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FIRE CHIEF'S MONTHLY REPORT

I hereby submit my report as Fire Chief of the Danbury Fire Department, which covers the period of 21 July through 21 August and details activities of the Department.

On a special note, we have had two additional retirements this period. Lt. John Gillotti has retired from the department after 34 years 10 months of service. Congratulations to John and his family. Dispatcher John Lambe has retired after 31 years 7 months of service. We wish John and his family many years of happy retirement as well.

Dispatcher Dave Sabel has announced that he will be retiring this month as well. He will be retiring to Tennessee with his wife, Linda, after 31 years 8 months of service. Congratulations Dave and enjoy the Tennessee mountains!

The Danbury School System begins another school year this month. We will all need to be careful while driving in the city during bus pick-ups and drop-offs to avoid accidents and injuries. Remember the busses start very early in the morning and extra time should be allotted to complete your work commute.

The Fire Marshal's Office has completed inspections at all city schools and deemed them ready for occupancy. Required fire drills at all city schools will be starting this month.

PUBLIC EDUCATION/PREVENTION/PUBLIC RELATIONS

All companies have participated in collecting monies for the Muscular Dystrophy Association for their annual "Fill the Boot" Campaign.

On 27 July Engine 23 gave a presentation on the new roof training prop at the fire school for the media and local businesses who donated time and materials to the project.

Fire extinguisher training was performed by DFM Jim Russell and the crew of Engine 26 for all airport employees.

SUPPRESSION/RESPONSE ACTIVITIES OF NOTE

On 29 July a call came in for a sheep stuck in the mud at 175 Long Ridge Rd. Engine 21 responded and freed the stuck animal using a ladder and some rope (somewhat different than the usual cat in a tree).

A report of a man down at the Portuguese Cultural Center on Sand Pit Rd. came in on 4 August. Upon arrival, Engine 23 staffed by Lt. McQuade, FF Nick Cabral and Sean Delohery found two civilians already administering CPR. These were Shelly Rhode and Sue Adams. The patient was checked by the crew and found to be in cardiac arrest. The defibrillator was employed and CPR continued for several minutes. The man had regained a pulse and began to breathe on his own when the medic arrived. By the time he got to the hospital, the man was talking with the crew. He was released days later with a pace maker installed. This was truly a life saved through readiness of civilians and our EMS system.

Command and Staff Activities

- Chamber of Commerce Leadership Danbury
- Local 801 Union Picnic
- Facility Task Force
- Quarterly Staff Meeting
- Industrial Fire Brigade Program Development, Boehringer-Ingelheim
- Breakfast for Lt. John Gillotti
- Luncheon for D.F.M. Carmen Rao
- Naugatuck Valley Community College Directors Meeting
- EMS Oversight Committee
- International Association of Fire Chiefs, Chicago, Il.

Donations

The department received one donation for the period in the amount of \$250.00. This was received from Trumbull Software Association in support of our upcoming safety Seminar scheduled for 5 October.

Emergency Medical/ Haz-Mat - Rey Rodriguez

Salamander Accountability System

The Danbury Fire Department has completed the second phase in placing the state of the art Salamander personnel accountability system in service. Individual hands on training with the scanning device and PDA have been completed for all officers and potential acting officers or individuals that will fill the role as an Accountability Officer.

The Salamander accountability system is a conventional dog tag, bar-code driven fire service accountability system. Personnel are equipped with two (2) ID tags. During a response, all personnel will check-in with their unit supervisors and attach one of their ID tags to a collector mounted in the apparatus to document Single Resource Accountability. Depending on the complexity of the incident, the IC may gather all collectors and attach them to a collection board to act as a visual representation of all resources on-scene.

EMS Oversight

An EMS oversight meeting was held by the Chief on 16 August to discuss roles and responsibilities, dispatching, scene safety and resource deployment. The committee concluded the meeting in agreement that the City of Danbury has one of the finest EMS systems in the State and we should continue to monitor these areas to ensure that we maintain the level of service that has become expected of Danbury EMS/ Division of The Danbury Fire Department

Communications/911 - Patrick Sniffin

Weekly Continuing Dispatch Education sessions have resumed with over 50 members participating in a general dispatch Q & A session. These sessions are useful in not only presenting new material but also insuring that all crews remain up to date with some of the subtle changes that occur, such as how to handle response changes to road closures or dealing with changes to response policy matters. Once the major vacation season is over these sessions will again adopt a more formal topic oriented approach.

Dispatcher Dave Sabel has indicated his intention to retire to the State of Tennessee, where he and his wife Linda have a new home to spend their well earned retirements. Throughout his time in the Communications Division, Dave has been willing to do what it takes to get the job done. In recent years he has served as an On-the-Job trainer for the many new and nervous relief dispatchers. Under his tutelage the relief dispatchers he helped train have become very proficient at this demanding task.

Lt. John Gillotti has retired as a most distinguished member of the Fire Department since 1975. John was always very helpful to the dispatchers on his crew and through his professional approach he gave dispatch personnel the insight that was needed to collect information that is useful on the fire ground. In the past few months John spent a great deal of time in the dispatch area impressing upon the new members the importance of knowing their districts and of taking the responsibility of dispatching to heart.

Training - Mark Omasta

Technical Trench Rescue

All 16 Fire Fighters who successfully completed the 48 Rescue Technician- Trench class in July passed the Practical and written exams and are now certified in this specialty.

Propane Emergencies

Leahy's Fuels Inc. had the use of a Regional Bobtail Propane Truck Simulator for two weeks in July and made the Training Aid available to area departments. This training for our Fire Fighters was completed on July 22.

Hydrant Testing

Annual Hydrant testing continues through October. Approximately 1,400 hydrants have been tested to date.

Fire School

The roof Prop is 95% completed. Work continues in the rear of the burn building, converting the basement stairs to a walkout entry/exit.

Training Hours

January 1 through August 20, 2010 - 10,253 training man-hours have been logged for the Career Division the Volunteer division logged 2,950 hrs through the training office.

Aerial Operator

FF Kelly Grover passed all requirements to become a Driver/Aerial Operator on July 28.

Tours

All crews benefited from a tour of the Danbury Hospital Complex given by Bill Layda from Safety and Engineering.

Tours are in progress at EAC (Enhance a Colour) at 43 Beaver Brook Rd.

Fall Semester NVCC

Personnel are registering for the Fall Semester Class "Water Supply and Hydraulics". DC Wiedl and Asst Chief Slagle will instruct this 3 credit course that starts Sept. 1. Classes will be at Danbury Fire Headquarters on Wednesday evenings.

Meetings /events for the T.O.:

- Attended the safety seminar by CIRMA on Aug 12 on the Lockout-Tag out procedure
- State Regional Schools Education committee meeting, July 22
- Haz Mat 472, 2008 addition, Education sub-committee meeting July 22
- Staff meeting with B group on August 17
- Breakfast and Afternoon ceremony for retiring LT. John Gillotti on Aug 10
- Luncheon in honor of retiring Deputy Fire Marshall Carmen Rao at two Steps on Aug 13
- Met with NVCC program Director Barry Groman and the new director of Technical studies on Aug. 11
- Group meetings with the crews on Aug 20, and 13
- Danbury Firefighters Local 801 family picnic on July 24

- Assisted Ridgefield Asst. Chief Kevin Tappe with an introductory class on Firefighting for new members of the Boehringer Ingelheim Fire Brigade. Eng 21 assisted with the live Fire Extinguisher training at the B.I. campus. Chief Herald and Deputy Chief Wiedl also spoke at this August 17 event.

Apparatus/Equipment - Joe Cavo

The following is a partial list of some of the activities and highlights of the Apparatus Division for August.

We have calibrated the department's four gas meters. We are awaiting a purchase order number so we can order new sensors for Truck 1's meter. We removed E-21 from service and replaced the defective actuator that operates the front suction. We had the Torque Radius Arms in Truck-2 replaced. We continued to work with Communications Supervisor Sniffin replacing modems in our Apparatus. We delivered and set up our decontamination unit at the Beardsley Zoo. The radio system in this unit was used to help the City of Bridgeport with interdepartmental communications during the funerals of their two Firefighters who died fighting a structure fire.

Other repairs completed:

- replaced the battery and charger in 06F1
- replaced the front suction actuator on E-21
- replaced the Torque Radius Arms on Truck-2
- replaced some frame bolts on Truck-1
- replaced the right front rotor on Truck-1
- serviced the Generator on Truck-2
- serviced 43DA and 34DA
- replaced the front tires on E-21, E-22, and E-26

Fire Marshal - James Johnson

We continue to find illegal occupancies thru UNIT inspections, there were 4 inspections for unsafe occupancy (basement/attic) all situations have been resolved. This month's Fire Prevention consisted of several programs for different groups, we also interviewed 1 youth involved with fire play. Our office investigated several serious fires, I am happy to report there were no injuries. All school inspections have been completed and they are ready for occupancy.

Deputy Fire Marshal Rao retired on August 15th. We all wish him well in his new endeavor.

Department Statistical Reports

Abatements/Reports (hrs):	36.5	Place of Assembly:	45
Issued in Fire Zones:	3	Educational:	15
Fire Investigations:	15	Business:	11
Fatal Fires:	0	Storage:	1
Liquor Inspections:	20	Health Care:	1
Blasting Permits:	3	Industrial:	2
Complaints:	15**	Mercantile:	25
Plan Review (hrs)	46	Residential Board & Care:	0

Fire Prevention Prgs.	6	Hotel (units):	255
Orders of Abatement:	1	Apartments:	315
Meetings	38.5	Fuel Trucks	5
Service Stations	5	Tier II Reporting	4
** Resolved or in the process of being resolved.		Rooming Houses:	1
Some of these complaints were thru and with the UNIT.		Day Care:	4
		Misc. Inspections	20
		Special Structures:	3
		Office Duty (hrs):	130
		Burn Permits	2
		Cont Ed. Hrs.	24

Monthly Breakdown NFIRS Ver 5.0	
Coding	
Fires (100-173)	15
Overpressure Rupture - No Fire (200-251)	0
Rescue/EMS (300-381)	371
Hazardous Condition (400-482)	42
Service Call (500-571)	90
Good Intent Calls (600-671)	84
False Alarm/False Calls (700-746)	73
Severe Weather/Natural Disaster (800-815)	0
Special Incident Type (900-911)	0
No Report/Incomplete	3
Total Fire Responses	678
E911 Statistics	
Total 911 Calls	2738
Abandoned 911 Calls	346
Cellular 911 Calls	1437
911 Hang Up Calls	1009
Admin Calls Received	826
Police Calls via 911	388
Fire Calls via 911 (CAD 28)	208
EMS Calls via 911 (CAD 29)	340
Daily Average	97.79
Dispatch Incident Statistics	
Total Fire Responses	678
Total EMS Responses	768
Unknown Transport Status	38
ALS Patient (CAD 60)	299
BLS Patient (CAD 61)	314
No Patient (CAD 62)	117
EMS Mutual Aide Requests (CAD 80)	4
EMS Calls Passed to Backup (CAD 81)	28

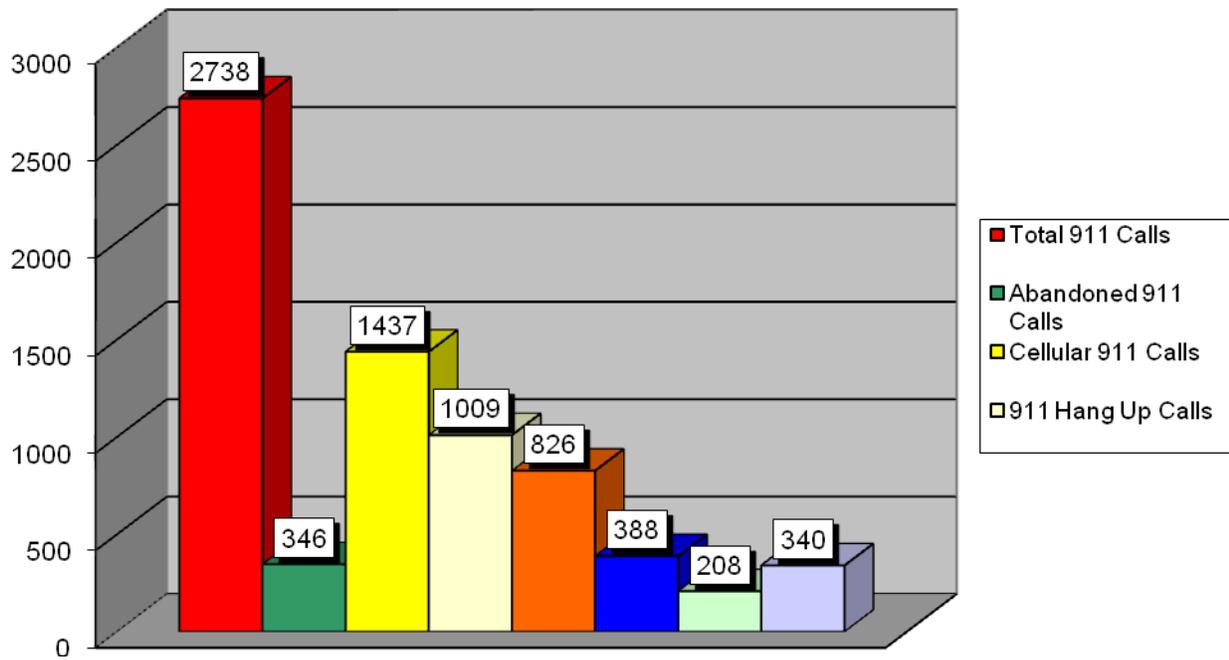
** NOTE **

Multiple 911 Calls received for Fire And
EMS

Incidents are attached to Fire Incident

Reports

911 Center Activity July 21 to August 21, 2010



Fire Response Breakdown July 21 to August 21, 2010

