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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 June to 21 July and details activities of the Department.

This month we said farewell to Captain Ron Bowers. Ron retired after 27 years with the department and he will be greatly missed. He and his family have moved to a southern clime. We wish Ron, his wife and children happy trails and a long and healthful retirement.

This month our safety message concerns outdoor barbeque and grills. Throughout Danbury our citizens spent the summer months outside enjoying cooking and picnicking. We encourage everyone to enjoy the fine weather but we also want to ensure that cooking outdoors is done in a safe manner. Here are some basic guidelines:

- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Keep children and pets away from the grilling area.
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- Never leave your grill unattended.

We have investigated reports of improper use of grills and propane barbeques including using these on covered porches, on decks above the ground floor and even within a structure. These uses pose a severe risk either of fire or of channeling the smoke into the home. Another serious concern is the potential of injuries, especially to children around these devices. Here are some statistics that argue against such uses.

- Five out of every six grills involved in home fires (84 percent) were fueled by gas while 13 percent used charcoal or other solid fuel.
- More than one quarter (29 percent) of the home structure fires involving grills started on a courtyard, terrace or patio.
- In 2009, 17,700 patients went to the emergency room because of injuries involving grills.
- Children under the age of five account for almost one-quarter (22 percent) of all thermal grill burns.

Please enjoy your family and friends this summer. Adding outdoor grilling and picnics will make it a great time. Remember these simple tips and be safe. Should you have questions, please call the Community Risk Reduction team at 203-796-1541.

Public Education/Prevention/Public Relations

Tours and preplanning this period included the Reserve center, Lee Farm, and Lee Farm Corporate Park, the Airport, Miry Brook area, Wesconn, Westside construction site, Danbury Hospital Construction site, LL Bean Danbury Fair Mall, Whole Foods Sugar Hollow Rd.

Suppression/Response Activities of Note

RESPONSES OF NOTE:

Inc # 4672 13 July, MVA on Town Hill with 2 cars into a house with extrication and structural damage;

Inc # 4676 13 July, MVA on Stadley Rough with pick-up vs car minor injuries and heavy property damage;

Inc # 4698 14 July, 234 White St Structure fire on first floor with assisted rescue of 2 victims with smoke inhalation

Inc # 4716 15 July 1, Hayestown lightning strike with roof fire and damage to chimney, roof and numerous power related issues

Inc # 4727 15 July 3, Third Street lightning strike to detached garage with small fire and electrical fire and light structural damage

Inc # 4792 18 July Finance Dr. over-pressure of chemical storage drum

Inc # 4689 Brookfield Police Department power outage with loss of 911 and dispatch transport Mass Decon Trailer and portable radios to BPD for emergency back-up



6/23/2012 - E26 responded to an unusual call. A shopper had dropped her key into a storm drain and the vehicle was parked over it. The crew first moved the vehicle off of the drain. The grate was removed. Mill Plain Engine 12 assisted E26 with pumping the 24" of water out of the basin. E26 managed to locate, recover and then clean the fob prior to returning to this mother of two from Somers NY.



The Danbury Fire Department hosted a Pump Operator class taught by the Connecticut Fire Academy. This 48 hour intensive program teaches firefighters the many facets of operating and pumping a modern fire apparatus. This class, held at the Mill Plain Fire Station was attended by both career and volunteer members. Various fire apparatus used in training include the Brewster Tower Ladder pictured here, along with Danbury Tanker 12 and Danbury Engine 4.



6/24/2012 – On I-84 at Exit 2, E26, E22, Truck 1, Engine 12, Squad 6, and Tanker 11, responded to a moving van on fire. Crews were able to knock down the main body of fire before the contents were burned. Rapid arrival, quick work of the crew, combined with application of foam provided for a great outcome and no injuries were reported. The entire content, a house-full of furniture, was saved. The President of Clark Executive Movers emailed Asst Chief Meehan to extend his gratitude.



On June 18th, a small garage burned at 53 South Street. Units operating were Engines 21, 22, 23, Truck 1, Volunteer Engine 5, and Squad 7. The Fire Marshal determined the fire to be deliberately set.

Command and Staff Activities

- Meeting with Mall Security
- Volunteer Council Meeting
- E.M.S. Meeting concerning ambulance standbys
- Meeting with L.L.Bean Staff at Lake Kenosia
- Seminar at WCSU with TReC about Regional Collaboration
- Completed ADFG grant application
- Assisted HR and Captain test administration

Donations

The department received a generous donation of 50 dollars from Brett Bolnick of Danbury. 93 park Avenue #2002.

Emergency Medical/ Haz-Mat - Rey Rodriguez

EMS Wednesday

The continuous education program EMS Wednesday is designed to meet the EMS certifications requirements of Fire Department First Responders. These classes held while on duty allow firefighters to stay current with pre-hospital care techniques and to maintain sharp practical skills.

The focus of this month's EMS Wednesday has been the State of Ct. required practical skill stations. Firefighters were required to demonstrate competency in the follow skill stations.

Hare Traction splint

Kendrick's Extrication Kit

Immobilization of a long bone fracture

Standing take-down and immobilization on a backboard

Intravenous cannulation on the IV arm

Medical emergencies with interventions

The Danbury Fire Departments First Responders have a comprehensive knowledge of Emergency Medicine and can recognize the progression of symptoms which directly impacts patient survivability. Thru rapid deployment and the use of Basic Life Support and Advanced Life Support skills, firefighters can stabilize the patient; assist in the care and delivery of the patient to definitive care.

Training - Mark Omasta

Volunteer Division:

Rapid Intervention Training Class: The second RIT class sponsored by Region 5 took place in Danbury July 14 and 15. Students consisted primarily of fire fighters from Ridgefield and Danbury, both career and Volunteers.

Firefighter I class: Eight of the 17 students passed all three sections of the written Certification exams. The remaining 9 students passed most sections but need to pass all to be a Certified Firefighter. They are in that process now.

Second quarter training for the Volunteer division covering the Incident Command system and Bio Hazards continue until the end of July. Six training dates were offered.

Pump Operator: The six day State Pump Operator Certification class hosted by the Mill Plain Vol. Fire Company ended with the written on July 10.

Career Division:

Our 14 Airport Rescue Fire fighters drilled at the Airport this month, concentrating on the annual training requirements. Asst. Airport administrator Mike Safranec conducted the refresher training.

Suicide Prevention and awareness: Tami Hodges from EAP concluded the suicide awareness/prevention classes for all personnel.

Fire School: Bethel Vol. Fire Dept and Danbury Germantown Volunteers used the Fire School facilities for live burn drills.

Pump Operator: Fire fighter Bill Ratajack completed the 48 hour Certification class.

National Fire Academy: Capt. Dave Easter attended a two week class covering Command and Control for Natural and Man-made Disasters at the Emmitsburg, Maryland Campus.

Meetings/ events for the T.O.:

- June 25 Vol. Second quarter training
- June 27 Participated in the Annual Mayor's Cup Golf tourney at Richter
- July 6 Going away get together for retiring Capt. Ron Bowers

Apparatus/Equipment - Joe Cavo

All of the Departments' 4 Gas meters were calibrated and had the CO sensors verified as required by Sperian every six months. Currently, all of the Departments meters are functional.

E-24 has returned from the body shop. Both steering gears were replaced; a cab lift cylinder was replaced as well as an exhaust leak repaired. The rear main oil seal on R-1 (03PS) which was causing the significant oil leak has been replaced. Currently this unit is out of service with a computer issue. This past month after operating at a structure fire, Truck 1 had a catastrophic electrical failure in the outrigger system. The truck was stranded out of service during a severe thunder storm that allowed heavy rains to infiltrate the control unit and cause a short in the outrigger circuit. Mechanic Beers successfully moved the unit from the fire scene to Hatters Park where it was to spend the night along with the Superintendent of Apparatus. The next day after the heavy rains ended a repair was made to the electrical system and the truck was returned to service. Our Division was fortunate to attend the New England Fire Chiefs Show in Springfield Ma. At this show we discovered a new style forcible entry tool which will allow firefighters quicker access to structures while minimizing damage to doors and windows.

Other repairs completed:

- Serviced the A/C in R-1.
- Replaced left rear tire E-22.
- Repaired nozzle on gasoline pump.
- Replaced both rear leaf spring packs E-24.
- Replace right rear tire on TRK-1.
- Replace Fire Research lens E-22.

Community Risk Reduction Office of the Fire Marshal - James Johnson

Thru UNIT inspections, there were three inspection(s) for unsafe occupancy (basement/attic) one involved 3 persons in a basement. All situations have been resolved. We completed 15 hours of continuing education for annual Fire Marshal Certification. Our office investigated several fires, with only minor injuries. Two of those fires were caused by lightning strikes during recent severe weather. The Illegal Apartment Enforcement Team (part of the unit) continues to follow up on complaints from citizens.

As part of our Community Risk Reduction we are participating in a cultural diversity program with the Department of Justice. Chief Herald and Fire Marshal Johnson continue to fine tune the program and plan to present in Danbury. DFM Perry did the fire safety program for the annual DAYO "T" BALL picnic.

Juvenile Fire Setter Intervention completed follow-ups on four young people in Danbury.

DFM Russell and DFM Osborne attended a 2 day course in Meriden: Arson – Evidence Collection.

Department Statistical Reports

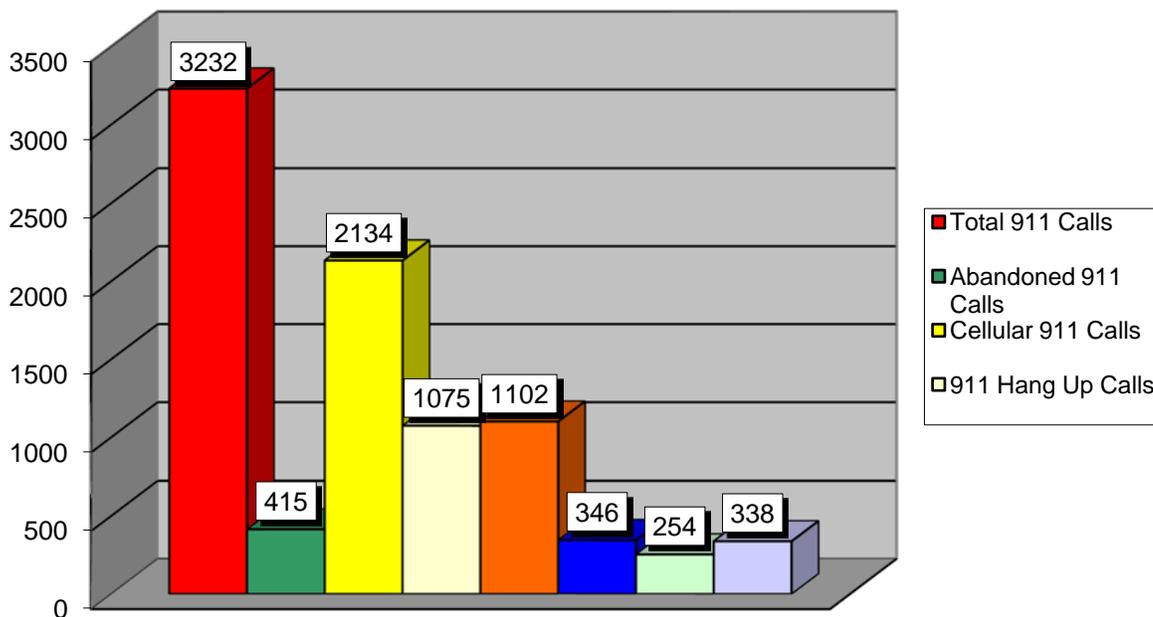
Monthly Breakdown NFIRS Ver 5.0 Coding	
Fires (100-173)	18
Overpressure Rupture - No Fire (200-251)	4
Rescue/EMS (300-381)	517
Hazardous Condition (400-482)	51
Service Call (500-571)	114
Good Intent Calls (600-671)	77
False Alarm/False Calls (700-746)	86

Severe Weather/Natural Disaster (800-815)	1
Special Incident Type (900-911)	0
No Report/Incomplete	12
Total Fire Responses	880
E911 Statistics	
Total 911 Calls	3232
Abandoned 911 Calls	415
Cellular 911 Calls	2134
911 Hang Up Calls	1075
Admin Calls Received	1102
Police Calls via 911	346
Fire Calls via 911 (CAD 28)	254
EMS Calls via 911 (CAD 29)	338
Daily Average	107.73
Dispatch Incident Statistics	
Total Fire Responses	880
Total EMS Responses	909
Unknown Transport Status	14
ALS Patient (CAD 60)	384
BLS Patient (CAD 61)	340
No Patient (CAD 62)	171
EMS Mutual Aide Requests (CAD 80)	12
EMS Calls Passed to Backup (CAD 81)	34

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

911 Center Activity June 22, 2012 to July 22, 2012



Fire Response Breakdown June 22, 2012 to July 22, 2012

