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Monthly Report

To: Honorable Mayor, Council Members, City Administrator
From: Christopher W. Cross, Fire Chief
Date: October 27, 2009
Re: Fire Department Report for the month of September

Statistics

Attached are the statistics for the month of September.

Significant Emergencies

September 3 – School Bus Fire – Windsor Heights

Fire Department personnel responded to the intersection of 73rd and University for a school bus fire. On arrival of fire crews, the driver reported a small fire in the dash board of the bus. The driver of the bus extinguished the fire with a portable fire extinguisher. The bus was not occupied by students at the time of the fire.

September 14 – Standby for West Des Moines Fire Department

West Des Moines Fire Department responded to a commercial assignment, report of an apartment building on fire. WHFD was requested to be placed on standby to answer subsequent alarms or assist with the commercial assignment. WHFD crews stood by, but were not dispatched.

September 15 – Commercial Fire Assignment – Clive

WHFD and Clive Fire Department responded to a commercial fire assignment, report of a kitchen fire in an apartment building. On arrival a small kitchen fire was found and extinguished by the first arriving engine.

September 22 – Hazardous Materials Assignment – Windsor Heights

WHFD responded to Colby Park for a transformer utility pole that had been struck by construction equipment. When the pole fell the transformer spilled its contents. MidAmerican Energy personnel were requested to test the transformer fluid to determine if the spill contained PCB's (polychlorinated biphenyls). PCBs alter major systems in the body (immune, hormone, nervous, and enzyme systems); therefore, PCBs affect a wide variety of body organs and functions. MidAmerican's test of the fluid was negative.

September 23 – Assist the Police Department – Windsor Heights

Wal-mart management and various customers notified fire personnel of an infant unattended in a car on the parking lot of Wal-mart. FD personnel located the sedan with windows in a partial closed position with an infant approximately 18 months old sleeping, sitting restrained in child safety seat in the rear passenger seat. The child was alert and appeared to not be in any distress. The WHPD was summoned and contacted DHS.

September 26 – Residential Fire Assignment - Johnston

WHFD personnel responded to Johnston for a residential assignment. On arrival smoke was found in the residence. Fire crews investigated the source of the smoke, finding a faulty furnace.

Special Events

Pump Testing

All Windsor Heights Fire Department fire suppression apparatus underwent annual pump testing in September. Emergency Apparatus Maintenance certified all fire suppression units without difficulty. NFPA 1911, Standard for the Inspection, Maintenance, Testing, and Retirement of In-Service Automotive Fire Apparatus, 2007 Edition requires that fire apparatus be service tested annually.

Hose Testing

All Windsor Heights Fire Department fire hoses underwent annual service testing in September. NFPA 1962, Standard for the Inspection, Care, and Use of Fire Hose, Couplings, and Nozzles and the Service Testing of Fire Hose, 2008 Edition requires all fire hoses used for suppression be service tested annually. All hose testing was completed by WHFD personnel.

September 11th Remembrance

A lunch was hosted by WHFD firefighters and officers to remember the firefighters who perished on September 11, 2001. The Clive Fire Department on duty staff attended the luncheon. Participants watched a documentary about the event, and recalled where they were on that day.

Jason Cutsforth

Jason Cutsforth returned from military leave in September. Jason was stationed in Ft. Rucker, Alabama training to fly Blackhawk helicopters. We are very happy to have Jason back in the firehouse. Welcome home!

Training Facility

The combined training facility is on target to be completed in mid November. The three departments involved have set the 1st quarter training calendar, and are crafting the policies and procedures for operation of the building.

Rental Inspections

In September, 46 rental units were inspected.

Fire Marshal's Report

Commercial fire inspection of Budget Storage was conducted. A plan review of the Wal-Mart remodel/renovation project was completed.

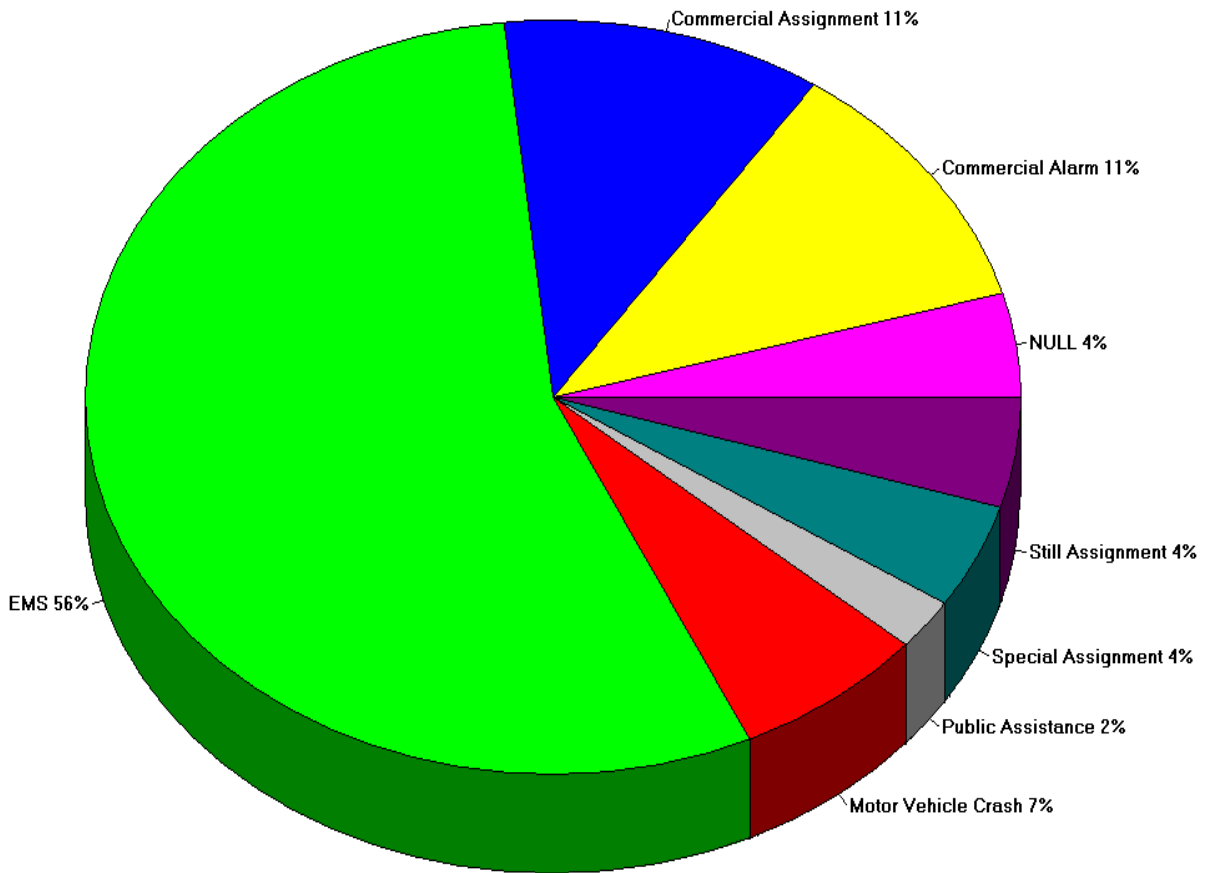
Training

- Chief Cross attended a 32 hour Fire Officer II certification class.
- Deputy Chief Randy Jones attended a heavy rescue training sponsored by Johnston Fire Department at the Hanifen Towing facility. DC Jones learned techniques for vehicle extrication on larger than average vehicles such as tractor-trailers.
- The department completed training in September on the topics of salvage/overhaul, district familiarity/Knox box procedures, and ropes and knots.

Fire Department Statistics

- EMS related responses: 33
- Fire related responses: 13
- Total FD responses for September: 46

Type of Alarm Summary Graph
Alarm Date Between {09/01/2009} And {09/30/2009}





Chief and members at a local apartment complex discussing building construction and tactics.



DC Jones at heavy rescue training at Hanifen



Combined Training Facility with exterior siding in place