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Fire Chief's November Report 2017

Run Totals:

	Sep	Oct	Nov
Monthly:	425	386	405
YTD:	3,696	4,082	4,487

Public Education:

	Sep	Oct	Nov
Monthly:	22	26	13
YTD Events:	193	219	232
Contacts YTD:	13,762	21,240	22,363

EMS Division:

	Sep	Oct	Nov
Monthly*:	181	582.5	453
YTD*	2,689.25	3,271.75	3,724.75

EMS Revenue:

	Sep	Oct	Nov
Monthly:	77,709.22	56,311.14	40,061.75
YTD:	647,495.94	703,807.08	743,868.83

Fire Training Div.:

	Sep	Oct	Nov
Monthly*:	737	392.5	588.5
YTD*	9,089	9,481.5	10,070

Prevention/ Investigation Division:

	Sep	Oct	Nov
Service Calls:	99	143	97
Fire Inv.	4	2	0

* Training measured in man hours

Fire Chief 's Report

November 2017

As I write this report it is hard to believe that another year is coming to an end. As with every year, it seems to have gone so fast, and has been extremely busy.

Last week we extended conditional offers of employment to 2 of your newest personnel to begin staffing our Civilian Paramedic Program. We also have one current employee that has expressed interest in converting to the civilian program. Chief Allen is also in the process of advertising for our second paramedic hiring process, that we hope to have completed early in January. Our two new personnel are in the process of completing per-employment requirements including voice stress tests, physicals and psychological testing. They should be completed and ready to begin shift the first week of January. Chief George also met with IMPRS, the state retirement program, and is still working out some of the issues with setting up the new retirement plan for civilians. According to initial talks, we are only able to join Civil PERF two times a year in January and July, so if we cannot join in January, we may need to work out some provisions for those that start before the July entry since we have missed the January deadline. We will be asking the board at this month's meeting, to adopt a resolution for the formation of the retirement program.

Last month was also a busy month for the training division. With the help of Chief Shafer, we were able to host two different courses conducted by outside agencies. The first was a Fire Ground Safety Officers Class. This class certified attendees to function as safety officers on emergency scenes and gave them the skills and knowledge to oversee the work of our crews on scenes to ensure their safety. We had personnel from around the state as well as from other states that attended. The second class was a Battalion Chief Training Bootcamp. This course helped to increase skills and knowledge in current and aspiring Battalion Chiefs. This class was also attended by students from around the state. Both classes were at capacity, showing that we are doing our best to provide quality training to our department with top notch instructors. In addition to these trainings, we will be sending all of our current officers to an officer development class in Brownsburg at the beginning of next year. It is a class that is required for all of our officers to attend.

In addition to the trainings listed above, I was fortunate to attend a fire investigation class at the National Fire Academy last week. The course that I attended was a course that Levi had attended earlier this year and recommended to me. It was a six day course that started on Sunday and ran through the following Friday evening. This morning, Levi and I also took part in a presentation from FM Global, the company that supplied us with the grant for the new monitors that our fire investigators will have at their disposal to use to monitor air quality while doing investigations, to protect our investigators. And as a side note, Levi advised me earlier this week that our investigator have logged close to 600 hours of continuing education this year. I would most likely be correct in speculating that this is more hours of training than probably any other fire investigation division in the state has completed, perhaps with the exception of Indianapolis Fire.

In closing my report, I would like to recognize Firefighter/Chauffer Phil Cope. Earlier this week, our department responded to a residence fire on Avon Avenue. When crews searched the residence for victims, they rescued a dog from the residence that was unresponsive. Phil was able to utilize tools that we have for assisting animals and revive the canine. When we left the fire scene, the dog was running around the residence and seemed no worse for the experience. Great work Phil! Thanks you for your caring not only for the owner of home, but also for their pets.