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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 July through 21 August and details activities of the Department.

As I write this report the city has just experienced a major storm in hurricane Irene. This storm struck the city a blow but it was not a knockout. The cooperation of the city's emergency response team including Fire (volunteer and career), EMS, and Police, public works, Emergency Management Director Estefan and private agencies such as CL&P has resulted in a response and recovery process that is effective. Though many days still remain before we have completed the recovery, our city has made significant progress.

Early review indicates that the department fielded 203 response requests during the storm from Saturday through early Monday. These included an assortment of medical calls and possible fire calls as well as over 100 water related issues. In next month's report I will detail some of the responses and procedures we instituted to ensure the safety of citizens and response personnel.

Many of our citizens continue to use our roadways for activities such as bicycling, running and walking. Additionally, our parks are used for hiking and recreation. Please remember that night fall is occurring sooner and it is possible to miss the coming darkness while in the woods. Always tell someone where you are going and bring a cell phone with you. As the summer winds down, please enjoy the parks and weather and be safe.

PUBLIC EDUCATION/PREVENTION/PUBLIC RELATIONS

Local 801 continues the Fill the Boot campaign for MDA, many members participated in the first annual Mayor's Cup Softball game against the Danbury Police Department which was a fund raiser for Danbury High School Freshman Sports. We participated in the Danbury Westerners Firefighter appreciation night. Company 22 along with DFM Jim Russell did a fire safety presentation for 30 preschoolers at Saint Peter's School. Wooster School Helping Hands Summer Camp visited Fire Headquarters and helped wash the trucks. Twenty teenagers from Jericho Partnership took a tour of Fire Headquarters.

SUPPRESSION/RESPONSE ACTIVITIES OF NOTE

A response for a lost hiker was conducted in the south end of Tarrywile Park. Units responding were E21, E22, TRK, C30, Sq6 and EMS. We used our off-road vehicle, the Gator and handheld GPS units were utilized to assist in locating the hiker. The hiker was rescued without incident or injury.

Units responded to a head-on collision with one driver trapped. Crews were able to quickly extricate the victim despite significant damage to both vehicles. Two patients were transported with no apparent life-threatening injuries.

Units responded to a motor vehicle accident. A car impacted a utility pole and the driver needed to be extricated. It was necessary to complete roof removal as well as lifting the dashboard. The driver was transported with serious injuries.

Command and Staff Activities

- Negotiations
- Monthly staff meeting
- Mayor's Leadership meeting
- City Council Meeting
- Volunteer Council Meeting
- Attended wake and funeral former Mayor, Jim Dyer
- GMIS meeting

Notable events:

08/02/2011 Special Response Vehicle (SRV) placed in service

08/08/2011 Firefighter William Ratajack sworn in at City Hall

08/20/2011 Firefighter Peter Radlet retired after 26 years of service to the city

Donations

The Department received a \$100 donation in memory of Eugene Augustine from Theresa Augustine. This donation will be placed in the department accounts to further our efforts in providing emergency services.

Emergency Medical/ Haz-Mat - Rey Rodriguez

The focus of this month's EMS Wednesday is the stabilization of soft tissue and muscular-skeletal trauma victims. Although these types of injuries are the most common, they also can have the greatest impact on the patient as a whole. The mechanism of injury and the amount of transferred kinetic energy to the patient will determine the extent of injury to the patient. Proper stabilization skills help to minimize pain and further injury to the patient.

Communications/911 - Patrick Sniffin

During this period the department initiated using a specially equipped SUV to respond to medical calls and public assist types of calls, such as lockouts and minor investigations with no immediate life hazards. This unit is known as SR1 and is listed in the Communications statistics.

The Communications Coordinator, Fire Chief, along with the acting IT Manager attended the Connecticut Government Management Information luncheon and were updated on the progress of the state fiber optic project being funded partially through the ARRA grant. The goal of this project is to provide access to ultra high speed broadband communications through a state-wide network.

This project in conjunction with aspects of the previously planned state-wide Public Safety Data Network will provide a means of linking a large number of state and municipal offices and building a platform for not only data transmission but of timely video conferencing, training and other communication applications during normal business and emergency incidents. The end goal of this project is to provide high speed connections to every municipality in the state.

Training - Mark Omasta

Volunteer Division

Volunteer FF's Anthony Hanna (Eng 8), John Lennon (Eng 9), Corey Rupp (Eng 10) and Michael Mavaddat (Eng 13) successfully passed all of the State of CT exams and are now certified at the Fire Fighter 1 level.

Engine 12 personnel drilled with Engine Company 25 and 22 crews on water supply evolutions. Engines 7, 9, and 10 utilized the Training grounds for various drills.

Third quarter training is scheduled for September

Career Division

Driver/Operators

FF Kyle Houser successfully completed his training and now meets the qualifications as a Pump Driver /Operator.

Fire School

A temperature monitoring system was installed in the Burn Building. Thermocouples were installed in various parts of the building. This is an added safety feature for the Fire Fighters and the building.

Hydrant Testing

Hydrant testing continues as all companies work towards testing all 1850 City hydrants

Regional Foam Trailer

All crews completed their annual refresher training with the Foam Unit #6. Danbury has one of the 8 Foam trailers located in strategic locations throughout Connecticut.

Electrical Safety Classes

Crews completed the electrical safety for First Responders class given by CL&P

N.V.C.C. Intro to Physics

The four credit Physics class ended in late July. 13 students met two evenings per week (5 hrs per class) through June and July at Fire Headquarters and successfully completed the class.

Training Office Tours

Companies toured the ATMI facility on Commerce Drive.

College Intern

Our intern from the University of New Haven is working on various projects to fulfill his requirements for the degree in Public Safety.

Meetings/events for the T.O.:

- July 25- Volunteer monthly Council meeting
- July 28- Leadership Danbury Program Tarrywile, Scott Fanton museum, and Candlewood Lake
- August 4- Dinner with the Volunteer E-Board and career Asst. Chiefs and Chief Herald
- August 9- Attended the ground breaking in Windsor Locks for the Hartford Regional Fire School burn building
- August 17- Police/Fire benefit softball game (for the High School Freshmen Sports program).

Apparatus/Equipment - Joe Cavo

All of the Department's four gas meters were calibrated as necessary. The 09FX Special Response Vehicle was placed in service 8/02/2011. SCBA Fit testing for volunteer division is proceeding as planned.

Other repairs completed:

- Remove and replace both alternators in Truck 1
- Serviced Car 1
- Serviced Engine 22
- Fabricated protective covers for heat probes installed at the Fire School
- Serviced Car 2
- Received and acceptance tested new 1.75" and 2" fire hose

- Serviced Special Response Vehicle

Community Risk Reduction Office of the Fire Marshal - James Johnson

Illegal occupancies have been identified through 5 UNIT inspections, for unsafe occupancy (basement/attic); all such situations have been resolved. This month's Fire Prevention consisted of programs for the elderly. Office members completed 18 hours of continuing education for annual Fire Marshal Certification. The office investigated several fires in which there were no reported injuries.

All public school inspections were completed with no serious violations noted. I would like to commend the following people that completed repairs needed after the school inspections were done. They worked tirelessly to see the schools were readied for this year. Thank you to Rick Palanzo, Angelo Rodriguez, Rob Anderson, Mike Patton and Rich Russell.

Meetings were held with this office marking the progress of apartment and commercial construction on Woodland Rd., Hospital, Chestnut St Ext. and Brio at the Mall.

Department Statistical Reports Community Risk Reduction Inspections and Activities

	Units
Apartments	372
Business	19
Day Care	2
Education	12
Fuel Trucks	4
Hazmat (Tank Install)	2
Health Care	4
Hotel (Rooms)	76
Industrial	1
Liquor	20
Mercantile	16
Misc.	36
Place of Assembly	24
Res. Board & Care	0
Rooming House	0
Service Stations	0
Special Structure	4
Storage	0
TOTAL	592

Topics

Abatement/Reports (Hrs.)	58
Blasting Permits	2
Burn Permits	0
Complaints	26
Cont. Ed. Hours	34
Fatal Fires	0

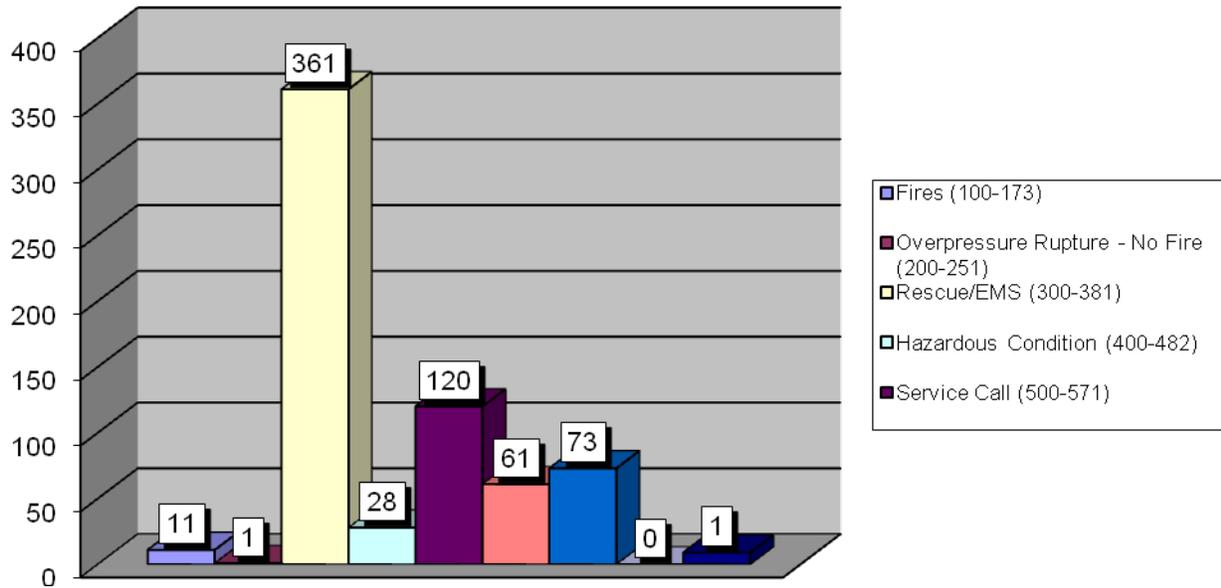
Fire Investigation	7
Fire Safety Prgms.	5
Meetings (Hrs)	18
Office Duty (Hrs.)	176
Orders of Abatement	1
Plan Review (hrs.)	62
Tickets Issued	2
TOTAL HRS.	348

Monthly Breakdown NFIRS Ver 5.0 Coding	
Fires (100-173)	11
Overpressure Rupture - No Fire (200-251)	1
Rescue/EMS (300-381)	361
Hazardous Condition (400-482)	28
Service Call (500-571)	120
Good Intent Calls (600-671)	61
False Alarm/False Calls (700-746)	73
Severe Weather/Natural Disaster (800-815)	0
Special Incident Type (900-911)	0
No Report/Incomplete	9
Total Fire Responses	664
E911 Statistics	
Total 911 Calls	2463
Abandoned 911 Calls	333
Cellular 911 Calls	1335
911 Hang Up Calls	918
Admin Calls Received	788
Police Calls via 911	284
Fire Calls via 911 (CAD 28)	175
EMS Calls via 911 (CAD 29)	251
Daily Average	98.52
Dispatch Incident Statistics	
Total Fire Responses	664
Total EMS Responses	697
Unknown Transport Status	0
ALS Patient (CAD 60)	301
BLS Patient (CAD 61)	276
No Patient (CAD 62)	107
EMS Mutual Aide Requests (CAD 80)	4
EMS Calls Passed to Backup (CAD 81)	9

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

Fire Response Breakdown July 25 to August 21, 2011



911 Center Activity July 25 to August 21, 2011

