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Fire Chief's July Report 2017

Run Totals:

	May	Jun	Jul
Monthly:	423	425	428
YTD:	1,936	2,361	2,789

Public Education:

	May	Jun	Jul
Monthly:	28	22	14
YTD Events:	117	139	153
Contacts YTD:	4,913	6859	7511

EMS Division:

	May	Jun	Jul
Monthly*:	334	272.50	277
YTD*	1,728.75	2,001.25	2,278.25

EMS Revenue:

	May	Jun	Jul
Monthly:	82,034.90	57,867.15	67,539.46
YTD:	373,557.51	431,424.66	498,964.12

Fire Training Div.:

	May	Jun	Jul
Monthly*:	988.5	551.5	1595
YTD*	5,113	5,664.5	7,259.50

Prevention/ Investigation Division:

	May	Jun	Jul
Service Calls:	82	38	46
Fire Inv.	2	1	6

* Training measured in man hours

Fire Chief 's Report

July 2017

The past month has been busy around the department. As you know, we have been doing a lot of training at the houses that were donated to us by the county. In addition to the shift trainings that we have accomplished, last week, Channel 8 aired a segment about a new initiative that is being championed by the fire service, and Chief Shafer. It teaches people to close doors within residences to slow the progression of fires and make building interiors more tenable for trapped victims. It was a great segment and well planned and executed by Chief Shafer and Karen Hendershot. Great job John!

As I mentioned at our last meeting, we have been very busy the past several weeks answering questions about Project Lifesaver. Karen and Bill Nugent, from Avon Police, have been busy signing up new clients and meeting with groups asking for presentations about the program. One of the issues that has come with the increased interest in the program, is the logistical issue of changing batteries. Karen and I have talked this week and we are hoping to roll out a volunteer program to solicit help with the problem. We hope to sign up volunteer personnel who will act as liaisons in the program, helping with battery changes and helping to cover public gatherings who ask for personnel to speak about the program. These changes in the program have approved by the Hendricks County Fire Chiefs' who oversee the program.

We are nearing the end of the building program, and one of the tasks that has been completed recently is the construction of the wall that has been constructed between the WPE area and the training area. Our electrical contractor has completed work on the auxiliary building as well as Station 141. They will most likely complete work on Station 142 by the end of this week or beginning of next week.

The new battalion truck is in the process of having the new lights installed and will hopefully be on the road by the middle of this month.

As you know, last year we purchased a used quint from a department close to Chicago. Since that time, we have spent a great deal of money on repairs to that truck. Next week I will be talking with you briefly about our concerns and some possible solutions. I will also update you on the status of our training grounds.

As I close this report, I wanted to take time to recognize our Explorer program. The program has been very active since it's beginnings, and the young people in the program are a source of pride for our department. They are always available to help when called upon, and they have assisted with many public events the past several months. I have never heard a complaint from any of the members, and they are always cheerful, respectful and display a positive attitude. Thank you to all of our Explorers, and thanks to Lt. Reffett and Firefighter Doug Phillips for overseeing our program.