



# **Monthly Command Report**

## For September 2020

#### **Emergency Response:**

For the month of September, there were a total of **31** fire calls. Average response time for the month was **8** minutes and **09** seconds. This is a door to door time. An increased response time was experienced due to mechanical issues. Additional information can be viewed in the all in one report for the month.

For the month of September, there were total of **49** EMS calls with **29** Transports and **20** non-transports. Of the transports, there were **23** ALS and **06** BLS calls.

ALS- Advanced Life Support

**BLS- Basic Life Support** 

### **Emergency Vehicles:**

**B-90:** Apparatus is being checked daily without any major issues to report.

Due to potentially trading this unit in, the daily checks have been performed, but it is not being driven.

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<u>5-TON/B92:</u> Apparatus is being checked daily without any major issues to report. The new water tank has arrived, and crews will complete the work in house. Additional work is being done to compile total material cost so that everything is done at once. This unit is still in service.

<u>2 ½ Ton/B93:</u> Apparatus is being checked daily. Parts for a master shut off switch are being ordered and the work will be completed in house. After the project with the 5 ton is complete, we will begin updating this unit in house.

**E-90:** Apparatus is still out of service. It will be going to Siddons in October for annual PM and testing. We are needing to track down the paperwork from when the apparatus was purchased to determine the type of tank that was installed. This will determine if the tank replacement will be covered under warranty.

**E-91:** Multiple lights need replacing. Waiting until increased shipping rates due to COVID-19 come back down. The lights can be ordered online and replaced in house. The parts for the new

foam system have arrived and will be installed when the apparatus goes in for annual PM and testing in October.

**T-90:** Apparatus is being checked daily without any major issues to report. The foam system has been repaired by Siddons and is working properly. The parts for the new air primer have arrived and will be installed when the apparatus goes to Siddons for annual PM and testing in October.

<u>M-90</u>: The apparatus is being checked daily without any major issues to report, We are trying to not run this unit as first out so that we do not have another catastrophic engine failure before we can have the unit remounted.

<u>M-91:</u> The apparatus is being checked daily without any major issues to report. The stretcher was damaged and is out of service until the new parts arrive. In order to keep this apparatus in service, the stretcher was removed from Medic 90 and placed on Medic 91.

<u>Command:</u> The unit is being checked daily without any major issues to report, but multiple minor issues. Due to the command units age, high mileage, and carrying high priority department assets such as the whole blood and blood warmer, we have begun to start working on building a new Command unit in house, this is our most economical route for a new unit. Per request of the Board of Directors, staff have been working with multiple repair shops to try and get the best idea together on what it would cost to repair the current Command unit.

**Rescue 90:** Apparatus is being checked daily without any major issues to report.

#### **MISC:**

We are still working on updating radio equipment. The equipment for the base station radio at Station 2 has been received from Industrial Communications, and the install is now complete. Our next step is to receive quotes for installing the amplified speakers for the call alerting system.

We have experienced an increase in maintenance costs on apparatus and equipment. This is due to the age and manufacturers of the apparatus and equipment. We have accepted a proposal for the order of a new Demers Medic unit. We have also begun to spec out a new engine in order to have a detailed and careful planning process so that when the time comes, the engine is both financially and operationally efficient. We do not have a reliable primary engine, nor a reserve engine. This is a major issue and has also been noticed and pointed out by mutual aid departments. This is a vital piece of equipment and will need to remain a high priority.

## **Personnel:**

We have had multiple additional interviews for volunteer positions and are still currently accepting applications.

After a lengthy application process including a 30-day working interview, we would like to congratulate the following full time personnel to their promotions to Lieutenant, effective October 1.

Kade Rodriguez- A Shift Lieutenant

Delmiro Soliz- B Shift Lieutenant

Sarah Bretz- C Shift Lieutenant

### **Administration**:

\*\*\*Command staff has been working closely with local and state agencies to ensure that our department is professionally trained and prepared for anything that may come from the recent COVID-19 outbreak.

We have finished the design phase of the department's retirement fund. Final information will be updated during the command report at the upcoming monthly board meeting.

# **Training:**

For the month of September crews have focused on training over excited delirium procedures as well as fundamentals of pump operations.

#### **Station:**

Any public walk ups to the department are being redirected to the front doors instead on leaving the apparatus bays open. This is to ensure health safety for both the public and the personnel. The work on the ADA bathroom at Station 2 has been completed.

#### **Grants/Donations:**

We have completed and submitted grants for a new heavy brush truck through the forestry service. In addition, we have applied for grants created for the purpose of purchasing new hydraulic rescue tools, fire apparatus, soft & hard bottom boat, and SCBA's. The grants have been received by the forestry service and are under review. Currently we are waiting on the final word if a larger grant through the Forestry service will be funded. Grants through the Forestry service are strictly for specific uses.

## **Public Relations:**

All public relation events have been postponed until further notice due to COVID-19.

**<u>Fire:</u>** Due to dry conditions, Floresville Fire has asked us to auto respond to their calls in a certain given area, we have asked them to do the same for us.

The Auto CAD dispatching through Bexar County has been working properly and has decreased response times to Bexar County.

**EMS:** Department SMOPs (Standard Medical Operating Protocols), SOPS & SOGS (Standard Operating Policies and Guidelines) are currently being updated. SMOPS are being converted to flow chart format once updated, to have better operations.

A regular QA/QI session was held with the staff and Medical Director on 9.29.

Quarterly RSI competency class and skill are scheduled for October 14<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>.

<u>Misc.:</u> A major focus point of the department has been to create a strong professional working relationship with surrounding departments. We are also working to increase our number of local volunteers.

Several department Standard Operating Procedures and Guidelines are under review and being updated in order to adapt to new requirements set by Texas Commission on Fire Protection and Texas Department of Safety and Health Services.

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