



**Windsor Heights Fire Dept.**

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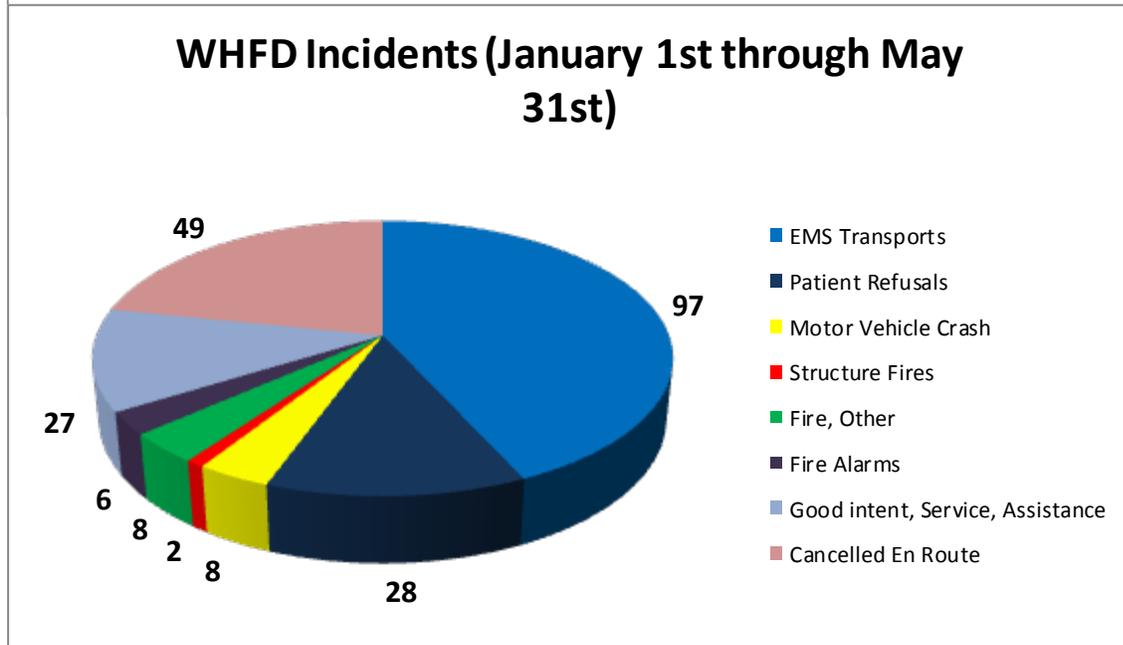
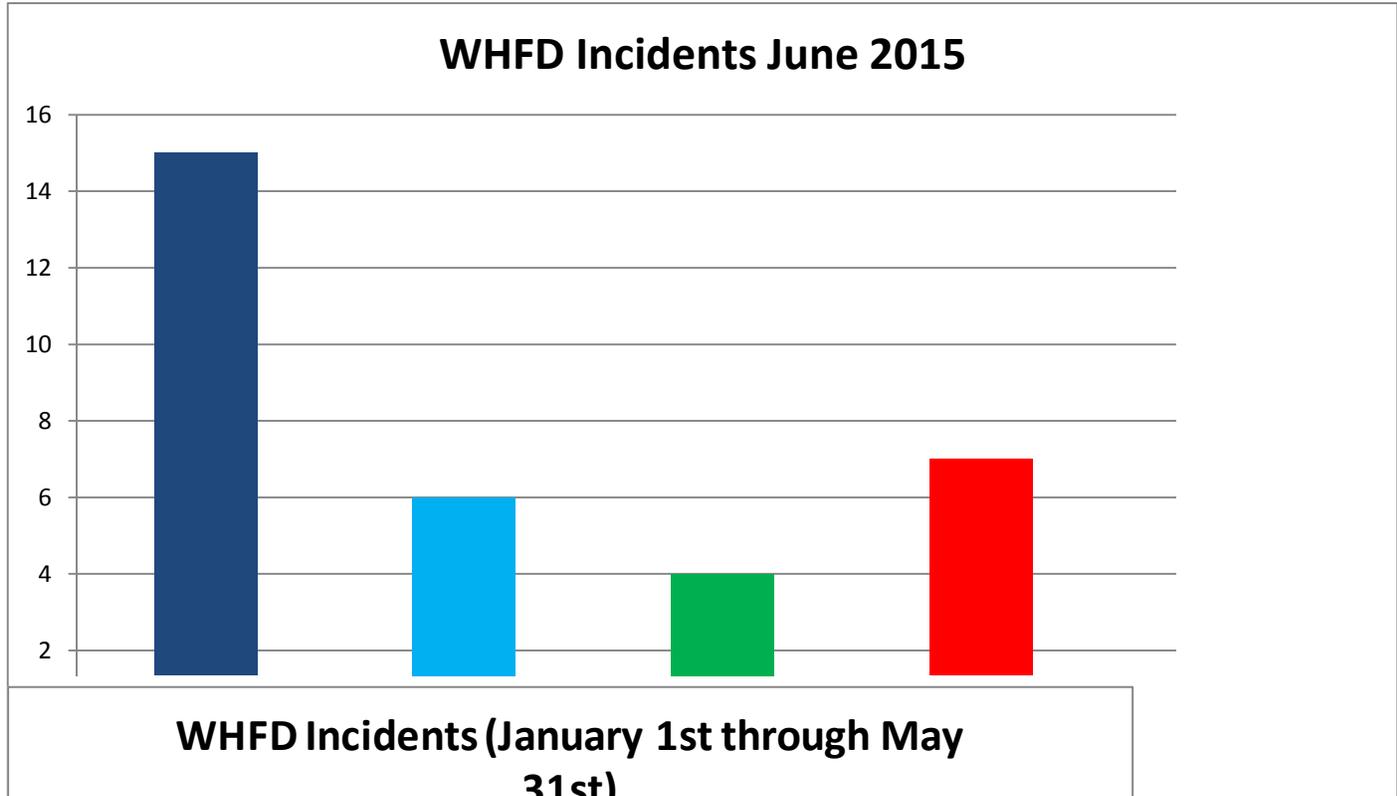
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# Monthly Report

## June 2015

### Fire and EMS Calls



*The Windsor Heights Fire Department's mission is to deliver excellent EMS and Fire service to the public through continuous training, rapid response, public education and fire prevention.*

## Significant Fire/EMS Calls

**Three-story commercial fire assignment in Clive.** Engine 5571 was assigned as a search team for the multi-story apartment complex. Crews conducted a search on the third floor of the apartment building and assisted one family out of the building during evacuation. After the evacuation was completed, WHFD personnel aided on the fire ground in a support role. Damage to the structure was limited to the rear of the building.

**Car fire on I-235.** Engine 5571 responded to a still vehicle fire in the east-bound lanes of I-235 on the east side of the 63<sup>rd</sup> St. off ramp. Upon arrival, the vehicle was fully engulfed in flames. WHFD was able to extinguish the fire, but there was a total loss of the vehicle. Due to the significant damage caused by the fire, there was no official determination of the fire. Des Moines Engine 4 also responded to the fire. Engine 4 assisted 5571 with removal of the hood while performing extinguishment.



# Inspections

## June Rental Inspections

	<u>This Month</u>
Rental Inspections Completed	15 properties
Rental Re-Inspections Completed	0
Rental Conversions	1

## Significant Rental Inspections

- 900 65<sup>th</sup> Street - 72 residential units
- 6500 University Avenue - 11 residential units (under new ownership)
- 1511 Del Matro Court - now owner occupied on one side
- 1805 77<sup>th</sup> Street - new conversion

## Significant Commercial Inspections

- Immanuel Pace-ANSUL Kitchen (former Ethan Allen building): continued fire code follow-up with Weitz Company; alarm testing and hydrostatic testing performed on building.
- The Front Row has begun the process of changing occupancy owners. The new owners will be opening up Maple Vape within the bar. Maple Vape is an E-Cigarette store that is/was previously in the Apple Valley Center. Initial fire inspection on the new occupancy was completed without issue. There were no significant violations noted on the occupancy.
- Continued improvements have been in progress to the Hickman Motor Lodge. Last month personnel conducted an annual fire inspection. Assistance from the City's contracted electrician and contracted building official were enlisted to address observed code violations. Upon completion of the inspection, there were numerous building code violations. The City's contracted service providers have been working with the occupancy owners to correct these violations. Currently, the Hickman Motor Lodge is compliant on all building and fire code

violations. We will continue to monitor the Hickman Motor Lodge to ensure the City's building and fire code standards are adhered to.

## **New Construction/Build Plan Reviews**

- Continued monitoring of the Immanuel PACE Center. Weitz Company and the WHFD have been going through fire alarm testing and monitoring of the alarm system. Hydrostatic testings performed on the sprinkler system have all passed. A temporary permit was issued to allow for furniture to start being moved into the occupancy.

## **Community Outreach**

**Breakfast with firefighters.** On June 13<sup>th</sup> a family was able to have breakfast with the firefighters. Two children along with their parents came on a Saturday morning and had donuts with the firefighters on shift that day. The children then were given a tour of the fire station. Firefighters also showed the family their gear and some of the equipment used by the fire department at different incidents. The family was also shown the apparatus and tools on the trucks. They finished the morning off by giving the children and family a ride in the firetruck.



**YMCA visit.** On Wednesday June 10<sup>th</sup> the on-duty firefighters took the ambulance and engine to the YMCA. Crews talked with a small group of children about fire safety discussing key points for home safety such as:

- Smoke detectors, when to change the batteries
- Having a plan if there is a fire and where to have their family meet
- Cooking safety
- Fireworks safety was also discussed since the 4<sup>th</sup> of July was approaching

After a lesson with the children, crews then showed what the firefighters look like in their gear and explained what each piece was and its purpose. After the gear display the firefighters showed the children the ambulance and engine and allowed them to sit inside the trucks. The kids were very thankful and appreciative afterwards.



## **Other Community Outreach Events**

- Child Safety Seats installed at the FD - two families with one seat each
- Child Safety Day at Hy-Vee - joint event with WHPD

- CPR class was taught at The Elks Lodge in Des Moines. Nine students attended the course. The course taught was the American Heart Association Family and Friends CPR. The reason for the course was to better the knowledge of the members of the Elks Lodge in CPR.

## Training Events

**Live Fire Training at FAST Center.** Initial scene size-up and roll-up operations training was conducted at the training tower in Urbandale at Station 42. The operations are to simulate the WHFD arriving on scene to a 1 and 2-story residential house that has a confirmed fire. The crew is then to decide on which attack is most appropriate on the structure. The burn tower allows personnel to be able to simulate a first-story room and contents fire as well as a fire that is located in the basement of a residence. All firefighters, officers and engineers were allotted time to perform the duties that each is required to perform on the fire ground.

**Extrication Training Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>.** Crews conducted a two-hour training on this evening covering extrication. Extrication training is a crucial skill to be able to perform safely and quickly. Our EMS providers are taught the “golden hour” which means our goal is to have patients with traumatic injuries to the hospital in one hour or less. Being able to remove a patient from a vehicle is critical for a positive outcome for these patients. During this two-hour training crews reviewed different methods for removing victims from a vehicle by removing car doors and glass, removing a roof, popping the hood to disconnect the batteries and lifting a dash off a trapped victim. Crews worked very hard and this was a worthwhile refresher for all involved.



## Other News & Notes from the FD

- Assessments and interviews were conducted to fill two new fulltime staff positions for potential Firefighter/EMT-B's. Nearly twenty applications were received. The pool was narrowed to eight candidates to be taken to oral board interviews. Four of these candidates were chosen to have a second interview with Chief McDaniel. Final steps in the hiring process are in motion and both positions look to be filled by early August at the latest.
- We are in the process of starting a new Firefighter Recruit program intended to bolster the roster of the paid-per-call membership (traditionally known as "volunteers"). At present we have four potential recruits and one other former member that has agreed to return to the department. The department is recruiting on an on-going basis and always looking for referrals to interested candidates that live within a 1.5 mile radius of the public safety building.

Respectfully submitted,

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