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FIRE CHIEF'S MONTHLY REPORT

I hereby submit my report as Fire Chief of the Danbury Fire Department, which covers the period of 21 February through 21 March and details activities of the Department.

With the onset of spring and the warmer weather, many of our citizens have also checked the batteries in their smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. However, it is necessary to do more than just check or replace the batteries. These detectors have a life span just like any other device. Please check with the manufacturers' instructions of any such devices in your homes. These devices should be replaced if they have been in use for more than the suggested time span of the manufacturer.

For example most commonly used carbon monoxide detectors have a suggest usage of 5 to 7 years. If your device is older than this, it is probably time to replace it. Look at the original installation instructions or contact the manufacturer to confirm the recommended replacement schedule. Most smoke detector producers suggest a replacement of the device at around 10 years. Please check with the labeling or the instructions as to your devices useful life.

These devices have a proven history of activation and notifying residents of the potential threat of fires and hazardous conditions. But they are limited and we all must be vigilant in maintaining and replacing them so as to be certain that they are functioning as desired.

This month, we here at the fire department wish to remind every one that the better weather brings people out of our homes and out side to

enjoy the warmer climate. Please use extra caution while driving to allow for bicyclists and motorcyclists. While riding, please use safety visibility vests and helmets. Pedestrians, runners and children will all be more often found using our streets. Please be especially alert to these users of our roads and sidewalks. Have a safe and happy spring!

PUBLIC EDUCATION/PREVENTION/PUBLIC RELATIONS

Pre-incident tours this month included Crown Point Apartments on Saw Mill Rd., Seven New St. for a pre-construction tour, Chestnut St. pre construction site review. The Tarrywile Mansion and the Martha Apartments were also toured.

On 7 March Eng. 23, the Truck Co. and Car 30 attended the Penguin Plunge at the Town Park. This event was sponsored by the Connecticut Special Olympics.

Several Officers and Firefighters are participating in job fairs and recruitment activities through out the state. This is being done to gather candidates for the entry level test for the fire department. This test is expected to be given in the summer. These events have spanned the state with our recruitment team appearing at U-CONN, Central Connecticut, Naugatuck Valley, as well as other schools and job fairs.

SUPPRESSION/RESPONSE ACTIVITIES OF NOTE

On 2 March D shift responded to a working structure fire on Rowan St. The fire heavily damaged the home and displaced 15 residents.

On 5 March C shift responded to 20 Crosby St., Iovino Sporting Goods for a reported structure fire. Responding units were able to hold the fire to the initial area on the first floor. There were severe loses to inventory but the structural damage to the building was minor. There were no injuries.

D shift also responded to two serious MVA extrication calls. These occurred on 12 March and 17 March. Both calls required heavy rescue tools to extricate the occupants and resulted in serious injuries to the operators of the motor vehicles.

Command and Staff Activities

- Attended Chamber of Commerce Leadership class
- Mayors Cabinet meeting
- Fire Safety Poster contest
- Volunteer Firefighters Ball
- Saint Patrick's Day Parade
- Housing Authority Meeting
- State Labor Management meeting
- Engine 9 Dinner
- CME, Danbury Hospital
- Monthly Staff Mtg

- City of Danbury Housing Authority mtg.
- Shipman and Goodwin Seminar, labor management

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES/HAZ MAT - Rey Rodriguez

On March 24, 2010 we expect forty city firefighters will be taking the State of CT. EMT recertification test at Beaver Brook Volunteer Fire Station here in Danbury. This has been the focus of our EMS training this month. Our presentation of the CPR class to Danbury Teachers was completed after an earlier postponement due to inclement weather.

The Danbury Fire Department provides training and maintenance for the Automatic External Defibrillator in all of the Public Schools in Danbury. The AED's at the Charter School and Morris St. School were up-dated with new batteries and electro conversion pads.

The recently instituted quarterly Haz Mat (HM) training program has been well received by all Department members. It will serve to maintain the skills of the firefighters certified as NFPA 472 technicians as well as the entire department, all of whom play critical roles in any HM response. This revamping of our HM training comes as a result of our reorganizing and adding to our Haz Mat team contingent. The NFPA 472 course is a rigorous class consisting of 160 hours of classroom and practical skill training. This program will considerably enhance our capabilities as a Regional Emergency Response Department.

Communcations/911 - Patrick Sniffin

The Fire department operation of the City 9-1-1 PSAP continues. We have continued to train our firefighters to operate as dispatchers. We anticipate the move to our new 9-1-1 dispatch center in the recently built Police Headquarters in the coming months.

Training - Mark Omasta

Volunteer Division: Firefighter 1

The Firefighter 1 class is at the half way point. 20 students in the 160 hour Fire fighter 1 course are working hard in their quest to become CT certified Firefighters. Hazardous Materials training will be next with testing in May.

Quarterly Training

Quarterly Training for the Volunteer Division was held on 5 dates in February. 105 Vol. Fire fighters attended the OSHA required training. We will offer a make-up session the last week of March.

Career Division: Cold Water/Ice rescue

We were able to take advantage of weak ice conditions in early March and don our cold water suits for some ice rescue drills on Lake Kenosia.

Acquired Structure

All crews took advantage of training opportunities at a wood frame house at 35 Forest Ave. Owner Gus DaSilva made the structure available to us prior to demolition. This is a rare opportunity for the department to work in an actual structure and perform drills beyond our fire training facility creating "real" world scenarios. Crews worked on Search/Rescue techniques, Safety/Survival drills, ventilation and also worked with the thermal imaging cameras.

Haz Mat

Quarterly training for all personnel started in late Jan. and continues through March. This quarter, crews are covering their Roles and Responsibilities, reviewing all equipment on our Haz Mat vehicle, doing a table top exercise involving an overturned fuel truck, and additional hands on training with the dome cover simulator.

Driver Qualification

Firefighter Steve Rogers passed all the required practical and written exams on March 1 and is now a qualified Aerial Operator.

Incidents

The Training Officer was called as Safety officer to Structure Fires on 6 Rowan St. and 20 Crosby St.

Critiques; Post Incident critiques were held for the following Incidents:

Structure fire at 93 Park Ave.

Below grade construction accident rescue at 160 South St.

Structure fire at 6 Rowan St.

Structure fire at 20 Crosby St.

Vehicle extrication on I-84W exit 2

Vehicle extrication on Pembroke Rd.

Meetings/ events for the T.O.

- Attended the March CT Fire Instructors meeting in Rocky Hill, March 3. Guest speaker from CT OSHA gave updates concerning required Training
- Attended the Staff meeting with B group on March 16
- Attended the Health/Fitness meeting with Corporate Health, Local 801, Human Resources , City Corporation Council, and the Chief and Deputy Chief on March 16
- Met with the Chiefs, CIRMA representative and Dan Garrick about establishing an Incident Investigation procedure. March 15
- Participated in the First Annual Connecticut Firefighter ski race at Mohawk Mountain on March 6. The local 801 team took first place in the inaugural event.
- Attended the Volunteer Fireman's Ball at the Amber Room on March 13.
- Met with the Chiefs and Volunteer Fire Division Executive Board on March 16
- Attended St. Patrick's Day festivities in NYC
- Attended the wedding reception for Firefighter Adam Horosky on March 17

Apparatus/Equipment - Joe Cavo

E-21's meter needed replacement of an LEL sensor. All of the Departments' 4 Gas meters are calibrated. Last month the Apparatus division responded to an MVA involving E-21. The necessary repairs to this Engine were performed and it was placed back in service the next day thanks to the parts loaned to us by the Wilton Fire Department. We have since purchased and installed all the functional parts. The cosmetic body repairs remain as funding allows. Car 30 while waiting for the catalytic converters to arrive at Colonial Ford developed a leak in the transmission; Colonial Ford removed the transmission while they were replacing the catalytic converters. The front pump seal and torque converter were replaced. Truck-1 sustained damage to the waterway at the fire on Crosby St. The damaged parts have been removed and the replacements are ordered. The ladder was assessed for any possible damage and it has been determined that just the waterway was involved.

Other repairs completed:

- replaced the Smart Docks in E-21
- replaced the air horn solenoid in Truck-1
- made temporary repairs to C-30's light bar and ordered parts
- did a complete service on E-22, including brakes and pump
- Serviced several staff vehicles
- replaced two tires on Truck-1
- replaced the two front tires on E-23
- serviced the smoke ejector on Truck-1
- replaced all charge air cooler hoses on E-25
- replaced the batteries in the air packs assigned to the Regional Haz-Mat vehicle

Fire Marshal - James Johnson

We continue to find illegal occupancies thru UNIT inspections, there were 6 inspections for unsafe occupancy (basement/attic) all situations have been resolved.

This months Fire Prevention consisted of several programs for different groups. We had two winners of the Fire Prevention Poster Contest, Madison Albano – King St. Intermediate and Lorena Lopez from Shelter Rock School. Madison also won the Fairfield County competition. Madison's poster will be in the 2011 Fire Prevention Calendar.

We also completed 21 hours of continuing education concerning the new statute for issuing citations for code violations. For more information concerning the citations please contact me.

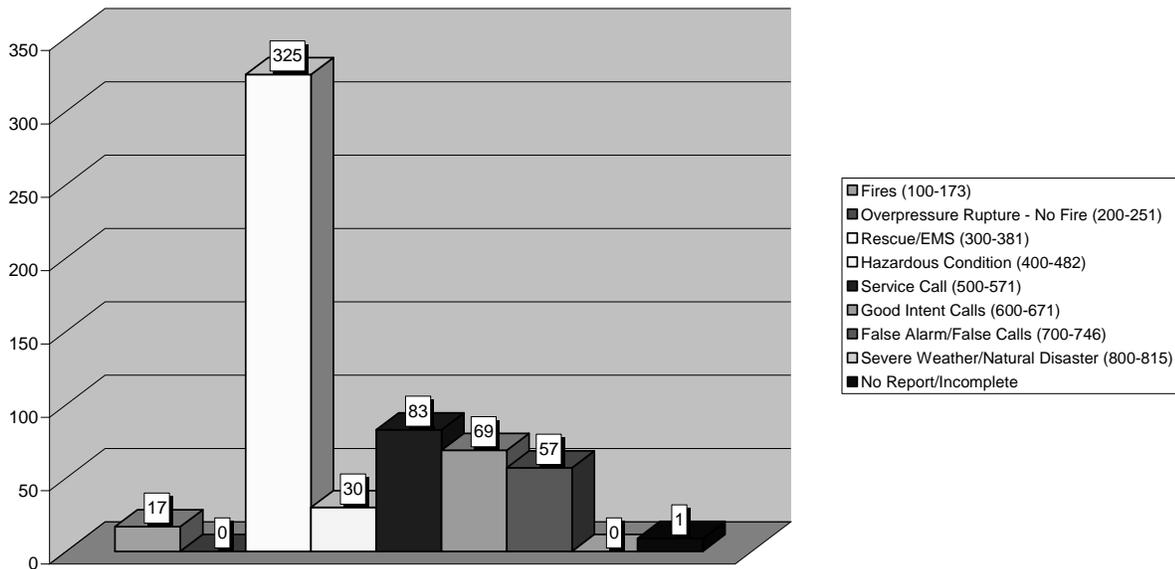
DFM Osborne, Rao and Leach completed Arson Case Management and DFM Russell completed a week of training at the National Fire Academy.

Our office investigated one serious fire. I am again happy to report there were no injuries reported.

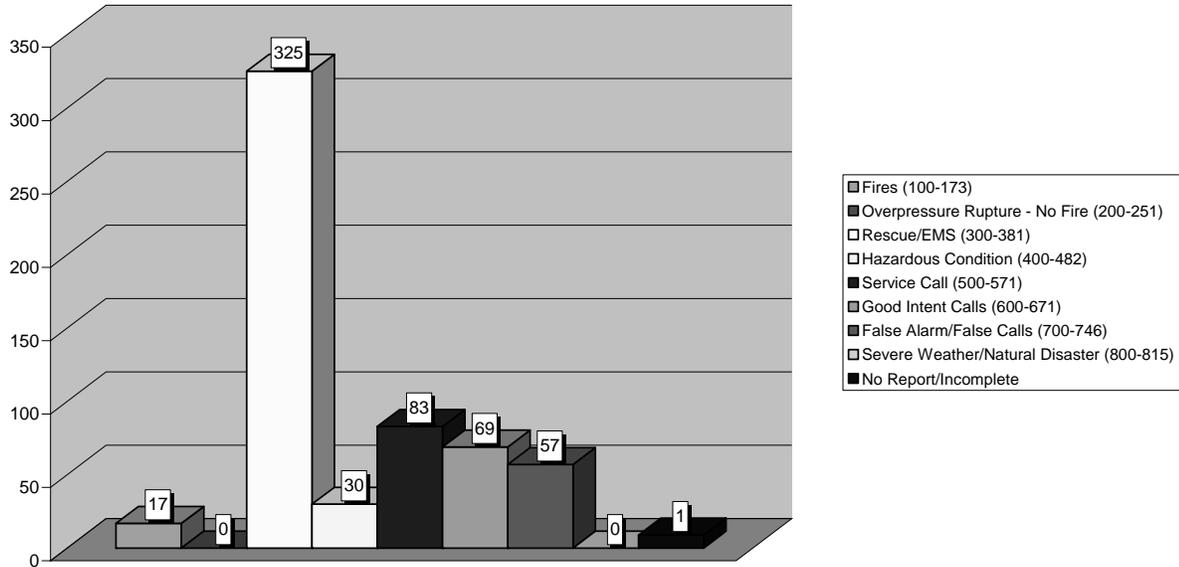
Department Statistical Reports

Abatements/Reports (hrs):	42.5	Place of Assembly:	17
Issued in Fire Zones:	8	Educational:	2
Fire Investigations:	10	Business:	20
Fatal Fires:	0	Storage:	2
Liquor Inspections:	15	Health Care:	4
Blasting Permits:	2	Industrial:	2
Complaints	22**	Mercantile:	19
Plan Review (hrs)	93	Residential Board & Care:	0
Fire Prevention Prgs.	8	Hotel (units):	125
Orders of Abatement:	2	Apartments:	155
** Resolved or in the process		Rooming Houses:	1
of being resolved.		Day Care:	5
Some of these complaints		Misc. Inspections	30
Were thru and with the UNIT.		Special Structures:	1
		Office Duty (hrs):	138
		Burn Permits	2

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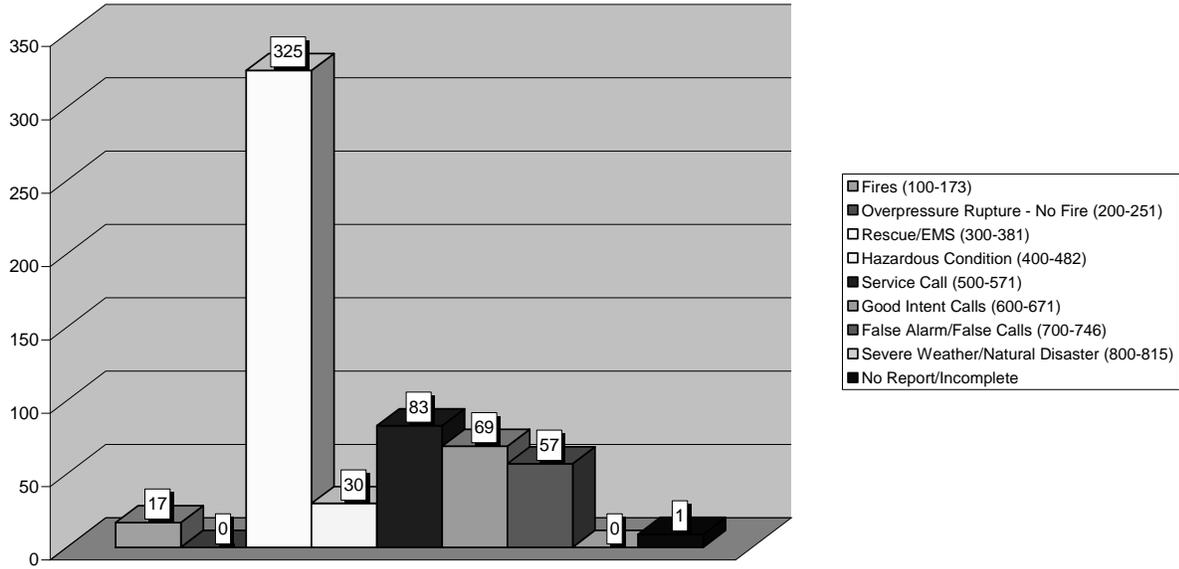
Monthly Breakdown NFIRS Ver 5.0 Coding	
Fires (100-173)	17
Overpressure Rupture - No Fire (200-251)	0
Rescue/EMS (300-381)	325
Hazardous Condition (400-482)	30
Service Call (500-571)	83
Good Intent Calls (600-671)	69
False Alarm/False Calls (700-746)	57
Severe Weather/Natural Disaster (800-815)	0
Special Incident Type (900-911)	1
No Report/Incomplete	9
Total Fire Responses	591
E911 Statistics	
Total 911 Calls	2389
Abandoned 911 Calls	287
Cellular 911 Calls	1189
911 Hang Up Calls	771
Admin Calls Received	798
Police Calls via 911	263
Fire Calls via 911 (CAD 28)	207
EMS Calls via 911 (CAD 29)	298

Daily Average	85.32
Dispatch Incident Statistics	
Total Fire Responses	591
Total EMS Responses	701
Unknown Transport Status	0
ALS Patient (CAD 60)	282
BLS Patient (CAD 61)	316
No Patient (CAD 62)	103
EMS Mutual Aide Requests (CAD 80)	4
EMS Calls Passed to Backup (CAD 81)	30

**** NOTE ****

Multiple 911 Calls received for Fire And
EMS
Incidents are attached to Fire Incident
Reports

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**911 Center Activity
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