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Fire Chief's October Report 2017

Run Totals:

	Aug	Sep	Oct
Monthly:	482	425	386
YTD:	3,271	3,696	4,082

Public Education:

	Aug	Sep	Oct
Monthly:	18	22	26
YTD Events:	171	193	219
Contacts YTD:	9418	13,762	21,240

EMS Division:

	Aug	Sep	Oct
Monthly*:	280	181	582.5
YTD*	2,508.25	2,689.25	3,271.75

EMS Revenue:

	Aug	Sep	Oct
Monthly:	70,822.60	77,709.22	56,311.14
YTD:	569,786.72	647,495.94	703,807.08

Fire Training Div.:

	Aug	Sep	Oct
Monthly*:	1092.5	737	392.5
YTD*	8,352	9,089	9,481.5

Prevention/ Investigation Division:

	Aug	Sep	Oct
Service Calls:	41	99	143
Fire Inv.	2	4	2

* Training measured in man hours

Fire Chief 's Report

October 2017

The month of October was first of all busy with fire prevention activities. We conducted open houses at our fire stations as well as many tours and visits to schools. In addition to the Fire Prevention week activities, we also graduated our second Civilian Fire Academy. Karen also attended the annual Project Lifesaver Conference. She advised me this week that she has been asked to present at next year's conference on Best Practices, Fund Raising and Social Media. Obviously, their work here has become well known around the nation and her expertise is a matter of interest to others.

Last month was also busy with the continuation of the hiring processes. The oral interviews were conducted and final scoring was completed for firefighter candidates. At last month's Safety Board Meeting, the board approved the firefighter hiring list, so we can now hire from that list. Last month, Chief Allen also conducted skills testing for candidates that applied for the civilian paramedic process. This month, he will be conducting oral interviews with Dr. Nossett and other EMS chiefs to finalize our hiring list for paramedics. Because of a shortage of applicants for the civilian paramedic program, we are considering other options to obtain candidates for the civilian paramedic program.

A couple of months ago, I advised the board that I would be bringing information to you about the reserve fire apparatus that we bought last year. At the time of purchase, Chris Krahn and I drove to the Chicago area to look at the truck. When we drove to see the truck we drove the truck, looked it over and looked at the maintenance records that were provided by the department. After looking at several trucks, we felt that it was the best choice for us. After getting the truck home, we have experienced several repairs that needed to be done. At the present time, we have spent \$14,525 on repairs over the past year. At the time of the purchase, we were trying to purchase a truck that could function as both a reserve ladder and reserve engine. Since that time, we have purchased the new ladder truck and done away with our rescue. The equipment that was on the rescue is not on the ladder and all of the equipment takes up a lot of space. So when the ladder truck has to go out of service, there is not enough room on the reserve to carry the equipment. To help with that problem, Chief George has talked with Wayne Township, Speedway, Brownsburg and Pike Township who all have reserve ladders. They have agreed to loan us one of their reserve ladders when ours is out for repairs. But we still have the need to a reserve engine for when one of our engines is out of service. Since we purchased the reserve, Danville Fire Department has purchased a new engine, and is selling their back up engine. It is a 2004 Pierce Engine with approximately 74,000 miles. With the board packet, I have included three documents about the truck. One is an email from Chris Krahn listing the repairs that we see that need to be done on the Danville truck with prices. The second and third documents are from Fire Service Inc. They are a fire truck service center in Indy that looked at the truck and listed any concerns that they had with the truck. I have also included some used fire truck listings for engines like the one that we are wanting to buy from Danville, as well as listings for quints like the one that we would be selling. As you can see, the Danville truck is much cheaper with less miles than the other used trucks listed. In addition, the used quints that are listed are listing for between \$35,000 and \$70,000. If we were to sell the quint for the average of around \$50,000, we would only be short round \$15,000 for the truck. We have some CUM money that we will not be spending this year that could offset that amount, as well as some Social Security refund money of about \$30,000 that could offset the amount. With all of this information, I have listed three different options that I see in respect to the reserve, with advantages and disadvantages of each. I would be happy to answer any questions that you might have about the project either before or at the board meeting.

As you know, we have been in the process of developing a civilian paramedic program. We have been working the past several months on the hiring process as well as developing the

components of the program. I have included the document that explains the process with your packet. We are still working through a few of the components of the program, so there may be a few changes between now and the meeting, but I want you to have the information prior to the meeting so that we could answer any questions that you might have. Again, if you have questions prior to the meeting, please feel free to contact me.

As I close this month's report, I wanted to recognize Chief Levi Carpenter. Levi has been working diligently to make our investigation team the best in the state. One of the issues that we have with the investigation program, is the need for hazard condition monitoring after fires and while investigators are conducting investigations. Obviously, there is frequently materials still burning or smoldering while investigations are going on, which are causes of concern for personnel concerning exposures. When investigations are being done, it is very difficult to take photos and so are some of the investigation tasks while wearing an SCBA. We usually monitor hazards before we allow personnel to enter scenes, but our current monitors do not do as good of a job checking for all of the gasses that we are exposed to. In addition, when we respond outside our jurisdiction, some departments do not have the proper monitors to protect our personnel. To battle this, Levi wrote a grant to provide funding for monitors for two of our investigators, so that they would have more adequate monitors, as well as ones that could be taken to other departments. Levi was notified this week that he had been successful in winning the grant. The grant is a full funding grant, so we do not have to share in the cost of the monitors. I wanted to recognize Levi for his work and success in winning the grant and helping to protect our personnel. Great job Levi!



November 1, 2017

Fire Marshal Carpenter
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Dear Fire Marshal Carpenter:

Congratulations. Your grant application for an FM Global fire prevention grant stood out among the hundreds we received and we will be funding \$1800 to purchase two gas detectors. We hope the additional funding will help to strengthen your efforts to ultimately, and more effectively prevent fire—the leading cause of property destruction worldwide.

In the coming weeks, you will be contacted by an FM Global representative to set up a formal presentation. In the meantime, award checks will be mailed to your attention for your immediate use. Please feel free to use the attached news release that we've prepared for you to promote news media interest—be it in advance of or after the formal presentation.

During the past 40 years, FM Global has awarded millions of dollars in funding to fire departments and related agencies worldwide. With a shared philosophy that the majority of property loss is preventable—not inevitable—we can make a difference in preventing the frequency and severity of fire...together.

Once again, congratulations on your recent fire prevention grant awarded by FM Global, one of the world's largest commercial property insurers.

If you have any questions regarding your award, please feel welcome to e-mail me.

Best wishes for continued success in your fire prevention endeavors.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Spaziani".

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Assistant Vice President, Manager - Fire Service Programs

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