



**Windsor Heights Fire Dept.**

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**Monthly Report**

**To:** Honorable Mayor, Council Members, City Administrator  
**From:** Christopher W. Cross, Fire Chief  
**Date:** February 12, 2010  
**Re:** Fire Department Report for the month of January

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**Statistics**

Attached are the statistics for the month of January.

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**Significant Emergencies**

**January 16 – Residential Assignment – Johnston**

WHFD responded to a residential assignment in Johnston. On arrival, WHFD crews served as the rapid intervention team (RIT), assisted with safety officer and command functions. Engine company personnel evaluated a victim of the fire who was attempting to clean furnace equipment with a substance in an aerosol can, the contents of the can ignited, and the victim sustained burns to the hands and face. No fire department personnel were injured, no fire department equipment damaged.

**January 23 – Investigation of Citizen Complaint – Windsor Heights**

The Fire Department was notified of an emergency exit for a handicapped occupant of an apartment building was obstructed. On arrival, the exit was obstructed by sandbags and plywood placed in an attempt to divert water. A representative of the building was contacted and the obstruction was removed. Building representative was placed on notice that this was the 2nd instance when the fire department was notified of the violation, and that the building will receive a citation and fine for the next occurrence.

**January 24 – Rescue Assignment – Windsor Heights**

WHFD responded to 73<sup>rd</sup> Street and Interstate 235 for a car that had fallen from the bridge onto 73<sup>rd</sup> Street. The victim, unfortunately, did not survive the crash. WHFD crews assisted the police department with the investigation by providing manpower and lighting. A Critical Incident Stress Management session was conducted following the incident for all members of the Fire and Police Departments.

**Special Events**

**Iowa Landlord Association Presentation – Lt. Tim Kurth**

Lt. Kurth attended a public meeting with the Iowa Landlords Assoc. on Tuesday January 19<sup>th</sup> to educate the group on rental conversion fees passed by the WH city council as well as the new "FOR RENT" sign requirements. All in attendance had many questions about the process as well as requesting additional information

**Station Tour -** , Students from Cowles and Montessori Schools participated in a station tour and fire safety presentation. 20 students viewed the fire apparatus and equipment.

**Rental Inspections**

In January, 25 rental units were inspected.

**Fire Marshal's Report**

In January, 5 commercial inspections were performed.

**Training**

WHFD staff completed training in rapid intervention and forcible entry using the buildings on Hickman Road.

**Fire Department Statistics**

- EMS related responses: 27
- Fire related responses: 27
- Total FD responses for December: 54

**EMS Billing**

- January Receipts: **INFORMATION NOT AVAILABLE AT TIME OF REPORT.**

