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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 May through 21 June and details activities of the Department.

I would like to take this opportunity to express the departments' anguish over the recent tragedy in the death of a child in a bicycle accident here in Danbury. We would like to express our deepest sympathy for the family. This incident was a terrible loss.

Our safety message this month is a reminder to please always wear a bicycle helmet when riding on our streets. These accidents can happen in an instant and a helmet may help prevent such a tragedy from recurring. If you are driving on the streets, please pay careful attention to the pedestrians and bicyclists. Remember that to be safest, on foot you should walk toward oncoming traffic. On a bicycle however, you should ride with traffic and stay as far right as possible.

PUBLIC EDUCATION/PREVENTION/PUBLIC RELATIONS

Pre planning and tours: Hospital construction, 226 White St., ATMI, Commerce Park, Crowne Point, 59-67 Federal Rd., MATRIX

20 Students from Broadview Jr. High School on 26 May;

The department provided a "Ride to School" as support for the fund raiser for Great Plain PTO.

Lt Chip Daly presented a career day talk to the students of Park Avenue School.

DAYO: annual picnic for a show and tell on fire department equipment and apparatus

SUPPRESSION/RESPONSE ACTIVITIES OF NOTE

On 23 May E25 was on a call on Fanton Rd. and heard the cries of a days old baby deer that had fallen into a rock crevice. They were able to reach in and bring the baby deer to safety and with the help of off duty FF. J. Sherman; they talked to Wildlife Rescue and were able to get advice on how to reunite the baby with the mother. The effort was successful and mother and baby were rejoined. On 6/11/11 D group had an unusual call for an auto alarm at Maron Hotel about 3:45 a.m, callers updated info to dispatch stating heavy smoke in building. Additional units were requested by command and upon arrival we were met by several bucket trucks from Allen Tree Service, guests at the hotel, who were set up to the 3rd floor windows and had made one rescue. Investigation found no actual fire or smoke, but a malicious prank of spraying a fire extinguisher in a 3rd floor hallway had been mistaken for a real fire and created a panic among the guests and staff.

On 31 May units received a call for an electrical problem 95 Park Ave., to investigate a sparking outlet. E21 found a tripped GFI. Further investigation found a kitchen breaker partially tripped. While on scene the kitchen lights dimmed. E21 secured breakers to the kitchen outlets. The same problem was reported to be present in unit 10. Representatives of Roger Electric arrived and were convinced that the neutral was bad to the entire building. E21 requested an electrical inspector and CL&P. Power was secured to the building.

This routine incident is a typical example of the multitude of unknown situations that the FD responds to including odors, water problems, electrical problems, alarms sounding for unknown reasons, etc. By using a systematic approach to these calls, employing experience and collective knowledge, DFD personnel routinely uncover the cause of the issue and bring the incidents to safe conclusions.

On 3 June crews responded to the report of an injured hiker on Wooster Mtn. This proved to be a challenging rescue. The woman had broken her ankle and was $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile into the woods and up a hill from Route 7. Crews climbed the stairs off the highway got to the victim. The victims' ankle was splinted and she was placed in a "stokes" basket. The crews then carried her to the waiting ambulance.

On 8 June, construction crews broke a gas main at the Danbury Mall. A construction worker dug thru and severed a 2 in gas main at the Cheesecake Factory site. The area of the construction site and 12-16 stores and the rear hallway of the main Mall were evacuated until the main was shut off and the areas were metered and proven safe. E21, E26, E22, Truck1, and Squad 23 along with E12 and E13, DPD, and Yankee Gas all responded to the incident. Yankee Gas was able to secure the leak quickly and all areas were returned to normal within one hour.

On 6 June Units responded to an unusual call for an automatic alarm at the Maron Hotel on Mill Plain Rd. At about 03:45 9-11 received a call stating there was heavy smoke in building. Additional units were requested by command and upon arrival we were met by several bucket trucks from Nelson Tree Service. These were staffed by guests at the hotel. They had exited the building and believing there to be a fire in the structure, were set up to the 3rd floor windows and had made one rescue. Investigation found no actual fire or smoke, but a malicious prank of spraying a fire extinguisher in a 3rd floor hallway had been mistaken for a real fire and created a panic among the guests and staff.

On 18 June the department received a call at 04:42 for 47 Sugar Hollow Rd. the intersection with Old Sugar Hollow Rd. This was an MVA. E26 found a FedEx box truck through 3 Jersey barriers in the swamp, its saddle tank ripped open and approximately 100 gallons of fuel in the swamp. Apparently the driver fell asleep but emerged uninjured.

The incident required Rt. 7 to be shut down from the bottom of the ramp to Wooster Mtn. Gun Club. Fire police were utilized for traffic control. SPD turned traffic around before the ramp. DPD officers were on scene. Boston Garage arrived to get the truck back on the road. DOT responded and attempted to get Empire Construction reps (Rt. 7 contractor) to respond to reposition the Jersey barriers, one of which was blocking the travel lane. Connecticut DEP responded and contacted a spill contractor from New Haven to vacuum up the spilled diesel and oil from the truck. E26 placed booms to collect the oil and diesel fuel. FedEx personnel were on scene. While dealing with the accident, E26 identified primaries burning atop a new utility pole on the opposite of the road, 4 poles to the south. CL&P were notified. By the time they arrived, half the pole had burned away at the top. They were delayed due to the volume of repair work from the previous night's thunderstorm activity. D Groups day crew cleared the scene at 11:32 hrs.

Command and Staff Activities

- Local 801 Danbury Professional Firefighters Childrens' Fishing Derby
- Health and Safety Meeting
- Meeting of Fairfield County Emergency Plan
- Mayors Leadership Meeting (2)
- Contract negotiations (several)
- Ridgefield Fire Department demo Rescue Jacks
- Danbury Hospital Burn care process meeting
- EMS oversight
- Corporate Health Meeting
- Mayors Cabinet Meeting

Emergency Medical/ Haz-Mat - Rey Rodriguez

Bi-annual EMS certification audit:

The June audit of our EMS First Responders' files insures that all of our EMS providers' certifications remain current and the proper information is submitted to the State of Ct. for the renewal of our EMS Certificate of Operations.

EMS Wednesday

The continuous training program, EMS Wednesday continues to provide and maintain the Emergency Medical certification training needed by our First responders while they are on duty. This month's topic was an in-depth review of facial trauma.

HazMat

The Haz-Mat team members of the Departments four individual crews met over the last month to discuss training needs and the future of the Haz-Mat team capabilities within the Fire Department.

Communications/911 - Patrick Sniffin

Communications Coordinator Sniffin has been working with the Mayors' committees regarding the future of the dispatch center. Several meetings and gathering of necessary data continues. This effort encompasses the creation of the joint 9-1-1 center comprising Fire and Police dispatchers as well as the potential regional dispatch facility.

Training - Mark Omasta

Volunteer Division

Second quarter training continues through the end of June. The training consists of practical evolutions primarily focused on Decontamination techniques. We are utilizing the Regional Haz Mat rig and equipment for this training.

The Fire fighter 1- Haz Mat Operational class ended with the State written exam on May 26. Four students passed all three phases of the test and are now Certified Fire Fighters. The other 15 students are required to retake the sections of the exam that had scores below the passing grade.

Danbury Volunteers participated in a Tanker shuttle drill in Brewster, NY on May 22. The Fire Academy presented the two day "Pump Operator" class in Danbury on June 11 and 12 for approximately 12 students.

Beaver Brook VFD conducted Vehicle Fire Training at the Fire School.

Career Division

Rescue Technician Courses.

We enrolled 5 students in the Rescue Tech Vehicle/Machinery course and 3 in the Advanced Rope Rescue course presented by the CT Fire Academy in May and June. The students donated their time to attend these certification courses which ran for 6 days plus a day for the practical skills tests and a day for the written test.

June School

A group of Firefighters attended classes at the annual Ct Fire Academy's "June School". Courses included hands on and classroom sessions consisting of various topics ranging from live burns and Hybrid vehicle hazards to Fire Prevention issues.

Tours

All first due companies will be touring the Sewage treatment Facility on Plumtrees road in the next 2 weeks. All crews finished up the tours of the Matrix on Old Ridgbury Rd.

ARFF

Our Airport Rescue Fire Fighters have been at the Airport performing their annual training requirements including practical fire suppression evolutions with the Airport Crash vehicle.

NVCC

Naugatuck Valley Community College is offering "Intro to Physics" at Fire Headquarters for the Summer Semester. This is a degree required 4 credit lab course that meets two evenings a week (5-10pm) for eight weeks in June and July. Mia Samsel, the Engineering Department head, is the Instructor.

Driver/Operators

FF Joe Kovalsky qualified as an Aerial Driver /Operator and FF James Galiardo met the qualifications for Pump Operator/Driver

College Intern

A Criminal Justice/ Fire Technology student from the University of New Haven will be Volunteering at the Fire Department this summer for the 150 hour Intern program. The student will earn 3 credits towards his Bachelors degree as he gains an understanding of Public Safety through the Fire Dept.

Fire School

The facility was utilized for Rapid Intervention training, pump operator drills, as well as Live burns with the Newtown, Hawleyville and Botsford Volunteer Depts.

Meetings/ events for the T.O.:

- May 26, Leadership Danbury at CL&P and the Sealed Air Corporation
- May 30, Memorial Day Parade and lunch following at Fire Headquarters
- June 1, Ct Fire Instructors meeting and Legislative update at the New Haven Regional Fire School
- June 6 and 10 June School at the Ct Fire Academy
- June 14, Rescue Jack tool demo with the Ridgefield Fire Dept.
- June 13, Tour of the Sewer Treatment Facility
- Mentoring a student at Rogers Park Middle School once per week
- June 21, Staff meeting with "A" group
- Tuesday-Thursday evenings- NVCC Physics class

Apparatus/Equipment - Joe Cavo

It has been reported to the Apparatus Division that E-23's 4-gas meter is not functioning properly. This meter is currently being evaluated. The 09FX "Special Response" vehicle has been fitted out with the Department specified emergency response equipment. There are still some items on order such as the medical

equipment, defibrillator, 4 gas meter and lock-out kit that will be installed when they arrive. A Plymovent compressor was installed at E-23's station. Ordered supplies and equipment needed for annual hydrant testing. Fit testing for the Volunteer contingent is proceeding as planned. The department purchased 1000' of large diameter hose. This was acceptance tested and placed into service. This month the Apparatus Division participated in an Oral Board for the East Hartford Fire Department, attended a department Staff Meeting, as well as the City of Danbury's Health and Safety Committee.

Other repairs completed:

- Make temporary repair to E-24 electrical system, order parts.
- Repaired front bumper lights on E-23, output module issue.
- Repaired interior lights in R-1.
- Serviced E-26.
- Repair and install update to rescue air compressor in Squad-1.
- Recharge A/C unit in TRK-1.
- Inspect and re-adjust brakes in E-25 and E-26.
- Repaired plumbing for foam system and relief valve in Airport 20.
- Replace brake lines in 99C2.
- Replaced the tires on the department pick-up 03PT.

Community Risk Reduction Office of the Fire Marshal - James Johnson

We continue to find illegal occupancies thru UNIT inspections, there was 1 inspection(s) for unsafe occupancy (basement/attic) and it has been resolved. This month's Fire Prevention consisted of several programs. These included ATMI and the Gardens. This included Fire Extinguisher training. Members completed 18 hours of continuing education for annual Fire Marshal Certification. The office investigated one serious fire, I am happy to report there were no injuries.

FM Johnson and DFM Gillotti are enrolled in the summer program at NVCC studying Physics.

Department Statistical Reports

Inspections	Amount
Apartments	142
Business	22
Day Care	5
Education	1
Fuel Trucks	0
Hazmat (Tank Install)	1
Health Care	4
Hotel (Rooms)	520
Industrial	1
Liquor	17
Merchantile	19
Misc.	32

Place of Assembly	44
Res. Board & Care	1
Rooming House	1
Service Stations	0
Special Structure	2
Storage	0
TOTAL	812

Topics

	Amount
Abatement/Reports (Hrs.)	56
Blasting Permits	2
Burn Permits	3
Complaints	21
Cont. Ed. Hours	27
Fatal Fires	0
Fire Investigation	22
Fire Safety Prgms.	12
Meetings	44
Office Duty (Hrs.)	165
Orders of Abatement	
Plan Review (hrs.)	66
Tickets Issued	
TOTAL HRS.	358

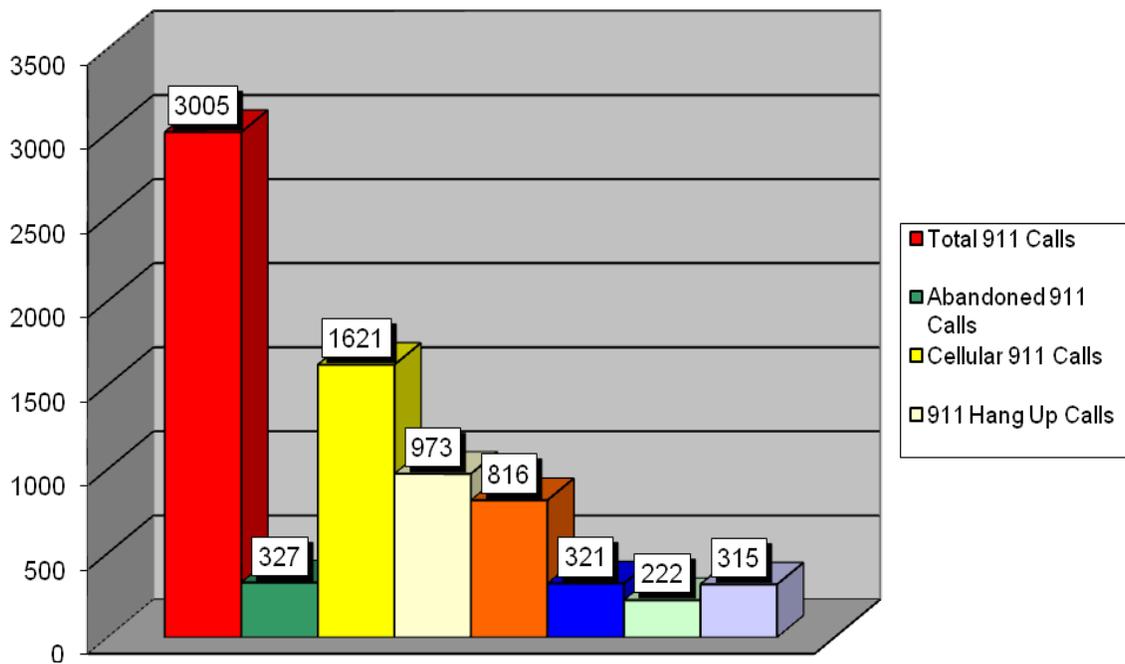
Monthly Breakdown NFIRS Ver 5.0 Coding	
Fires (100-173)	11
Overpressure Rupture - No Fire (200-251)	0
Rescue/EMS (300-381)	403
Hazardous Condition (400-482)	49
Service Call (500-571)	88
Good Intent Calls (600-671)	76
False Alarm/False Calls (700-746)	68
Severe Weather/Natural Disaster (800-815)	0
Special Incident Type (900-911)	0
No Report/Incomplete	10
Total Fire Responses	705
E911 Statistics	
Total 911 Calls	3005
Abandoned 911 Calls	327
Cellular 911 Calls	1621
911 Hang Up Calls	973
Admin Calls Received	816
Police Calls via 911	321
Fire Calls via 911 (CAD 28)	222
EMS Calls via 911 (CAD 29)	315
Daily Average	107.32
Dispatch Incident Statistics	
Total Fire Responses	705

Total EMS Responses	763
Unknown Transport Status	0
ALS Patient (CAD 60)	333
BLS Patient (CAD 61)	280
No Patient (CAD 62)	125
EMS Mutual Aide Requests (CAD 80)	5
EMS Calls Passed to Backup (CAD 81)	20

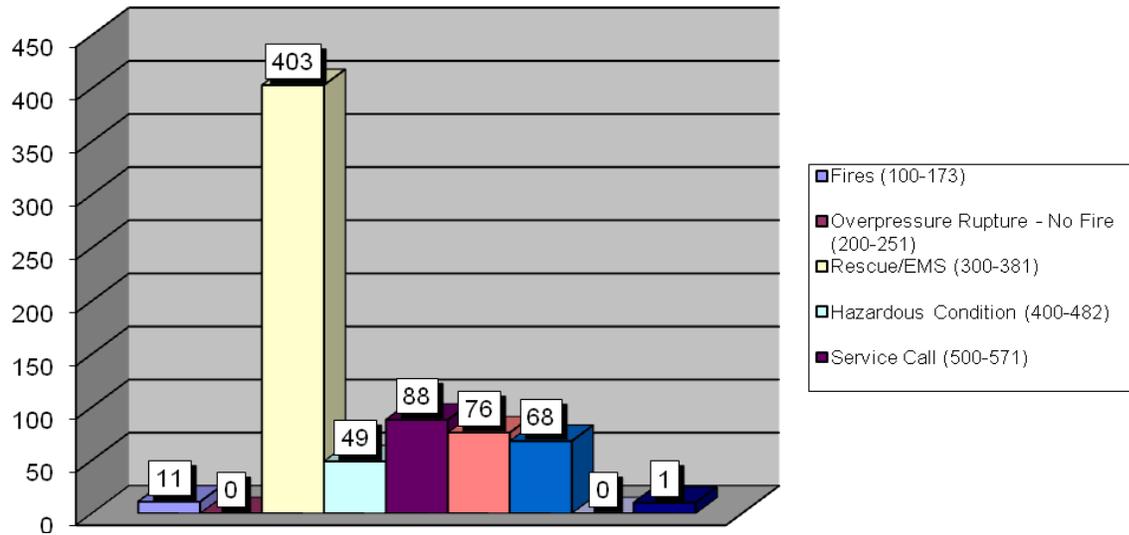
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Multiple 911 Calls received for Fire And EMS Incidents are attached to Fire Incident Reports

911 Center Activity May 21 to June 21, 2011



Fire Response Breakdown May 21 to June 21, 2011



Dates of Importance

Independence Day 4 July