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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 March through 21 April and details activities of the Department.

I wish to note the recent passing of Fire Lieutenant Marshal Sanford of the Redding Fire Department. He was a long time friend. His dedication and support of the fire service in several capacities will be missed.

Our department is testing a device recently developed to monitor radiation exposure. We are the first fire department to test this device, the I-Rad. The device connects to a smart phone and allows the user to interface to Google maps, email and other various applications. The device appears to be a useful tool. As we continue to field test it, we will be in touch with the manufacturer to assist them in refining the device.

**Public Education/Prevention/Public Relations**

Performing Arts Center construction at WCSU West Side campus, Rivington and E. Starr's Plain Rd. RR Donnelly (former Danbury Printing and Litho), Blackthorne Courts off Golden Hill

Members of the department played in the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Hockey game on 7 April. This was an entertaining game and the funds raised will help the selected charities.

**Suppression/Response Activities of Note**

On 12 April Units responded to a structure fire at 123 Padanaram Rd. The fire was noticed and called in by a neighbor. E25 arrived first and could not access the house from Padanaram Rd. as the driveway was too steep right from the street. On C30 arrival the house was fully involved. Dispatch had reports that there was possibly another fire on E. Lake Rd., but it quickly became evident that the fire was the same with possible access from E. Lake Rd. FF. Eric Svege from E12 took a radio and re-conned the E. Lake side, reporting that there was access from there. E25 was sent around and 3 tankers rerouted to that side as E22 and E23 were able to gain access up an adjacent drive on Padanaram, although they were still left with a 350' stretch up a steep hillside to the house. Brush fires were reported behind the house. E25 crew was able to assist in advancing lines with E22 and E23. 300' of hose was then stretched from E25 on the East Lake side. Tankers, coordinated by Dennis Ring, supplied water until E12 eventually drafted from E. Lake. There was a dry hydrant there, but it could not be reached. No exposure problems were encountered as the fire attack was successful in containing damage to the house and immediate vicinity. Several companies volunteer and career assisted with the very long hose lays and extinguishment. Numerous apparatus and personnel were utilized during the effort. Bethel fire covered Danbury with their aerial until T1 could

be released. FM Johnson with DFMs Osborne and Perry investigated along with DPD Detective and evidence tech and SPD accelerant dog and his handler. Crews remained throughout the night and into the day. No injuries were reported at the time.

Units responded to a reported explosion at 3 Plumtrees Road. This is the asphalt plant. Two workers suffered minor burns from the hot-oil pump part of the mixing of the asphalt. Both were transported to Bridgeport Burn Center for evaluation and treatment. Multiple units responded but were quickly released. They include E24, C30, Car 41, EMS and Conn-OSHA. Thankfully, both workers were released after treatment.

On White St. a victim fell from his motorized wheel chair. The patient was transported to DHER. The crew of SRV 1 treated the patient and then drove his custom wheel chair home and secured it for the victim.

### **Command and Staff Activities**

- Multiple meetings with vendors regarding civilian dispatchers
- Labor and Employment Public Sector Seminar
- Local 801
- City Council
- Budget Committee
- Staff meeting
- Headquarters engineering study
- Statewide fiber optic cable install program
- Volunteers executive committee
- State Labor Management committee
- Data analysis for Fire Service
- Connecticut Firefighter Hall of Fame Dinner

### **Emergency Medical/ Haz-Mat - Rey Rodriguez**

The topic for this month's EMS Wednesday was Emergency Childbirth. While childbirth is a natural occurrence, having it occur in a pre-hospital setting can present the First Responder with pre-delivery emergencies that the First Responder must be prepared to treat. It is important that the First Responder learn about childbirth and practice the procedures required to assist with delivery and to recognize the possible complications that could arise and utilize the skills needed to assist with the delivery.

### **EMT Re-Certification**

Twelve firefighters recently took and passed their State Of CT. EMT re- certification test.

### **Communications/911 - Patrick Sniffin**

Efforts continue to determine the best course for the civilianizing of our 9-1-1 PSAP. The committee is reviewing the submissions of three vendors and will soon provide a selection to the Mayor for his consideration.

### **Training - Mark Omasta**

Volunteers: The firefighter one class continues with graduation expected in June.

Upcoming training: We are in the process of scheduling four- one day vehicle extrication classes, one day for each crew. This will be on duty training. Tony Leca of the Connecticut Fire Academy will be the lead instructor. There will be a classroom review session and then hands on drills. We may incorporate practice with our new Paratech struts. The class will be flexible to fit our training needs and requests.

R.I.T. Classes: The department is hosting two 2 day classes funded by Region 5. This is a highly sought after class. The programs will run the first weekend in May and the first weekend in June.

Fire School: Repair work completed in early April for about \$6,000.00. We are in the process of replacing fire brick on the first floor burn area (on floor). We plan on working with Public works to grade and pave approximately 40 feet around the burn building. This would eliminate trip hazards and reduce the re-occurring damage to our fire hose.

Hydrants: Annual program should start up in May.

### **Apparatus/Equipment - Joe Cavo**

E-22 and E-23's "4 Gas meters" are still out of service. The Apparatus computer is still experiencing software issues that prevent the docking station from properly diagnosing these units. This however is not due to a lack of effort; these software issues have our IT Department scratching their heads. The thermal imaging cameras (TIC) assigned to E-25 has been repaired and we are awaiting its return from the factory. A purchase order has been issued for Car 30's camera repair.

This month a complete foundation brake replacement (all wheel positions) was performed on Trk-2 including the replacement of two cracked wheels and five new tires. This unit was serviced as well. E-26 is out of service for body repairs. All of the departments Hurst Tools were serviced and pressure tested this month. Rework and mount 4' pike pole outside of cab in E-21 and E-22.

Other repairs completed:

- Replace master battery switch in E-24.
- Service and "lay-up" departments snow plow for the summer.
- Place new Fire Marshal vehicle in service.
- Replaced two front seat belts in E-23.
- Repair the Camshaft Synchronizer in the 03T3.
- Repaired the Plymovents at E-22's and Trk-1's positions and E-26 station.
- Repaired Seat belt warning system in E-22.
- Remove Primer motor for replacement on E-24.

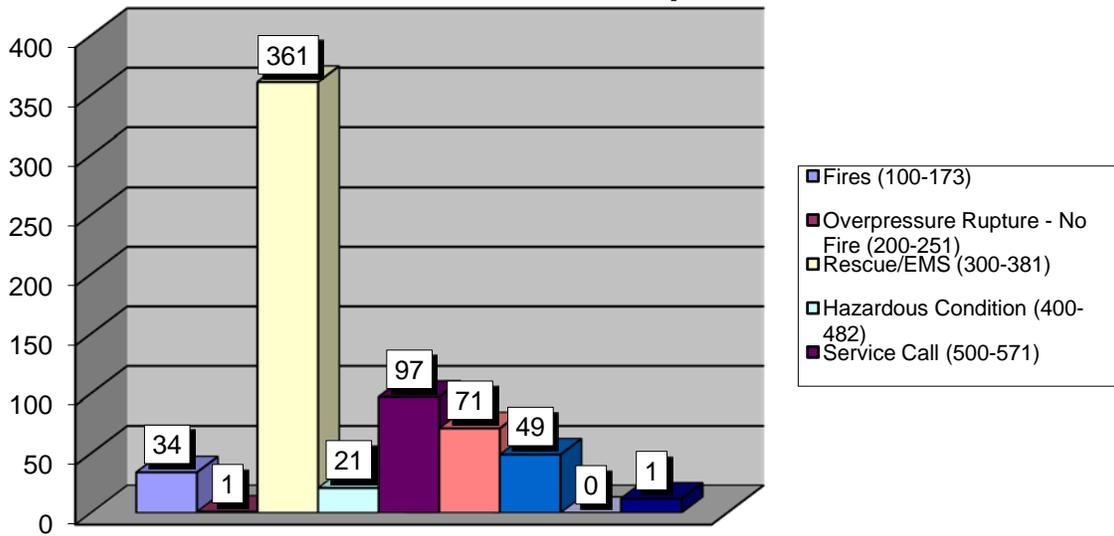
### **Community Risk Reduction Office of the Fire Marshal - James Johnson**

There were several inspections for unsafe occupancy (basement/attic) but all known situations have been resolved or are about to be concluded. We continue to monitor several locations as there have been repeat offences. The Illegal Apartment Enforcement Team (part of the unit) continues to follow up on complaints from citizens. We completed 25 hours of continuing education for annual Fire Marshal Certification. Our office investigated several very serious fires, some with burn injuries. There was one fatal fire.

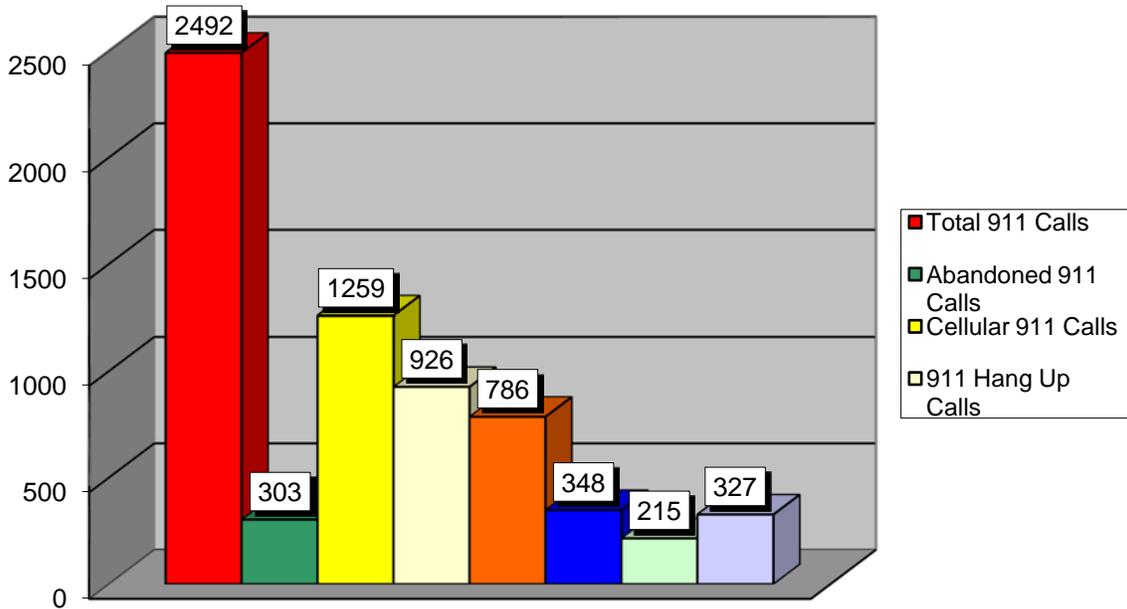
DFM Leach attended a specialized Excel program to enhance NFIRS reporting. DFM Osborne spent a week at the National Fire Academy for Investigation of Electrical Fires.

**Department Statistical Reports**

**Fire Response Breakdown  
March 22 to April 19, 2012**



**911 Center Activity  
March 22 to April 19, 2012**



Inspections	Amount
Apartments	224
Business	29
Day Care	3
Education	14
Fuel Trucks	2
Hazmat (Tank Install)	3
Health Care	3
Hotel (Rooms)	225
Industrial	0
Liquor	21
Merchantile	22
Misc.	41
Place of Assembly	43
Res. Board & Care	6
Rooming House	0
Service Stations	1
Special Structure	0
Storage	0
TOTAL	637

Topics	Amount
Abatement/Reports (Hrs.)	78
Blasting Permits	4
Burn Permits	0
Complaints	16
Cont. Ed. Hours	90
Fatal Fires	1
Fire Investigation	13
Fire Safety Prgms.	3
Meetings (Hrs)	36
Office Duty (Hrs.)	200
Orders of Abatement	0
Plan Review (hrs.)	86
Tickets Issued	6
TOTAL HRS.	490

Fires (100-173)	34
Overpressure Rupture - No Fire (200-251)	1
Rescue/EMS (300-381)	361
Hazardous Condition (400-482)	21
Service Call (500-571)	97
Good Intent Calls (600-671)	71
False Alarm/False Calls (700-746)	49
Severe Weather/Natural Disaster (800-815)	0
Special Incident Type (900-911)	0
No Report/Incomplete	12
Total Fire Responses	646
<b>E911 Statistics</b>	
Total 911 Calls	2492
Abandoned 911 Calls	303
Cellular 911 Calls	1259
911 Hang Up Calls	926
Admin Calls Received	786
Police Calls via 911	348
Fire Calls via 911 (CAD 28)	215
EMS Calls via 911 (CAD 29)	327
Daily Average	95.85
<b>Dispatch Incident Statistics</b>	
Total Fire Responses	646
Total EMS Responses	738
Unknown Transport Status	16
ALS Patient (CAD 60)	295
BLS Patient (CAD 61)	287
No Patient (CAD 62)	140
EMS Mutual Aide Requests (CAD 80)	8
EMS Calls Passed to Backup (CAD 81)	10

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Multiple 911 Calls received for Fire And  
EMS  
Incidents are attached to Fire Incident  
Reports