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Beaumont Fire/Rescue Services
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Chief's Message

It takes a very unique type of person to really LOVE documentation. I think it's fair to say that it's a part of the job that most people wish somebody else was responsible for. And for hands-on people like firefighters, writing up a report or doing data entry will probably never make the top ten list of the best things about being a firefighter.

While documentation may not be the most fun or exciting thing to do, it is absolutely necessary. And the documentation that we submit really needs to be of the highest quality possible. Why?

While documentation may not seem immediately important in the middle of an emergency response, if you are placed in a position later that entails describing your operation or plan of action, it can be a life saver. Good documentation proves that you knew what you're doing. If you've followed an accepted practice and experienced an adverse outcome, your documentation literally has your back. If you've varied from an accepted practice or guideline, your documentation communicates that you had valid reasons for doing it differently, that you are able to explain those reasons, and that the explanation makes sense.

Good documentation helps us to justify and prioritize our resource needs. Especially during down economic times, we have to be able to

prove that: 1) what we have done was necessary and appropriate, 2) what we are doing now continues to be important and a valid use of limited resources, and 3) what we want to do in the future will provide equal or added value in a cost-effective manner.

In and of itself, "the way we've always done it" doesn't involve valid reasoning or a provide a sound justification for doing anything. We've also all heard the saying, "Garbage in = Garbage out." Good documentation can support our organizational and individual integrity and credibility. Poor or no documentation can do exactly the opposite. Documentation is like insurance—you don't really appreciate it until the day you have to use it. When you really need it, you're really glad that you invested in it. Improvement in the quality of our documentation will help us to better communicate our challenges, our triumphs, and our needs. When it comes down to it, it may all be as simple as, "Trust—but Verify."

Administrative & Support Services

Personnel Updates:

Promotions: Congratulations to Paul Hunt who was promoted to Driver/Operator on April 8.

Truman Davis returned to the Fire Supply Office as a part-time employee on April 21.

The monthly extended leave update report was submitted to Human Resources on April 30.

Chief Huff worked with a number of personnel and related issues, and facilitated resolution of two citizen complaints during the month.

Chief Huff facilitated annual district meetings with 51's district (A & C shifts) and 52's district (all three shifts). Thanks to everyone for their participation, candor, and professionalism during the meetings.

Special Teams Updates:

Haz Mat Team: Brian Droptini and Brandon Williams were approved for Active team status.

Water Response Team: Tim Byerly was approved for Active team status.

Budget Updates:

The department's Fleet requests were submitted on April 12. Technology requests were not called for this year, but since the department's requests were already compiled, they were forwarded to Technology Services on April 21. A copy of the submissions can be found at <G:\Shared Folder\Budgets\FY 2011>.

Budget Officer Elizabeth Shakour distributed an email on April 22 advising that the FY11 general fund budget would remain static or be possibly reduced. Division Chiefs will enter FY10 projections and these will help to determine FY11 allocations. We will continue to

prioritize requested items and submit a budget document similar to last year's to communicate our needs and provide guidance in spending the limited resources that we are allocated.

Grants Updates:

2008 State Homeland Security Program Grant: Members of the Management Team met with Information Technology Director Bart Bartkowiak and Finance Officer Laura Clark to discuss possible re-purposing monies from this grant to help fund two specific projects: 1) internet-based email access, and 2) Net-Motion, which would assist with MCT disconnects in the field. Fire Administrator Danny Cross and Logistics Program Manager Captain Bill Lambert, and Assistant Emergency Management Coordinator Captain Pat Grimes will coordinate the background work and possible grant restructuring effort.

2010 State Homeland Security Program Grant: We were approved for the following with no grant match: four (4) thermal imaging cameras (\$44,000); four (4) extractor washers (\$46,000); nine (9) David Clark Vehicle Intercom Systems (\$20,000); Security upgrades for fire stations-overhead door controls, cameras, card readers and cards (\$13,500).

2010 Assistance to Firefighter's Grant: grant period opened on April 26 and closes May 28. The grant has a 20% matching requirement. We are working on compiling documentation on the following items to the Finance Department for review and approval prior to submitting the grant: 1) one replacement of Brush Truck 62, 2) four (4) Command Post Organizer Units for Chief's Cars, four (4) Pulse Oximetry/CO units for firefighter

rehab (Chief's Cars) 4) one Driving Simulator for driver training and evaluation.

Advisory Group/Committee Updates:

All advisory group/committee meeting minutes are available on the G: drive. Please access <G:\Shared Folder\Meeting Minutes> to access detailed meeting minutes.

The Medical Services Advisory Group met on April 2, 14, and 23. The group worked on finalizing documentation for the department's First Responder Organization certification from the Texas Department of State Health Services. The group also began on updating research and developing a proposal to bring Beaumont EMS under the fire department.

The Tactical Operations Advisory Group met on April 28 The group completed a draft combining two previous UOGs into SOG 202.03-Use of Personal Protective Equipment. The draft was submitted to Chief Huff and should be ready for member comment in May.

The Safety Committee met on April 6. No outstanding safety-related issues were discussed. There two (2) on-duty lost-time injuries and six (6) on-duty no lost-time injuries reviewed. There were four (4) vehicle accidents reviewed. There were no exposure reports reviewed. Members are reminded to provide complete and detailed information on all accident and injury reports so that the committee can properly assess the preventability of the occurrence and provide appropriate feedback and follow-up relative to the circumstances.

Policy Updates:

Policies in the rough draft

stage of development the month included:

- R&R 103.01B - Vacation
- SOG 202.02A - Hydrant Testing for Pre-Planning
- SOG 603.02 - Medical Equipment Inventory & Maintenance

Continuing pilot policies included:

- R&R 103.01B - Sick & Off-Duty Injury Leave
- SOG 105.02 - Member Medical Records

Final drafts/revisions of SOGs/R&Rs/PBs distributed for review on the monthly training memo were:

- R&R 103.01 - Accrual & Use of Leave Time

Member comments and the disposition from the Fire Chief that were distributed concerning SOGs/R&Rs/PBs included:

- SOG 200.03 - After Action Reviews
- SOG 202.04 - Residential Structure Fires

SOGs/R&Rs/PBs that were distributed for member review and comment during the month included:

- SOG 203.03 - Medical Services Quality Assurance & Improvement Process

Development of SOGs and Performance Benchmarks will be ongoing.

Other Administration News and Updates:

Our updated website has launched. There are still pieces of the site that need to be built, but it's off to a great start and can be at www.beaumontfire.com or by clicking on Public Safety at the

City's main page.

Chief Huff asked all personnel to document any service-related impacts relative to the minimum staffing strategy by emailing the Solutions Box. Please include the date of occurrence, shift on duty, NFIRS number, description of what happened, and any extenuating circumstances. These will be compiled and assessed to determine the day-to-day street level impacts relating to the strategy.

Administrative Update:

Danny Cross, Fire Administrator

In the month of April, Fire Administration began studying the City's ordinance that allows for invoicing responsible parties for Hazmat calls. Fire Department administrative staff worked with Finance and Emergency Management to develop proposed changes to the ordinance that will allow charges for other City services needed at Hazmat incidents, such as Streets for barricades, EMS for scene standby and rehab, and Police for traffic control, as well as administrative fees and an equipment charge schedule for uniform billing.

Logistics Update:

Captain Bill Lambert, Program Manager

Six accident reports were reviewed for the month of April. Although all casualty reports had been entered into Firehouse, two were lacking in information. The responsible parties were notified and reports completed as requested.

Captain Lambert compiled and submitted four weekly call-out reports for the Streets and Drainage and Traffic Departments.

Repair and renovation of Fire Headquarters continues with

relocation of some existing Fire Museum exhibits and installation of new ones. The existing large screen television in the dormitory was replaced with a flat screen television obtained with grant funds by the Fire Museum. New cable is currently being run with an additional drop installed in the State Room connected to a second flat screen television. The activity area formerly used for puppet shows on the second floor is being replaced to accommodate a custom sign describing how to use the Fire Safety Activity Area. All of these renovations required some cable and carpentry work performed by the community service workers from the Federal Correctional Complex (FCC).

Cabinets, counter tops and other materials needed for renovation of the kitchen at Fire Station 7 was obtained and preparation was begun on the cabinets to expedite installation during construction.

Fire Purchasing entered six requisitions into the system in April. The requisitions were for materials and supplies for Station 7's kitchen, SCBA maintenance and repair, fire hose, medical gloves and hydrant diffusers. One travel authorization and expense report was completed on Marcus Rogers for attendance at a one-day boot camp for Fire Investigator training. Additionally, 10 check requests were completed and submitted for arbitration fees, certification fees, sign replacement, travel and equipment purchase reimbursement, appliance repair, and apparatus cleaning supplies. Several deposits were made for the Fire Museum and staff also reconciled 13 credit card statements for review and approval by Chief Huff.

Supply personnel received and

processed 15 work requests for the month of April for submission to Building Services.

Fourteen pieces of protective clothing were sent out for cleaning, annual inspection, and repair by Lion Total Care. Supply personnel also dropped off and picked up three gas monitors for repair and two reciprocating saws and two thermal imaging camera batteries for rebuild. Five “weed eaters” were repaired by FCC personnel and placed back in service.

Tommy Alexander toured all stations with representatives from Building Services and All Star Plumbing to identify location, service needs, and capabilities for installation of extractor/washers at all stations. These devices are being purchased with funds provided through Assistance to Firefighter and Homeland Security Grants.

Emergency Operations

Emergency Response:

Emergency Operations personnel responded to 1,345 calls for service in April. The calls for service are broken down in the following **National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS)** categories:

Fires: 73 calls for fire response services, 23 of which were structure fires. Fire responses accounted for 5.42% of the total calls for service, with losses estimated at \$172,700.

Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat (no fire): 4 calls for overpressure rupture, explosion,

no fire. This accounted for 0.29% of the total calls for service.

Rescue and Emergency Medical Services Incidents: 769 calls for rescue and EMS services response. This accounted for 57.17% of total calls for service.

Hazardous Conditions (no fire): 70 calls for response to hazardous conditions. This accounted for 5.20% of the total calls for service.

Service Calls: 161 responses for service calls. This accounted for 11.97% of the total calls for service.

Good Intent Calls: 84 responses for good intent calls. This accounted for 6.24% of the total calls for service.

False Alarm & False Calls: 181 responses for false alarms or false calls. This accounted for 13.45% of the total calls for service.

Severe Weather & Natural Disaster Calls: 0 responses for severe weather calls. This accounted for 0% of the total calls for service.

Special Incident Type: 3 responses on special incident type calls for service. This accounted for 0.28% of the total calls for service.

Public Relations and Education:

During the month of April, Operations Division personnel conducted 22 fire safety and public education programs and Fire Station tours.

Personnel on Engines 6 and 7, C-Shift, provided escort for the Brotherhood Bicycle Ride group through the City of Beaumont on April 8. The group was conducting a cross-country ride in the memory of the two

Houston firefighters who died in the line of duty on Easter 2009.

Fire Hydrant Maintenance:

Fire hydrant maintenance began in April and consisted of flowing, inspecting, painting, greasing, and weed maintenance of all fire hydrants City-wide. This maintenance will be completed in mid-May.

Hose Maintenance:

B-Shift personnel completed the testing of all 5" large diameter hose. A-Shift personnel began the testing of all attack hose and this testing will continue into May.

Preplanning Program:

Chief Calvin Carrier has been assigned responsibility for the pre-incident planning program. Work continued in April to coordinate activities necessary to initiate and establish this program in three phases over three months. Phases one and two were completed in April with the training of personnel on fire flow testing, information gathering, and data entry into Firehouse. Phase three will be the assignment of four target locations per company and the beginning of pre-incident planning by fire company personnel and the District Chief. This will begin in May.

Response Operations, Tours, Training and Drills:

The crews from Station 9 received training on the former Quint 5 on April 1, 3, and 5. This unit went into service as Quint 9 on April 5.

**Community Risk Reduction
(Fire Marshal's Office)**

Code Enforcement Update:

Captain Brad Penisson, Program Manager

During the month of April, Fire Inspectors conducted 230 inspections consisting of 152 general inspections and 78 inspections for certificate of occupancy. There were 316 code violations identified during these inspections. Forty-six of the inspections generated \$3,300 in inspection fees. In addition, there were 15 fire-alarm systems tested, 4 sprinkler systems tested, and 2 fixed fire extinguishing system tested. Permits issued included 18 tent permits and 3 tank permits. There were three fire flow studies conducted.

Community Risk Reduction personnel were involved in 320 consultations by phone, 114 office consultations, and 144 consultations in the field.

Plan reviews for April included 15 fire alarm systems, 3 fixed fire extinguishing systems, 9 sprinkler systems, and 57 building plans.

Investigations Update:

Captain Earl White, Program Manager

Fire investigators were involved in 55 fire and safety investigations during the month. Six of the fires investigated were determined to be arson.

There were 23 complaints investigated concerning possible fire code violations.

Significant Investigations:

- 4/02/10 - 7420 Hwy. 105 - Sprinkler Activation
- 4/03/10 - 1610 Trinidad -

- Prohibited Weapon
- 4/04/10 - 595 Irby - Structure Fire, Accidental
- 4/06/10 - 3418 Grand - Structure Fire, Accidental
- 4/07/10 - 998 Euclid - Structure Fire, Accidental
- 4/08/10 - 1090 N. Pearl - Structure Fire, Accidental
- 4/08/10 - 3815 Bryan - Structure Fire, Accidental
- 4/08/10 - 1050 Forrest - Brush Fire
- 4/09-10 - 350 Eldridge - Vincent Middle School, trash can fire in school
- 4/10/10 - 8645 Hwy 105 - Structure Fire, Accidental
- 4/10/10 - 4240 Cadillac - Structure Fire, Accidental
- 4/10/10 - 4690 Jancar - Structure Fire, Accidental
- 4/10/10 - 2155 Taylor - Structure Fire, Arson (Cleared by Arrest)
- 4/11/10 - 2320 Ave. C - Structure Fire, Arson
- 4/12/10 174 Stratton - Vehicle Fire, Arson
- 4/12/10 - 5605 Calder - Structure Fire, Accidental
- 4/13/10 - 695 Goodhue, Unauthorized Burning
- 4/13/10 - 88 Jaguar, Central High School, Bomb Threat
- 4/13/10 - 4040 Crow - Structure Fire, Accidental
- 4/14/10 - Piney Point / Sherwood, Brush Fire
- 4/15/10 - 310 E. Gill - Structure Fire, Accidental
- 4/17/10 - 3875 N. Major Dr - Structure Fire, Accidental
- 4/17/10 - 1375 Amelia - Structure Fire, Accidental
- 4/19/10 - 1085 Schwarner - Structure Fire, Arson
- 4/22/10 - 2000 St. Helena Vehicle Fire, Arson

- 4/22/10 - 6155 Eastex Frwy Vehicle Fire, Accidental
- 4/23/10 - 1510 Ave F - Structure Fire, Arson
- 4/23/10 - 8750 Phelan, West Brook High School, Student with fireworks
- 4/25/10 - 711 W. Lucas - Structure Fire, Accidental
- 4/26/10 - 3850 Harding - Structure Fire, Accidental
- 4/28/10 - 2490 IH-10E Vehicle Fire,- Accidental

Public Education & Information Update:

Captain Brad Penisson, Program Manager

During this month, there were 5 fire and safety programs conducted with an attendance of 125 persons. Personnel also participated in Firefighter Appreciation Day at Chilis and 31 Cent Scoop Night at Baskin Robbins. These two programs were primarily fundraisers for the Fire Museum but were also utilized as opportunities to provide information to the public concerning safety education.

Captain Penisson, along with C-Shift Engine 8, participated in a live television program on Channel 4 promoting fire safety with children.

Personnel were involved in meetings concerning the MDA Collection Kickoff, the 2-1-1 registration program, Red Cross, and Salvation Army.

Operations personnel need to remember -- if they find that their unit was assigned a report in Firehouse that they did not respond to (cancelled before they left the station), they need to send an e-mail to Captain Penisson to have the report deleted.

Attached to this report is a record of the responses received

through the citizen surveys from April 2010.

Fire Museum of Texas Update:

During the month of April, the Fire Museum of Texas had a total of 647 visitors. Of those, 309 were from Beaumont, 57 from the Golden Triangle, 165 from the State of Texas, and 95 from across the United States. There were also 21 international visitors from Canada, Germany, England, Australia, and Scotland. Thirteen guided tours were given and one birthday party was hosted.

On April 9, 2010 the museum was the site for Kenny Hunt's retirement party. We will miss Kenny and his contribution over the years with Pluggie, the fire prevention & safety robot. Also on April 9, the museum hosted a welcome reception for The Brotherhood Ride in honor of Captain James Harlow and Firefighter Damion Hobbs, the two Houston firefighters killed in the line of duty last year. The cyclists rode from Florida to Houston on a ten-day journey.

Ron Petitt, artist of the State of Texas Fire Fighter Memorial visited this month. He and Captain Ted Hillin made a television appearance to promote the memorial on FOX4 on April 15. They promoted the two fundraisers held in April for the memorial at Chili's and Baskin Robbins. Ron is also featured in this month's VIP magazine. The date was chosen as April 16, 2011 to unveil the memorial. The balance owed on it is down to \$40,000. Ron shared photos of the pieces under construction with the Memorial Committee.

On April 20, Carol attended the Beaumont Association of Museum's meeting. The group meets quarterly to discuss school tours, upcoming tourism opportunities, share national and State museum news, upcoming events and our calendars. Hosted by the Art Museum, the meeting offered a networking experience as well. The group will meet again in August.

On April 21, the Fire Museum joined Beaumont Fire & Rescue and Beaumont Firefighters Local #399 at Chili's, in Beaumont, for Firefighter Appreciation Day. Fifty-six firefighters graciously became celebrity waiters for the day and netted almost \$4,000 for the State of Texas Fire Fighter Memorial. Thanks to Felicia Hancock, General Manager, and her amazing team at Chili's for a fun, exciting and successful event. Special thanks to all the firefighters who came out in support of the event. We got great media and public relations as well as a profitable experience at the event!

Over 1200 scoops of Baskin Robbins ice cream were served on 31 Cent Scoop Night at our local Baskin Robbins store on Dowlen Road. The tip jar netted \$500.55 at the end of the evening for a local contribution to the State of Texas Fire Fighter Memorial. Nationally Baskin Robbins is donating \$100,000 to the National Fallen Firefighter's Association. Thanks Acting Chief Joe Bleuel and your District for helping make the evening a success by bringing out engines and interacting with the crowd.

The Board meeting scheduled for April was moved to May 20 at noon. Agenda items will include recent grants received by Entergy \$2,000, Jefferson County Tourism Board \$2,014, Southeast Texas Foundation \$3,000, and the YMBL

\$1,000. The money received will help install a new theater in the museum and allow travel to the SFFMA convention in June. The money will also allow the museum to purchase a digital camera, a museum collections/accounting software package, and host a two-week Fire Safety Camp.

Carol met with Paul Eddy and Bill Grace from the City of Beaumont Public Library System regarding the possibility of storing valuable historical documents in the new addition to the Tyrrell Library. Chief Huff met with us and supports the idea of digitizing and moving the documents to the professional climate controlled facility. A decision will be made this summer regarding this possibility. Fire Safety Camp is filling up fast! A lot of exciting activities will take place during the week-long camp including firefighter demonstrations, fire related arts and crafts, story telling, learning fire safety songs, making fire safety snacks, playing games and relay races that teach all about fire safety. The 4-6 year old camp is scheduled for June 21-June 25, 2010 and the 7-10 year old camp is scheduled for June 8-July 2, 2010. Each day of camp is three hours long, 9:00 a.m. until noon. The registration forms and fees are listed on our new and updated website www.firemuseumoftexas.org. For additional information, call Carol at 880-3927.

The Fire Prevention & Family Safety Festival committee will meet on May 4 to begin planning the event. Anyone interested in helping or purchasing a sponsorship should contact the museum office. The Festival is scheduled for Saturday October 9, 2010, from 8 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. The event will include a

Blood Drive and the Annual Pancake Breakfast, family & fire safety demonstrations, booths and vendors. There will not be a car show this year due to the fact that the Hot August Nights car show moved to October.

Certification & Training

Efforts continue this month on the Driver/Operator training program and the Firehouse documentation training.

Along with these ongoing topics, the Training Division began district-wide classes on the new Residential Structure Fire SOG. The Residential Structure Fire classes went very well and a large percent of the department got the chance to participate in the review. This coming month we will be asking everyone to review the document again within your station and districts so that the members who did not receive the class will have the benefit of asking questions. Please feel free to contact us directly at the Training Office if you need clarification on the policy as you review it again.

Officer Development & Occupational Safety Training Update:
Chief Keith Nolen, Programs Manager

For April Officer Development Training, Otis Brooks, Landon Dunlap, Edward Byerly, and Craig Willett attended a Teletypewriters Training Course. Congratulations go out this month to Blaine Morris who reached the level of Advanced Firefighter with the TCFP. The monthly SOG review

consisted of 103.01, 200.03, and 202.04.

Requests for officer development training for the month included: Barnes and J. Blanchard to attend "Fire Investigator" on May 10-June 4; Nick Zumo to take the state exam for Fire Instructor I, May 17; four applications from Communications to attend "TTY Course" on April 20; Marcus Rogers to take the Fire Investigator certification test, April 22.

Emergency Medical Training Update:
Acting Captain Brandon Lee, Program Manager

There were 16 EMS recertifications sent in this month (13 applications for ECA renewal - Barry, Fratus, Haynes, Hicks, Key, Lawson, O'Quinn, Palmer, Parfait, Richard, White, Condina, and Wilcox and 3 for EMT-Basic - Droptini, Whitehead, and Smith). There were also five EMS Instructor Certifications turned in to file this month for Durio, Rogers, Lambert, Stinebrickner, and Jagoe.

For continuing EMS certification and self development, the Training Division assigned and documented the following class: Pulse: "Diabetic Emergencies"

The monthly EMS SOG review consisted of 203.01A and the monthly medical benchmark review consisted of 405.01F and 405.01M.

Firefighter Training Update:
Captain Randy Arrington, Program Manager

For continuing firefighter education and self development, the Training Division assigned and documented the following FETN (Fire and Emergency Training Network) classes: "Building Construction Pt. 2" and "Building Construction Pt. 3."

The hands-on benchmark training for the month consisted of Firefighter Benchmarks 73-79.

Driver/Operator Training Update:
Captain Randy Arrington, Program Manager

This month there were several dates where driver/operator training was conducted. Three members (Murphy, Majalca, and Burton) requested and were given program section tests, seven members (Bettis, Cobb, C. Crawford, Droptini, Hilton, Henderson, and B. Williams) attended the pumping and skills testing at the BEST complex, and six members (Henderson, C. Crawford, R. Crawford, Barnes, Sanders, and B. Williams) attended the driving skills testing at the Church on the Rock. There are still 15 current members enrolled in the driver certification program and 10 more scheduled to begin this year.

The hands-on benchmark training for the month consisted of Driver/Operator Benchmarks 404.01C & 404.02G.

Hazardous Materials Training Update:
Captain Randy Arrington, Program Manager

Requests for hazmat training for the month included: Brian Tully to attend Hazmat Technician on May 3-14 and eight applications to attend Pipeline Safety Education on May 6.

Technical Rescue Training Update:
Acting Captain Brandon Lee, Program Manager

Requests for technical rescue training for the month included: J. Blanchard to attend Texas Task Force I training on April 23-26.

Communications & Preparedness Planning

The Beaumont Fire/Rescue Communication Division managed a total of 6,883 calls and created 2,718 events for the month of April. The total fire incidents were 1,338 with 66% being first responder calls and 13% were private fire alarms. Fire/Rescue responded to 31 one-alarm incidents and 150 motor vehicle accidents during the month.

Data indicates an average response time for the first apparatus on the scene of a structure fire as being four minutes and eight seconds. The average dispatch time was thirty seconds.

Total after hour calls for Traffic, Streets, Building Maintenance, Parks, Highway Department, Maintenance Shop, and Health Department were:

Traffic	18
Streets	36
Bldg. Maint.	3
Parks	2
Highway Dept.	2
Main. Shop	1
Health Dept.	1

Emergency Management:

Captain Pat Grimes, Program Manager

The annual Rehearsal of Concept (ROC) drill was held in College Station, Texas on April 13-15. This drill provides our local, regional, State, and private businesses the opportunity to train together so that we can prepare for the 2010 Hurricane season to work on specific activities associated with our

plans, gather lessons learned, identify shortfalls and conflicts, and to develop solutions.

The goal of the drill is to improve the ability of jurisdictions to respond to hurricanes along the Gulf Coast, refine jurisdictional hurricane response plans, facilitate coordination between evacuating, pass through and sheltering jurisdictions, and incorporate lessons learned from past hurricanes.

The objectives of the drill are to *provide* information on emerging techniques, *synchronize* selected activities between jurisdictions and agencies, *identify* disconnects, conflicts, and resource shortfalls related to those activities, and to *confirm* lines of communication and coordination.

Topics covered during the drill included: resource request using 213RR that is electronically sent through WebEoc, special needs registration and tracking, new rapid response teams that are being developed by the State of Texas, re-entry guidelines, restoration of critical infrastructure, and TxDot response and reimbursement.

Chief Colley was the final speaker and, as usual, gave a very motivational two-hour speech that summarized the past few years' responses and the challenges we face in the future. Captain Pat Grimes, Tim Ocnaschek, Luke Stevens, and Kenneth Coleman represented the City of Beaumont.

On March 20-23, the Texas Department of Emergency Management (TDEM) taught the EOC Management and ICS Interface Course at the Emergency Operations Center at 700 Orleans in Beaumont. The goal of this course is to provide the participants a base-line of knowledge and skills to effectively manage an

Emergency Operations Center during crisis situations and examine the interface required to efficiently interface and merge EOC responsibilities and functions with the Incident Command System. In addition to covering topics such as EOC location, layout, staffing and overall management, the course also allows the participants to begin the initial development of an EOC/ICS interface model for their community. Captain Pat Grimes, Tim Ocnaschek, Glenda Piazza, Randy Stevens, and Jeff Curl represented the City of Beaumont.

**Beaumont Fire Department
Authorized Staffing and Vacancies
04/30/2010**

Sworn Personnel

Grade	Classification	Allocated	Actual	Proposed
I	Firefighter	100	97	100
II	Engineer	72	71	72
III	Captain	46	46	47
IV	District Chief	12	12	12
V	Deputy Chief	3	3	3
VI	Assistant Chief	1	1	1
	Fire Chief	1	1	1
Total		235	231	236

Vacancies 0

****4 Grade I Vacancies on Freeze**

Civilian Personnel

Division	Classification	Allocated	Actual	Proposed
Administration	Fire Administrator	1	1	1
	Administrative Assistant	1	1	1
	Secretary II	2	2	2
	Laborer (P/T)	3	3	3
Operations	Secretary I	1	0	1
Risk Reduction	Secretary I	1	1	1
	Fire Museum Director	1	1	1
Training	Secretary I	1	1	1
Total		11	10	11

Vacancies 1 (1 Sec I on hold)

Survey Responses: April 2010

Question

1. Was the 911 system prompt?
2. Was the 911 operator courteous and helpful?
3. Did the fire department respond promptly?
4. Were the fire department personnel courteous?
5. Were the fire department personnel helpful?
6. Did the fire department personnel take the time to explain their actions?
7. Were the firefighters professional in their appearance?
8. After the fire department left, did you feel you received the service that you expected?

Ratings 1=Excellent 6=Poor						
<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>No Response</u>
5						
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Total Surveys Received

5

Citizen Comments:

Report# 10-003924-“B” Shift-Building Fire-My situation wasn’t as severe as it first appeared, but with the quick response and the reassurance from the firefighter’s I was able to calm myself and my family down. Thank you’ll very much, Ronald Thomas

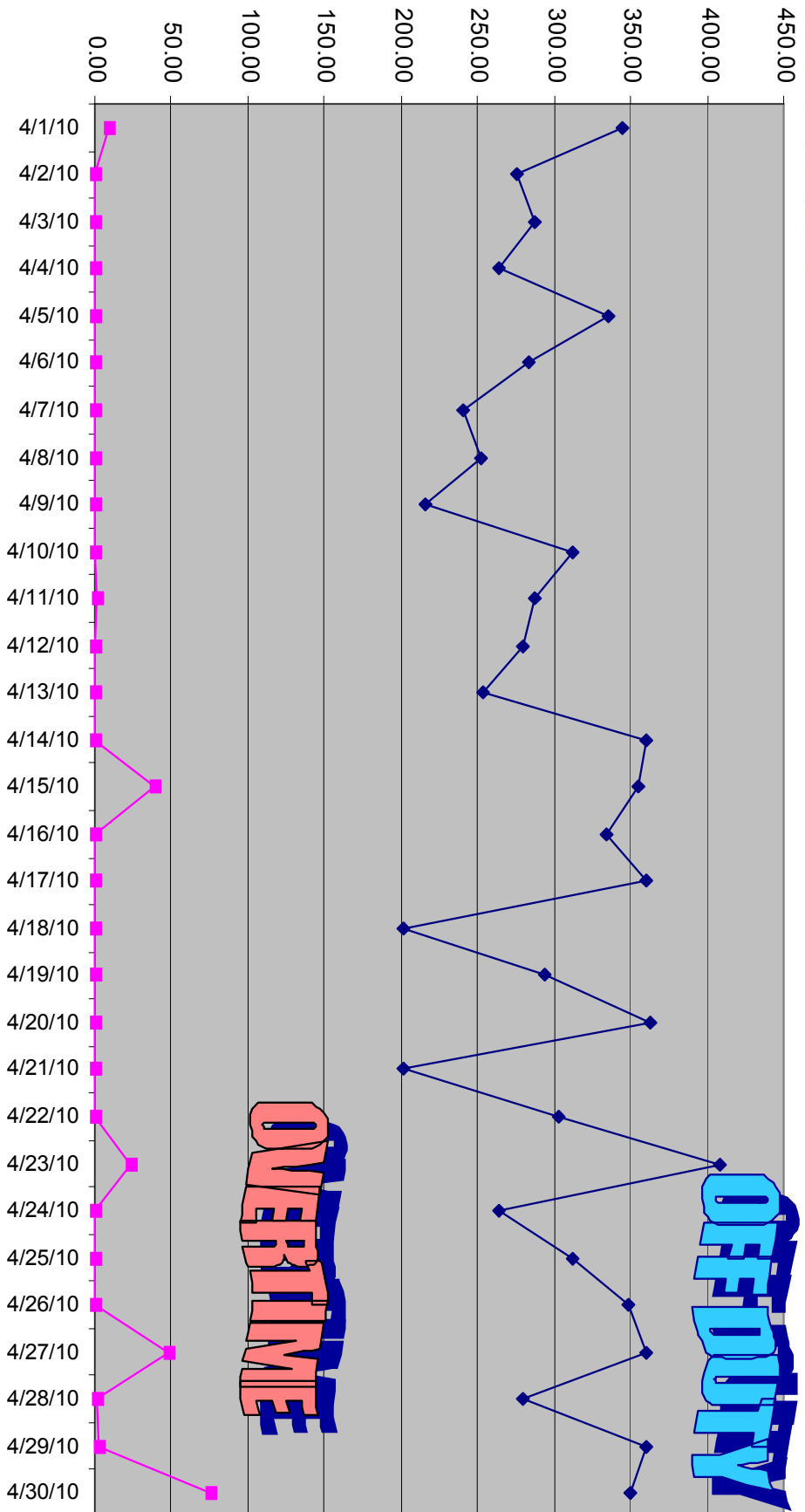
Report# 10-004742-“B” Shift-Building Fire -GREAT JOB, THANKS

Report# 10-005094-“A” Shift-They were very helpful and courteous



CODE							RR & *UP	FO	CF	
DATE	DAY	SHIFT	PERSONNEL ASSIGNED	KELLY DAY	DAILY ASSIGNED STAFFING	FULL TIME EQUIVALENT	REGULAR & UPGRADE	OVERTIME	COMP EARNED	OFF-DUTY
							HOURS	HOURS	HOURS	HOURS
1-Apr-10	Thursday	B	70	10	60	44.13	1050.00	9.00	0.00	345.00
2-Apr-10	Friday	C	65	8	57	49.17	1180.00	0.00	0.00	276.00
3-Apr-10	Saturday	A	66	10	56	44.00	1056.00	0.00	0.00	288.00
4-Apr-10	Sunday	B	70	10	60	47.00	1128.00	0.00	0.00	264.00
5-Apr-10	Monday	C	65	10	55	47.00	1128.00	0.00	0.00	336.00
6-Apr-10	Tuesday	A	66	10	56	45.17	1084.00	0.00	0.00	283.75
7-Apr-10	Wednesday	B	71	8	63	49.00	1176.00	0.00	0.00	240.00
8-Apr-10	Thursday	C	65	9	56	48.50	1164.00	0.00	0.00	252.00
9-Apr-10	Friday	A	66	10	56	47.88	1149.00	0.00	0.00	216.00
10-Apr-10	Saturday	B	71	10	61	45.00	1080.00	0.00	0.00	312.00
11-Apr-10	Sunday	C	65	10	55	49.06	1176.00	1.50	0.00	288.00
12-Apr-10	Monday	A	66	9	57	45.39	1089.00	0.25	0.00	279.00
13-Apr-10	Tuesday	B	71	9	62	47.42	1138.00	0.00	0.00	254.00
14-Apr-10	Wednesday	C	65	9	56	44.00	1056.00	0.00	0.00	360.00
15-Apr-10	Thursday	A	66	10	56	43.85	1013.50	39.00	0.00	354.50
16-Apr-10	Friday	B	71	8	63	44.09	1058.00	0.25	0.00	334.00
17-Apr-10	Saturday	C	65	10	55	45.58	1094.00	0.00	0.00	360.00
18-Apr-10	Sunday	A	66	10	56	47.58	1142.00	0.00	0.00	202.00
19-Apr-10	Monday	B	71	10	61	46.75	1122.00	0.00	0.00	294.00
20-Apr-10	Tuesday	C	65	10	55	45.89	1101.25	0.00	0.00	362.75
21-Apr-10	Wednesday	A	66	11	55	48.58	1166.00	0.00	0.00	202.00
22-Apr-10	Thursday	B	71	10	61	45.40	1089.50	0.00	0.00	302.50
23-Apr-10	Friday	C	65	8	57	44.00	1032.00	24.00	0.00	408.00
24-Apr-10	Saturday	A	66	10	56	45.00	1080.00	0.00	0.00	264.00
25-Apr-10	Sunday	B	71	10	61	45.00	1080.00	0.00	0.00	312.00
26-Apr-10	Monday	C	65	10	55	45.50	1092.00	0.00	0.00	348.00
27-Apr-10	Tuesday	A	66	10	56	44.00	1008.00	48.00	0.00	360.00
28-Apr-10	Wednesday	B	71	8	63	48.48	1161.00	1.25	1.25	279.00
29-Apr-10	Thursday	C	65	9	56	45.54	1080.00	2.50	10.50	360.00
30-Apr-10	Friday	A	66	10	56	44.00	970.00	76.00	10.00	350.00
Total						1381.95	32943.25	201.75	21.75	9086.50
Average						46.06	1098.11	6.73	0.73	302.88

DATE	SHIFT	VV & VF VACATION	SK & SF SICK	RJ & FJ OFF DUTY INJURY	RI & WF ON-DUTY INJURY	WC WORKMAN'S COMP W/O PAY	JP JURY DUTY	EF & EL EMERGENCY FAMILY LEAVE	FL FUNERAL LEAVE	RA OFF CITY BUSINESS	CU COMP TIME OFF	MF MILITARY LEAVE	PP PERSONAL LEAVE
		HOURS	HOURS	HOURS	HOURS	HOURS	HOURS	HOURS	HOURS	HOURS	HOURS	HOURS	HOURS
1-Apr-10	B	216.00	72.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	24.00	24.00	0.00	9.00	0.00	0.00
2-Apr-10	C	144.00	24.00	0.00	24.00	24.00	0.00	24.00	24.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12.00
3-Apr-10	A	240.00	24.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	24.00	0.00	0.00
4-Apr-10	B	216.00	48.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5-Apr-10	C	168.00	68.00	0.00	48.00	4.00	0.00	24.00	24.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6-Apr-10	A	168.00	96.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12.00
7-Apr-10	B	144.00	72.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	24.00
8-Apr-10	C	108.00	48.00	0.00	48.00	24.00	0.00	24.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
9-Apr-10	A	189.00	24.00	3.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
10-Apr-10	B	216.00	60.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	24.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12.00
11-Apr-10	C	168.00	72.00	0.00	24.00	24.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
12-Apr-10	A	108.00	96.00	3.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	48.00	0.00	0.00	24.00	0.00	0.00
13-Apr-10	B	144.00	86.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	24.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
14-Apr-10	C	144.00	96.00	0.00	72.00	24.00	0.00	24.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
15-Apr-10	A	192.00	120.00	0.00	16.50	0.00	0.00	24.00	0.00	0.00	2.00	0.00	0.00
16-Apr-10	B	216.00	70.00	0.00	24.00	0.00	0.00	24.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
17-Apr-10	C	144.00	72.00	0.00	48.00	24.00	0.00	24.00	0.00	0.00	48.00	0.00	0.00
18-Apr-10	A	168.00	24.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.00	0.00	0.00	6.00	0.00	0.00
19-Apr-10	B	174.00	96.00	0.00	24.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
20-Apr-10	C	216.00	44.00	0.00	72.00	4.00	0.00	24.00	0.00	0.00	2.75	0.00	0.00
21-Apr-10	A	144.00	48.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.00	0.00	0.00
22-Apr-10	B	168.00	72.00	0.00	24.00	0.00	2.50	0.00	0.00	24.00	12.00	0.00	0.00
23-Apr-10	C	240.00	24.00	0.00	48.00	24.00	0.00	48.00	0.00	24.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
24-Apr-10	A	216.00	24.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	24.00
25-Apr-10	B	216.00	72.00	0.00	24.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
26-Apr-10	C	144.00	0.00	0.00	72.00	24.00	0.00	48.00	24.00	12.00	0.00	0.00	24.00
27-Apr-10	A	192.00	144.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	24.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
28-Apr-10	B	180.00	75.00	0.00	24.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
29-Apr-10	C	168.00	48.00	0.00	72.00	24.00	0.00	24.00	24.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
30-Apr-10	A	204.00	76.00	48.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.00	0.00	12.00
Total		5355.00	1895.00	54.00	664.50	200.00	2.50	443.75	144.00	60.00	147.75	0.00	120.00
Average		178.50	63.17	1.80	22.15	6.67	0.08	14.79	4.80	2.00	4.93	0.00	4.00



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