

# MEMORANDUM



TO: Chairperson Donald Barber – Fire & Police Committee

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SUBJECT: Monthly Report – April 2019

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The Fire Department responded to 219 calls during the month of April. This is above our average number of calls in comparison to 2018. We experienced 14 fire related calls for the month. Emergency Medical Service calls represent 74% of our response activity for the month of April.

<b>Incident Group</b>	<b>Count</b>
100 – Fire	14
200 – Rupture/Explosion	0
300 – Rescue/EMS	163
400 – Hazardous Condition	7
500 – Service Calls	19
600 – Good Intent	5
700 – False Alarm	11
800 – Severe Weather	0
900 – Special Incidents	0

The month of April continued our trend of increased call volume. We have responded to 940 calls through April, compared to 863 the previous year. This is an 8.9% increase above our number of responses in 2018.

Working with Public Works Director Memenga on facilities upgrade to hot water issues on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor and structural stability to both stairways on the interior and exterior of building. A Structural Engineer surveyed the areas of concern and awaiting a report identifying necessary repair and process.

Attended a meeting with St. Mary's and Southern Illinois University (SIU) regarding the current and future paramedic classes. Cost of continuing the program and higher education credit hours available were the topics of the discussion.

Upgrade of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) was ordered and delivered for Bradley FD and Bourbonnais FPD. This PPE included helmets, gloves, carbon hoods and boots. By both agencies purchasing equipment jointly we enjoyed a discount of 12% procuring in volume.

Both Bradley and Bourbonnais jointly purchased 1000 feet of large diameter (5") hose, again saving with discount and on delivery. Collaboration on joint purchasing is the efficient way of acquiring necessary equipment and supplies. It is our intention to expand this agenda to all our surrounding agencies.

The new 4501 was sent to Federal Signal to get outfitted with emergency lights and siren. It was returned in service within a week. This was arranged through a local vendor at Illinois Fire & Police Equipment in Bourbonnais.

Fire Department staff attended Meijer's appreciation of public safety first responders.

Fire Department attended the 'National Night Out' kick off meeting at Perry Farm.

The Fire Department worked with Webfoot Design on content and design of the Village new website regarding the Fire Department page. We continue to review and update this process.

Met with United Way representatives regarding the 'Strong Neighborhood House' being sponsored by Peddinghaus to help in 'at risk' residential areas. Further information is needed before we proceed.

Attended Fire & Police Commission continuing our discussion on firefighter eligibility register.

Attended Finance Committee meetings regarding budget.

### **Officers Meeting**

Topics discussed during our monthly department officers meeting include:

- Personnel
- Response
- Public Education
- Training

### **Suppression Activities**

For the month of March, we responded to 219 emergency calls, which is above our normal amount of calls. Of this total, 14 were fire related incidents. Bradley received mutual/auto aid 39 times and gave mutual/auto aid 11 times.

## **Training**

This month the department participated in various training activities such as:

- Ground Ladders.
- Ropes & Knots.
- Boat Operations
- Aerial Truck Ops
- Fire Extinguishers
- EMS – ALS & BLS Equipment review
- Search & Rescue (Broadway House)

A total of 72 personnel hours were spent on training this month, year to date is 358 hours in training.

## **Paramedic Activity**

We responded to 163 ambulance calls making contact with 157 patients for the month of April, which is above our monthly average number of EMS calls. Of this total, 51 patients were classified as ALS and 106 were BLS, 57 of the 106 BLS patients refused treatment and/or transport. There were 25 calls turned over to another agency.

A detailed monthly EMS report is available for review.

## **Fire Prevention and Public Education**

During the month of April, the Fire Prevention Bureau conducted 103 Regular Inspections and 7 Re-inspections/issue follow-ups, with 29 violations noted, 3 violations corrected and 26 violations pending adjudication.

The Fire Department performed 32 Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detector inspections for Real Estate sales.