



# **Monthly Command Report**

# For October 2020

### **Emergency Response:**

For the month of October, there were a total of 22 fire calls. Average response time for the month was 8 minutes and 45 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 **45** EMS calls with **25** Transports and **20** non-transports. Of the transports, there were **23** ALS and **02** 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. Emergency lighting and siren will be removed for use on another apparatus.

**<u>B-91-</u>** Apparatus is being checked daily without any major issues to report.

<u>5-TON/B92:</u> Apparatus is out of service due to a blown head gasket, but still runs and drive. The apparatus will be decommissioned and sold. Funds from sale will cover repairs to a light brush truck.

<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. Over the next several months, Apparatus will receive a new coat of paint (in house), front & rear bumpers (Built in house), New valves (In house), new emergency lights (In House), and new tires.

**E-90:** Apparatus is still out of service. It will be going to Siddons in November instead of October for annual PM and testing. This is due to Tender 90 & Engine 91 taking longer than projected at their annual PM in October. 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:** Apparatus is being checked daily without any major issues to report. The annual PM has been completed as well as the new foam system installed, and chevron repaired on the front and rear of the apparatus.

**T-90:** Apparatus is being checked daily without any major issues to report. The annual PM has been completed as well as new air primer installed, and annual pump test completed.

<u>M-90</u>: The apparatus is being checked daily and is in good working order. The apparatus did have a blow own while responding to a call. Rick's towing towed the apparatus back to the station. A new set of tires were put on by Billy Bob's, and new shocks have been ordered.

<u>M-91:</u> The apparatus is being checked daily without any major issues to report. The new parts for the stretcher came in and was repaired by EMSAR.

<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 received quotes on beginning repair on the current Command unit.

While responding to a fire, the brake system did fail, almost resulting in an accident. The unit was taken to Billy Bob's for repair and is back in service.

**Rescue 90:** Apparatus is being checked daily and is in service. Once we decide what we are doing with the Command unit, we will know how to approach needed repairs with the suspension.

#### MISC:

We are still working on updating radio equipment. We have received quotes from Bear Com and Industrial Communications for the amplified alerting system at Station 2.

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 currently have a new medic unit being built, and we are on track to receive the unit towards the end of November or beginning of December. 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:**

Several of our volunteers have successfully completed their EMT-B course and are in process of scheduling their National Registry exams.

We are still working to increase our number of local volunteers.

### **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 building a retirement plan unique to the department. This have been a lengthy process to ensure fairness to all parties. Contracts have been received and distributed for possible approval.

# **Training:**

For the month of October, crews focused on Rapid Sequence intubation and airway management.

#### **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.

### **Grants/Donations:**

The following grants have been approved by the Forestry service in the month of October:

\$20,000 Cost Share payment for Fire/Rescue equipment

Light brush truck transferred to our agency from another

Heavy (5 Ton) brush truck (To replace our newly decommissioned 5 ton)

\$20,000 slip on grant to cover cost of conversion of new Heavy to a fire department apparatus

#### **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.

Burn house training days are scheduled for November 6<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>

Extrication training is scheduled for November 16th

# EMS:

Several protocols are under regular annual review with the Medical Director. Critical Care Skills are scheduled at the cadaver lab on November 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>.

<u>Misc.:</u> A major focus point of the department has been to create a strong professional working relationship with surrounding departments.

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