureau. The first drill can be an un-announced drill or the Principal may decide to tell the students to relieve some of the stress of the first week of school. I witnessed seven drills in August with a few more scheduled in September already. Schools are required to hold three fire drills, one Lock-Down drill, a Bus Evacuation drill and a Protect in place, also known as a Severe Weather drill during the school year.

If it's August, that must mean it's time for the annual Food Truck Rally sponsored by the OPRF Rotary. I inspected 10 Food Trucks for the rally. There was only one truck that had a few problems. In the same weekend, Dominican hosts its DU Fest for all returning students. Dominican had 7 food trucks on the front circle that I needed to inspect as well.

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.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Wiley
Fire Marshal



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 FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU
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MONTHLY ACTIVITIES	MONTHLY TOTALS		YEAR TO DATE	
	Aug-21	Aug-22	2021	2022
**FPB Inspections	9	9	53	99
**Company Inspections	20	10	124	112
FPB Re-Inspections	0	0	2	49
Company Re-Inspections	11	2	59	84
Special Inquiry - B/L Site Inspections	0	1	4	13
Construction Inspections (Rough/Finals)	2	3	40	20
Inspections with Building Department	0	0	7	5
Inspections with/for State Fire Marshal	0	0	4	9
Permit Inspections (tent, hot work, UST)	1	17	13	25
TOTAL INSPECTIONS	43	42	306	416
School/Business Emergency Plans/Drills	0	7	7	10
Violation Notices Issued	20	8	92	131
Violations Noted	51	29	225	267
Violations Corrected	42	6	125	191
Permits Issued	1	16	5	24
**Complaints Received & Investigated	0	0	0	3
Meetings/Consultations	2	9	2	84
Training Activities	5	3	35	27
Fire Suppression/Alarm System Tests/Finals	0	0	1	1
Fire Suppression Hydro's	0	1	3	2
**Plan Reviews and Revisions	15	35	60	140
**Average turnaround (Business Days)	4.46 days	4.0 days	3.36 days	5.46
Public Education Programs	1	2	14	25
Public Education Program Contacts	3	104	895	734
Misc Fire Prev Activities (See Narrative)	5	4	47	44

** Performance Measures for the Chief

Kevin Wiley Fire Marshal

Individual Shift Reports

Gold Shift Report Lt. Howe

Activities: For the month of August Gold Shift had a total of 85 calls. 35 of the calls were fire related, 46 involved emergency medical services and there were 6 service calls.

Incidents/Events of Note: On August 8th Engine 213 responded to 820 Park Ave for power lines down. Engine 213 identified a primary transmission line brought down by a large tree branch that fell. Engine 213 crew secured area and remained on scene until Com Ed arrived to complete repairs.

Training: Gold shift had 90 hours of fire related training this month, 40 hours of EMS training and for an average of 21.6 hours per firefighter. Firefighting training topics included Water Supply, Tactics and Strategy, Diver safety, Building familiarization. EMS training topics included the Lucas Chest Compression system, Loyola mandated continuing education on Trauma.

- FF Krall obtained Child safety seat technician certification.
- F. Krall installed/inspected 2 child safety seats.
- Gold Shift completed annual hydrant testing

Inspections: Gold shift completed 4 company fire inspections in August.

Black Shift Report: Lt. Bochenek

Activities: Black Shift had a total of 79 calls. 27 were fire related, 51 were EMS calls, 1 service call(s).

Incidents/Events of Note: Crew attended block parties (5).

Shift Training: Black shift had 132 hours of fire related training this month and 38.5 hours of EMS training for a total of 170.5 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 28.42 hours per Lieutenant and firefighter/paramedics.

Inspections: All fire hydrants and fire hose assigned to Black Shift have been tested

Red Shift Report: Lt. Smith

Activities: For the month of August, Red Shift had a total of 71 calls. 20 of the calls were fire related. There were 48 EMS calls and 3 service calls.

Incidents/Events of Note: On August 11th, Red Shift responded to a car that struck a garage at Thatcher and Hawthorne Ave. The vehicle was found rolled over resting on the driver's side, pinning the occupant inside. The driver's arm was pinned under the driver door. Firefighters used the spreaders to slightly lift the car off the driver's arm. The Genesis cutters and sawzalls were used to cut off the roof of the vehicle. The patient was then able to be safely removed. The driver had multiple injuries and was taken to Loyola Hospital by Ambulance 215.

On August 4th, Red Shift responded to Harlem and Central Ave for the vehicle accident. River Forest units arrived and found the accident was at Harlem and North Blvd in Oak Park. The accident consisted of a truck and a car. Ambulance 215 began assessing the four patients. Engine 213 crew needed to use the hydraulic spreaders to free the occupants from the vehicles. Ambulance 215 then transported an adult and an infant to Loyola Hospital. An ambulance from Oak Park Fire transported the driver of the car. Engine 213 obtained a refusal from the fourth patient.

Shift Training: Red Shift had 84.75 hours of fire related training this month and 63.5 hours of EMS training for a total of 148.25 hours of training. That is an average of 24.7 hours per firefighter. Training for the month included Loyola EMS Continuing Education on Trauma. The Shift completed Loyola's online training: DNR/POLST Update. The shift also performed an active shooter tabletop drill. The drill focused on triage and operating as medical control at a multiple victim incident. Red Shift trained on tactics and strategies for fighting structure fires. The Shift used structure fire simulations on the computer to improve on size-up and firefighting tactics. FF Viera attended a 4-hour Division 11 Hazmat drill in Stickney. FF Howe attended a 6-hour PALS refresher course in Chicago. FF Seablom obtained his Bachelor's Degree in Fire and Emergency Management from Purdue Global. Lt. Smith attended 5.5-hours of Zoom classes related to EMS and firefighting.

Inspections: Shift personnel conducted 0 Inspections with 0 violations, and 0 re-inspections with 11 corrections. The Shift continued to test fire hydrants throughout the Village. FF Doran installed a child car safety seat for a resident.

EMS/Paramedic Activity FF/PM Fischer

For the month of August, RFFD responded for a total of 134 patients. Of the 134 patients, 112 were treated and transported by Ambulance 215, 3 were invalid assists and 19 patients refused care. These 134 patients had various complaints. Below are how the complaints break down:

- No complaint – 2
- Abdominal Pain – 2
- Allergic Reaction – 1
- Assault – 0
- Hemorrhage/Bleeding -- 3
- Breathing Problems -- 12
- Psychiatric – 9
- Cardiac -- 5
- Chest Pain – 2
- Cardiac/Traumatic/Respiratory Arrest – 1
- Choking -- 0
- Diabetic – 1
- Fall - 13
- Headache/Concussion – 1
- Medical Alarm -- 1
- Pain (Back) – 1
- Pain (General) -- 1
- Patient Assist –
- Poisoning / Drug Ingestion – 1
- Seizure – 3
- Sick Person -- 35
- Stroke / CVA – 3
- Traffic Accident -- 14
- Traumatic Injury – 2
- Unconscious/Unresponsive – 5
- Unknown Problems -- 5

The 112 patients who were transported went to the following hospitals:

- Gottlieb – 12
- Hines VA – 0
- Loyola – 18
- MacNeal - 1
- Community First -- 0
- Rush / Oak Park – 87
- Resurrection - 0
- West Suburban – 4

We had 25 calls to other towns for a mutual aid ambulance and received aid 12 times from other communities.

Vehicle/Equipment/ Station Maintenance FF Zipperich

VEHICLES:

200- Fire Extinguisher and SCBA bracket installed

201- Nothing reported

202- Nothing reported, located vehicle title in file in DC office

213-Officer-side low beam headlight replaced. Check Engine light persists due to DEF per Interstate-DEF siphoned from tank and replaced with new DEF (changed to different DEF product through PW). Water tank gauge not reading properly. Airbag fault. Interstate is aware and will schedule service

214- Nothing reported

215- Oil change/ spare filter ordered and delivered (Sept 1, AC recharged at Pete's-will need to go back to identify leak in system)

218- Nothing reported

219- Interstate investigating temp fix for DEF tank to put back in service. PMs, pump test, and generator install. Interstate will provide estimate to place outlet in driver's side rear cabinet, for fan.

222-6 Batteries changed. Tank to pump OOS; bypassed while waiting for part

EQUIPMENT:

MSA flow test completed. All air packs and masks tested

213 RIT bag connection switched from quick to threaded. Radiation detector battery replaced.

215 LUCAS CPR device loaner in service

Air One picked up defective booster nozzle

FIRE STATION:

12 batteries (7 old, 5 new) returned to CJC

55 gal DEF delivered (need dispenser)

Oil dry delivered

15W40 oil delivered

Documentation needed regarding pump tests for ISO. Interstate contacted to forward documentation

GUNS & HOSES ANNUAL
SOFTBALL GAME
AUGUST 28, 2022





