



Monthly Status Report

September 2011

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**City of Beaumont
Fire-Rescue Services**

**Anne Huff
Fire Chief**

**Christian Singler
Operations Section Chief**

**Danny Cross
Admin & Finance Section Chief**

**Joe Condina
Logistics Section Chief (Interim)**

**Jack Maddox
Planning Section Chief**

Chief's Message

There are two schools of thought on the approach to public policy debates: 1) *Traditional*—focused on rational, objective, and economic factors, or 2) *Post-traditional*—focused on political, subjective, and democratic factors. As in most things, the practical truth is more likely somewhere in the middle, since public policy debates usually involve all of these elements.

Most of us are familiar with public policy debates occurring at the national level. At this level, it may appear that public policy debate is more about spin than it is about hard facts. It may appear more about polarizing and demonizing other people than it is about taking responsibility for our actions, learning from our mistakes, and working cooperatively to find realistic solutions. This apparent dysfunction has caused a lot of people to lose confidence in our system of government and those who work in it. As public sector workers, this affects us, and it's truly a shame. But what can *I* do to help restore public confidence?

Public policy debates can be quite complex, involve special interest or advocacy groups—and *they don't just happen at the national level*. Every day when firefighters talk back and forth at the fire station about department-related issues, they are a part of a public policy debate. How should we handle this situation? Why? What are our options? What impact will it have to our customers? To the City? To our department? To our workforce? What are the costs?

When we ask and answer these questions, we become involved in the debate, whether we realize it or not. The hard, but relevant questions for each of us, that help to answer *what we can do* to restore or maintain public confidence then become—In the debate, am I an active and knowledgeable participant, passive observer or a passive-aggressive complainer? As a public safety professional, what/who is my highest priority? How much am I *really* willing to sacrifice for the greater good?

One lesson that I've learned over the years is that to make the best public policy decision that I can at a given point in time, I must consider issues from broadest possible viewpoint. This means that I want to put myself in a whole lot of other people's shoes, so that I can see as many facets of a situation as possible.



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This helps me to discern what I believe to be “right” given the current set of circumstances. Why? Because decisions almost always impact more than just “us.” I’ve learned the hard way that narrow viewpoints usually produce poor results and unforeseen negative consequences.

No matter what the issue happens to be, when all of the recommendations, opinions and rationales are in, a decision still has to be made. Inevitably, some people aren’t going to like it. That’s OK. I respect an individual’s right to have a differing opinion. I also respect his/her opinion, even when I don’t agree with it. Many times I can understand where this person is coming from, I just can’t agree with his/her rationale or proposed course of action.

For the Fire Chief, it’s about doing his/her best to view issues pragmatically (*rationality, objectivity and economically within the context of a political, subjective and democratic environment*). Our chain of command (face-to-face or electronic), Solutions Box, Advisory Groups, reporting processes, Management Team and Officer’s meetings are some of the ways I’ve asked for your input and proposed solutions to the issues we face. I really appreciate those who are willing to help us to make the best decisions that we can.

My hope is that our debates always stay issues-based. It’s really never “us versus them.” We literally are all in this together—always. And disagreeing about issues doesn’t mean disrespecting or devaluing each other, unless we let egos and emotions get involved and fall into the destructive behaviors of spin and demonization.

I want you to know that I believe in each and every one of you. I appreciate your willingness to help solve problems and participate in the debate. I value your take on issues, even when I’m compelled to disagree. I would ask and expect the same level of respect and consideration from each of you. Thanks for your active and professional participation in helping to make our department the best that we can be.

Administration & Finance Section

Fire Administrator Danny Cross, Section Chief

Glenda Tristan, Payroll & Benefits

Debra Smith, Secretary

Personnel Updates:

Congratulations to all who have attained or received the following professional benchmarks:

The Civil Service exam for Grade III-Captain was given on September 12 and was certified by the Commission on September 30. Ten employees placed on the list. Congratulations to Brian Tully, Ben House and Steven Evans for taking the top three positions! Good luck in your new supervisory and leadership duties!

Bids Awarded:

Member	Grade	Station	Shift
Nicholas Winn	I	11	C

Advisory Group Updates:

Fire Management Group:

Fire Chief Anne Huff, Facilitator

The group met on September 14 and September 28. Items discussed included the Company Store, Global Connect, a web-based calendar, the Citizen’s Fire Academy, the St. E. repeater, grant updates, SOGs for filing complaints/recommending commendations, the ISO rating, the HMTL sick slip idea, Pluggie replacement, REO project, the Plaza, HQ/Museum security, updated census tracts, hiring process, hose testing, FETN satellites, ICS 214 review, Station 1 T-shirt design, and the Command Team pilot program.

Joint Union-Management Safety Group:

Assistant Chief Christian Singler, Facilitator

The group met on September 6. A review of the injury/accident report types are listed below:



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Accident/Injury/Exposure Reports Reviewed

Report Type	Number
On-duty, lost time	3
On-duty, no lost time	3
Vehicle Accident	2
Exposure	1
Total	9

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.

Medical Services Advisory Group:

District Chief Brian Hebert, Facilitator

The MSAG met on September 28. Discussion included the Joint Training proposal, a BEMS employee to attend meetings, BLS Protocols and Benchmarks, run reviews, medical benchmarks for rookies, CPR training, SOG 205.01 Emergency Back-up & Deployment, and protocol testing.

Tactical Operations Advisory Group:

Deputy Chief Keith Nolen, Facilitator

This group met on September 13. Discussion included a request for removal from the group by a member and a replacement member, review of triple layer hose, the foam SOG research and the need to address an official rehab policy before next summer.

Positive Pressure Attack Group:

Captain Chris Jagoe, Coordinator

The PPA Group, a subsidiary of the Tactical Operations Advisory Group, held an Instructor meeting on September 15. The following issues were reviewed: the power point and training program; possible replacement of fans; instructor positions; classes; and, the loading dock.

Hazardous Materials Response Advisory Group:

District Chief Scott Wheat, Facilitator

The group met on September 27. Items discussed included briefing the committee on the final determination of training deficiencies for 2011, first quarter training for 2012, the HMRT SOG, resignation of a member, PhD5 and Scott Scout, donation of a level A suit testing kit by Dupont, HM68's inventory in Firehouse, and fourth quarter benchmarks.

Foundational Documents Updates:

Implemented this Month:

- R&R 102.04A – Social Media
- R&R 103.01F – Personal Leave (Revision)
- SOG 104.03 – Temporary Promotions & Reassignments
- SOG 601.01 – Inspection & Maintenance of PPE (Revision)

Distributed on the Monthly Training Memo:

- SOG 106.05 – Advisory Group Meeting Guidelines

Comments & Disposition Distributed:

- R&R 103.01A – Trading Time (Revision)
- SOG 202.01A – Thermal Imaging Camera (*no comments received*)
- SOG 202.01B – Positive Pressure Attack
- SOG 205.01 – Emergency Deployment & Back Up Plan
- PB 402.05C – Thermal Imaging Camera (*no comments received*)
- PB 402.06B – Positive Pressure Ventilation

Distributed for Member Comment:

- SOG 106.06 – Company Store

Policies in Development/Revision:

- R&R 102.04B – HIPAA Compliance (Medical Services Advisory Group/Chief Hebert)
- SOG 105.01 – Commendations

- SOG 111.03 – TCFP Certification & Renewal Process (Chief Condina)
- SOG 111.08 – Higher Education Reimbursement Program (Chief Condina)
- SOG 202.03 – High Rise Firefighting (Tactical Ops Group)
- SOG 204.01 – Hazardous Materials Response & Operations (HMRT Advisory Group)
- SOG 204.03 – Water Response & Recovery Operations (Water Response Advisory Group)
- SOG 302.01 – Infection Control (was Bloodborne Pathogens-Medical Services Advisory Group)
- PB 407.11-12 – Water Recovery Performance Benchmarks (Water Response Advisory Group)
- SOG 702.02 – Complaint Resolution Process

Revenue Update:

Billable Responses:

On September 10, units responded to a tank fire at Martin Transport in the 1800 block of Sulphur Plant Road. Beaumont Fire/Rescue personnel were on scene for over 10 hours and were assisted by Sabine-Neches Chiefs Association mutual aid partners. The operator of this facility was invoiced under City Ordinance Section 8.01.001.

A department staff member was activated by TEEX (Texas Engineering Extension Service) for the Bastrop fires on September 7 through 11. Under a Memorandum of Understanding, TEEX was invoiced for the staff member's hours and backfill.

Fire Service Fees Generated:

Fee Source	Amount
Martin Operating Partnerships Incident 11-1111254	\$22,591.28
TEEX (Bastrop fires)	\$5,162.04
Total	\$27,753.32

Grants Updates:

2011 Assistance to Firefighters Grant

Administration submitted an AFG grant on September 21. Requests included two Compressed Air Foam Systems (CAFS) retrofits, 234 station gear lockers, 8 SpCO sensors, 29 replacement radios, and 23 replacement mobile data computers. The total grant was for \$442,676, with a federal share of \$354,141 and a City match of \$88,535.

Texas Forest Service (TIFMAS) Training Grant:

A (TIFMAS) training grant request was submitted to the Texas Forest Service to help fund a training seminar for eight staff members. The partial grant was approved on September 30, for \$560.

2010 SHSP Grant:

Five David Clark 3800 Intercom systems were purchased for Fire apparatus. Four of the units were installed by Kay Electronics in September and one unit will be shipped to the builder of the new aerial truck for installation. Total cost for the project was \$25,648.75.

Also in September, the City received reimbursement of \$39,980 for the purchase of four Bullard T3 Max Thermal Imaging Cameras.

The installation of extractor washers for NFPA 1851 compliance is still in progress.

2009 SHSP:

The purchase and installation of a new PC with CAD Resource Monitor and two plasma screen monitors in the Communications office has been completed.

Also on this grant, administrative staff is preparing to order replacement nozzles for front line apparatus.

Technology Update:

Firehouse & Other Software:

Captain Brad Penisson and Deputy Chief Keith Nolen attended the 2011 Firehouse

Conference in Fort Worth. Chief Nolen will be authorized to customize existing reports and create new reports to assist Deputy Chiefs in their duties.

On September 30, Angela Wright, with Technology Services made changes to the Census Tract look-up table in Firehouse to reflect the 2010 changes. The new census tract maps can be found at:

G:\SharedFolder\A&S Division\Forms\Operations Forms\Maps

TS Work Orders:

A replacement battery for the UPS at Station 14 was ordered by Technology Services and a work order was submitted on September 1 to add fax capability to the copier in Administration.

Other A&F Section Updates:

This month, Joshua Fowler was deployed by the Texas Task Force to the wildfires in Bastrop, Texas, from September 7 to 11. Also, Charles Cox was deployed by the IMT to the wildfires in Bastrop, from September 11 to 17. Gavin Henderson transferred to A-Shift.



Logistics Section

*Chief Joe Condina, Logistics Section Chief
Chief Keith Stewart, Services Branch Director
D/O Jesse Trevino, Supply Unit Leader
Freda Johnson, Secretary*

Support Branch

Facilities & Equipment Group:

The Logistics Section is completing final stages of the 2012 Company Store Catalog. New

and deleted items to both the Company Store Catalog and order forms have been completed. Credits assigned to each item are being updated, with the ordering process to start during November of this year.

Purchasing and Supply stayed busy during September with the closing out of the 2011 Budget Year, at the end of the month.

The Purchasing Unit performed multiple tasks as support for all Sections within the Department. The following lists the activities performed:

Requisitions (13):

- Moore Medical – medical gloves
- Cotton Cargo – uniform t-shirts and caps
- SFFMA – replacement educational manuals
- Williams Fire & Hazard (2) – Foam A & B
- APCO – training material for dispatch
- Lone Star Uniforms – uniform cargo pants
- NFPA – promotional materials for fire prevention week
- Tyler Uniforms – badges and collar brass
- Tri-Con – blanket PO for FY12 for fuel
- M&D – blanket PO for FY12 for after hour operations supplies
- Total Safety – blanket PO for FY12 SCBA repairs
- Lion Apparel – blanket PO for FY12 bunker gear cleaning and repairs
- FETN – contract PO for FY12 satellite training

Check Requests (8):

- Petty cash reimbursement
- F. Johnson for mileage reimbursement
- TCFP for the price increase in commission fees, certification fee for C. Hendon
- C. Stinebrickner for reimbursement for heat pump thermostat for fire trailer
- Franklin Covey – registration fee for J. Condina - Time Management – Houston

- Affiliated Computer Services – registration fee for K. Nolen to attend FHETS Seminar in Ft. Worth
- Lumberton Fire & EMS – registration fee for Bogue, Henderson, Hunt, Tharling, Bleuel, Herrera, Lee and Croaker to attend Chief Rick Lasky’s Pride and Ownership Seminar
- Max Middleton – service call to repair oven at Station 11 and refrigerator at Station 7

Travel Authorizations (4):

- Jeff McNeel – National Fire Academy, Executive Leadership, in Emmitsburg, MD
- Keith Nolen – FHET in Ft. Worth
- C. Bogue, G. Henderson, P. Hunt, J. Tharling, B. Lee, M. Croaker, J. Herrera and J. Bleuel to attend Pride and Ownership Seminar: The Love of the Job
- Joe Condina – Franklin Covey: Time Management workshop, Achieving Your Highest Priorities

Expense Reports (3):

- Michael Smith for Fire Sprinkler Plan Review in San Antonio
- Clem Stinebrickner for Fire Sprinkler Plan Review in San Antonio
- Joe Condina for Franklin Covey: Time Management Workshop, Achieving Your Highest Priorities

Deposits (3):

- Reimbursement for stamps
- Trade time upgrade reimbursement by J. Jarmon
- Birthday Party for museum

Credit Cards:

- Reconciled 12 credit card statements

Fleet Fire Maintenance:

- Fire Maintenance Shop recently finished installation of the last David Clark head sets in the engines.
- The shop also finished installation of Bullard Thermal Imaging cameras in the rear of chief cars. This should give firefighters and Chief Officers quicker access and more flexibility to multiple cameras when needed.
- The fuel truck received a new rear fuel tank, the old tank was 65 gallons, the new one a 100 gallon. The additional fuel should help during extended events with multiple unit involvement.
- Work continues on the dive van, new engine is currently being installed.
- Small tools such as iron sets and axes are being evaluated, with color coding for them being studied.

Supply & Ground Support Unit:

The Supply Unit performed multiple tasks as support for all Sections within the Department. The following lists the activities performed:

- Loaded nine 150qt. coolers with ice and delivered to Wesley Methodist for LIT Salute Ceremony
- Setup chairs and tables for 911 Ceremony at Station 1
- Picked up several televisions from LaQuinta donated to the Fire Museum; discarded older ones at the city dump
- Also picked up several framed pictures and unloaded them at HQ
- Picked up 60 chairs from the Civic Center and set up for Commendation Ceremony at HQ
- Cleaned up after ceremony and delivered chairs back to the Civic Center
- Delivered new hose received to Station 1
- Delivered 6 new SCBA's and 12 new cylinders to Station 1

- Received several pieces of PPE recommended for retirement; sorted out ones to be kept for EMS and others for proper disposal
- Planted flowers around the front of the new 911 memorial
- Planted bushes around the back side of the new 911 memorial
- Weeded the flower boxes around the corner of HQ
- Delivered shipment of tools received to the maintenance shop
- Hung Fire Prevention banner across front of the outside pavilion
- Picked up 15 cases of water for the museum fund raiser event
- Inventoried shipment of winter coats received
- Picked up cap order from Cotton Cargo to be distributed to firefighters who ordered them
- Packaged defective LightHawk to be shipped back to vendor for replacement
- Delivered new TIC's and charger bases to maintenance shop to install on command cars
- Replaced bad battery in suction unit for Station 10
- Picked up old gear left in bunker room of Station 7
- Issued replacement suspenders to one firefighter
- Issued replacement hood to one firefighter
- Issued new face shield to two firefighters
- Issued replacement boots to one firefighter
- Issued helmet lights to six firefighters
- Issued replacement gloves to one firefighter
- Issued loaner bunker pants to three firefighters
- Washed bunker pants in preparation for repairs needed
- Flushed the drains at Headquarters

Services Branch

Communications Group:

The Communication Group managed a total of 6,966 calls and created 2,730 events for the month of September. The total fire incidents were 1,309 with 67% being first responder calls and 12% automatic fire alarm incidents. Beaumont Fire/Rescue responded to 24 one-alarm incidents and 142 motor vehicle accidents during the month. The average dispatch time for one alarm responses was twenty-three seconds.

Department	Call-Outs
Traffic	16
Streets & Drainage	30
Building Maintenance	4
Highway Department	1
Radio Shop	2
Vaccine Alarm	1
Total Call-Outs	54

CAD/MCT:

Engines 2, 3, 8, 9, and 11 reported MCT problems and were repaired by the Technology Services Department.

Radio System:

Fire Repeater frequency and talk around frequency was added to the Fire Communications console. Portable radio inspection and battery replacement was conducted by Fire Communications. David Clark headset radio systems were installed Engines 8, 2, 4, and 6. Radio console at position 2 was replaced because the volume control was defective. The radio shop continues to work on Fire Station 2's P.A. system. The P.A. has popping and cracking noises when the VHF monitor is connected to the P.A. system. The upstairs P.A. system at Fire Headquarters went out and was repaired by the Radio Shop personnel. Fire Station 9 reported P.A. system noise and was repaired by the Radio Shop.



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Operations Section

Chief Christian Singler, Operations Section Chief
 Chief Calvin Carrier, Technical Ops Branch Director
 Chief Jeff McNeel, Fire Ops Branch Director
 Chief Keith Nolen, Medical Ops Branch Director
 Wynell Harris, Secretary

Personnel Updates:

Kelly Day Changes:

Shift	Member	Day Awarded
A	Paul Hunt	Sunday
A	Russell Brian	Friday

NFIRS Response Statistics:

Operations Section personnel responded to 1,223 calls for service in September. These calls corresponded to the following National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) categories:

Type of Response	# of Calls	% of Total	Estimated Losses
Fires*	9	4.82	\$2,380,595
Overpressure, Rupture, Explosion, Overheat (No Fire)	0	0	0
Rescue & Emergency Medical Services	727	59.44	0
Hazardous Conditions (No Fire)	68	5.56	0
Service	123	10.05	0
Good Intent	93	7.60	0
False Alarms & False Calls	149	12.18	0
Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	0	0	0
Special Incident Type	2	.16	0

*Includes 18 Structure Fires

Community Relations & Education:

During the Month of September, Operations Division personnel conducted 10 fire safety and public education programs and Fire Station tours.

Fire Operations Branch

NFPA 1710 Fire Response Statistics:

First Apparatus on Scene:

The targeted response time for the first fire apparatus to arrive on the scene of a structure fire is five (5) minutes or less, 90% of the time. For the 18 structure fires occurring in September, firefighting forces achieved the benchmark 72.22% of the time, missing the target for the first apparatus on scene by 17.78% for the month.

Full First Alarm Apparatus Assignment:

The targeted response time for the FULL first-alarm apparatus assignment to arrive on the scene of a structure fire is nine (9) minutes or less, 90% of the time. For the 13 structure fires occurring in September requiring a FULL response, firefighting forces achieved the benchmark 53.85% of the time, missing the target for the first apparatus on scene by 36.15% for the month.

Firefighter Certification & Training:

Captain Randy Arrington, Coordinator

The TCFP is now using FIDO to track fire certifications and employment status. Everyone in the department that holds a fire certification should have an account with FIDO. This is how we will be tracking certification status and how you as a firefighter can track his/her own records. Also this month, an application for Intermediate Firefighter Certification was submitted to the TCFP for Gavin Henderson.

This month was also the deadline for all of the necessary NIMS certificates to be submitted to Glenda Piazza at the EOC. All of our members completed and submitted their certifications. Thank you all for your efforts.

Fire Emergency Training Network (FETN) classes assigned and documented included:

- Back to Basics: “Pre Planning” Pt.1
- Back to Basics: “Pre Planning” Pt.2
- Back to Basics: “Pre Planning” Pt.3
- Homeland Security Series: “Detecting Weapons of Mass Destruction”

The following Firefighter training classes were coordinated and documented:

- Positive Pressure Attack Class: This class is designed to instruct firefighters on how to use positive pressure attack methods to extinguish fire.
- Practice day on filling out 214i forms

The performance benchmark evaluations conducted during the month include:

- 402.11A - Supply Hose to Hydrant
- 402.11B – Soft Hose Connection from Hydrant to Pumper
- 402.11C – Setting Up and Operating a Foam Fire Stream

The performance benchmarks for practice and review included:

- 402.12A Private Dwelling Inspection
- 402.12B Periodic Inspection of Standpipe System for Readiness
- 402.12C Draw a Diagram or Sketch of a Building or Floor Plan

Medical Operations Branch

NFPA 1710 Medical Response Statistics:

First Responder on Scene:

The targeted response time for the initial medical First Responder to arrive on the scene of a medical emergency is five (5) minutes or less, 90% of the time. For the 657 medical emergencies occurring in September, BFR First Responders achieved the benchmark 66.56% of the time,

missing the target for the first apparatus on scene by 23.44% for the month.

Programs:

BLS/ALS Medical First Responder Program:

District Chief Brian Hebert

The group met on September 28. The items that were discussed included: Joint Training Proposal with BEMS, protocol testing and future protocol testing, which will begin in the first quarter of 2012, CPR training for the fourth quarter of this year. September run reviews were begun and will be completed at the next MSAG meeting. The next meeting will be on October 6, 2011.

Medical Certification & Training:

Captain Brandon Lee, Coordinator

We have finished protocol testing with an overall passing grade. We will base training over the new year off of the results. We have identified a need for documentation training in Firehouse, focused on the narratives. CPR/AED training will start this quarter. Follow-ups from the MSAG for QA/QI have been going well and members are open to the changes needing to be made. The two medical benchmarks, Suctioning and Oral Glucose, were completed within the quarter as well. Brandon Williams, Charles Paul, Steve Baustch, and Anne Huff received TDSHS EMS certification renewal.

No recertification applications were submitted to TDSHS during the month.

Fire Emergency Training Network (FETN) classes assigned and documented included:

- 464-0609 Depression and Altered Behavior

CE Solutions classes assigned and documented for advanced personnel holding advanced certifications included:

- Communications
- Violent Patients



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The following EMT training classes were coordinated and documented:

- Protocol test was given will 95% completed.
- Oral Glucose administration class was delivered by districts with the two benchmarks above completed.

Officer Development Program:

District Chief Eric Chapman

Officer Certification & Training:

Captain Randy Arrington, Coordinator

For officer development training, personnel were assigned to review SOG's 106.05 – "Advisory Group Meeting Guidelines," 200.01 – "Risk Management Plan & Tactical Priorities," 200.02 – "Hydrant Testing for Pre-Incident Planning."

Driver/Operator Certification:

Eight personnel are currently enrolled in the pumper certification program and 14 enrolled in the aerial certification program.

Requests for Training included:

- Truck Academy (*Submitted by Dixon*)

NIMS Training Compliance:

Attachment of department personnel NIMS certificates in Firehouse staff records is on-going. Phase I, which included NIMS certificates 701a, 702a, 703a, and 704, has been completed. Phase II, which includes NIMS certificates 100, 200, 300, 400, 700, &800, will begin in October.

The following officer development training classes were coordinated and documented:

- ICS - 214I individual activity form documentation practice. All on duty personnel were required to participate.
- Franklin Covey Time Management: "Achieving Your Highest Priorities," J. Condina attended.
- "Firehouse Software Education and Training," K. Nolen and B. Penisson attended in Fort Worth, Texas.

- NFA; "R125 Executive Leadership," J. McNeel attended in Baltimore, MD.
- Fire Sprinkler Association; "Fire Sprinkler Plan Review," M. Smith and C. Stinebrickner attended in San Antonio, Texas.
- Apparatus foam pumping training, consisting of utilizing the foam concentrate drafting procedure for apparatus foam systems

Performance benchmarks assigned for review and hands-on practice on the monthly training memo included:

- 404.02I – "Relay Pumping From a Pressurized Source"
- 404.02J – "Producing a Foam Fire Stream Using an In-Line Eductor"
- 404.03Q – "Producing Effective Aerial Apparatus Elevated Master Stream(s)"

Requests for Training included:

- "Courage to be Safe- Train the Trainer"(J. Bourgeois, C. Bordelon, E. Chapman, B. Hebert, J. Smith, P. Shelton, S. Wheat to attend)

Technical Operations Branch

Programs:

Hazardous Materials Response Program:

District Chief Scott Wheat

The HMRT Committee met to discuss numerous topics to include the following: training deficiencies, 4th quarter team training, benchmark evaluations, SOG's and January 2012 Radiological training. The inventory for HM68 was entered into Firehouse and can now be printed for monthly inventory. A program for replacing sensors for all HM68's monitors is being developed. Also, two monitors were removed from HM68 and placed in storage at the Supply office (PhD5 & Scott Scout). There were no incidents for the month of September.



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HMRT Members by Shift		
Shift	Active	Candidates
A	13	0
B	10	0
C	10	0

Water Response Program:
District Chief James Sikes

Water Response & Recovery Team:
Captain Mike Hall, Coordinator

This month, Paul Hunt was added to the team on A-Shift and Ben Payne was removed from the A-Shift team.

WRRT Members by Shift		
Shift	Active	Candidates
A	8	3
B	3	2
C	7	4

Technical Rescue Response Program:
District Chief John Bourgeois

Technical Rescue Certification & Training:
Captain Terence Simon, Coordinator

This program is still in its infancy stage; however, we are working on getting it running to the level of the other programs. We already have benchmarks on ropes and knots and rapid intervention. These benchmarks will start to be added to the monthly training for practice and evaluation. We are currently working on establishing benchmarks for other aspects of technical rescue such as vehicle extrication and high angle rescue.

Requests for Training included:

- 31st Annual Katy Rescue School, Extrication Tech I,II (Submitted by Henderson)

Planning Section

Chief Jack Maddox, Section Chief
Captain Brad Penisson, Code Enforcement Group
Captain Earl White, Investigations Group
Carol Gary, Executive Director-Fire Museum of TX
Sandra Trujillo, Secretary

Code Enforcement Update:

Inspections Completed:

Type	Number
General Inspection	223
Certificate of Occupancy	99
Total Inspections	322
Code Violations Found	503
Inspection Fees Generated	\$1,400

Systems Tested:

Type	Number
Fire Alarm Systems	17
Sprinkler Systems	9
Fixed Fire Extinguishing Systems	13
Storage Tanks	1
Total Systems Tests	40

Permits Issued:

Type	Number
Tent Permits	1
Tank Permits	2
Fireworks Permits	1
Total Permits Issues	4

Consultations Performed:

Type	Number
Phone Consults	575
Office Consults	129
Field Consults	160
Total Consults	864



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Plans Reviewed:

Type	Number
Fire Alarm Systems	3
Sprinkler Systems	5
Fixed Fire Extinguishing Systems	2
Building Plans	39
Total Plans Reviewed	49

Construction Plans Review Detail:

Business Name & Location	Code Requirements
Reception Hall 3385 Fannin	(1)(2)(3)(4)(5)(6)
Ozen classroom addition 3443 Fannett Rd.	Civil Plans only
Legacy School Gym 8200 Hwy 105	(1)(2)(3)(4)(5)(6)
Conn's lawn mower repair 650 S. 23 rd	(1)(4)(5)
Dr. Apria Health Care 3795 W. Cardinal Dr.	(1)(2)(3)(4)(5)(6)
Convenience Store MLK Pkwy & Florida	(1)(4)(5)
Strip Center 2905 Washington Blvd	(1)(3)(4)(5)(6)
Fuzzys Taco 5655 Eastex Frwy	(1)(3)(4)(5)(6)(7)

Code Requirements Key:

(1) fire extinguisher, (2) sprinkler system, (3) fire alarm, (4) exit lights, (5) emergency lights, (6) knox box, (7) fixed hood, (8) additional fire hydrants

Investigations:

Fire investigators were involved in 46 fire and safety investigations during the month. One was the major fire at 2290 Eastex Frwy, the Golden Triangle Directory, and another was the tank fire at Martin Terminal, 1800 Sulphur Plant Rd. Two of the fires investigated were determined to be caused by Arson.

Significant Investigations:

Location	Disposition
9/02 - 2105 Potts Structure Fire	Accidental
9/02 - 1505 Magnolia Vehicle Fire	Accidental
9/03 - 4690 Ironton Structure Fire	Accidental
9/04 - 2290 Eastex Frwy Structure Fire	Accidental
9/06 - 410 10 th St Illegal Tank Truck	2 Citations Issued
9/08 - 2240 Sabine Pass Structure Fire	Accidental
9/09 - 1439 IH 10 E Burn Victim	Accidental
9/10 - 5435 Fannett Rd Electrical Short	Accidental
9/10 - 1775 Plum Vehicle Fire	Accidental
9/10 - 1800 Sulphur Plant Rd Tank Fire	Accidental
9/10 - 3351 Grand Structure Fire	Accidental
9/12 - 4290 Kenneth Unauthorized Burning	Citation Issued
9/12 - 965 Van Buren Bomb Threat	Under Investigation
9/14 - 88 Jaguar Bomb Threat	Under Investigation
9/14 - 4601 Cheek Structure Fire	Accidental 2 Citations Issued
9/16 - 740 3 rd St Structure Fire	Accidental
9/17 - 2250 Milam Structure Fire	Accidental
9/18 - 5925 Meadowview Structure Fire	Accidental
9/21 - 4286 E. Lucas Commercial Cooking Fire	Accidental
9/21 - 2535 Rusk Structure Fire	Accidental
9/22 - Eastex & Lawrence Illegal Tank Truck	Citation Issued
9/22 - 740 Fannin Structure Fire	Accidental
9/22 - 1698 Church Structure Fire	Arson

9/23 – 6635 Westgate Structure Fire	Accidental
9/24 – 626 Euclid Structure Fire	Arson
9/29 – 2020 Broadway Structure Fire	Accidental
9/30 – 2020 Kingsley Structure Fire	Accidental

Complaints Investigated:

Type	Number
Fire Code Violations	24
Citizen/Internal Affairs Complaints	1

Community Education & Information:

CRR personnel conducted 2 fire safety and education programs with an attendance of 90 persons. CRR personnel supervised 40 fire drills conducted at local school campuses.

A tour was conducted of the Fire Museum for executives of Capital One Bank, who recently provided grant funds to purchase a new “Pluggie” robot. The new “Pluggie” has arrived and will be used at the Fire Prevention Festival. Capital One is also planning to host a client appreciation reception at the Fire Museum in November.

Public Information Officers researched and responded to 38 requests for public information during the month. Twenty-two news releases and Facebook posts were issued related to department incidents and activities.

Fire Museum of Texas:

Museum Attendance:

Location	Visitors
Beaumont	94
Golden Triangle	30
State of Texas	49
United States	53
International	4
Total Visitors	230



Scheduled Programs & Events:

Location	Visitors
Guided Tours	3
Birthday Parties	1

Education & Programming:

We expect to see an increase in tours for October for Fire Prevention Month. Programming news included writing down our programs into a new logic model format showing activities, outputs, initial and long term outcomes. Carol plans to meet with Jack to help define the programs and seek additional support for them soon. Carol attended the Nonprofit Development Conference September 7-9. The trip proved to be a valuable educational experience.

Collections & Exhibits:

We received one donation of figurines this month from Paul Hickenbottom in Grandbury, Texas. We will display the figurines in a Christmas exhibit.

A new 9-11 exhibit with an eternal flame has been added to the Plaza. Professional Firefighters Local #399 donated \$1,000, The City of Beaumont donated \$2,000 and Sabine Neches Chiefs’ Association donated \$1,000. Centerpoint

Energy donated all construction costs and Firefighter Robert Lytle donated plumbing supplies and his expertise with installation. Special thanks to Firefighter Eddie Byerly for his help with the design and Jack Maddox for his leadership on the project. Mayor Ames will light the eternal flame on Saturday, October 8, at 8:30 am, as part of the Fire Prevention Festival.

Fencing has been added to both memorials on the Plaza for security and liability reasons. Broussard's is helping us to acquire the 3x9 plaques needed to complete the donor sign on the Plaza. We expect delivery in late October. TNT Wrecker has generously offered to transport our 1955 Ladder Truck back from Lone Star Restoration in Houston in October.

Marketing:

Flyers were distributed to private and BISD schools for the Fire Prevention Festival. Public Service announcements started running on all five Clear Channel Radio Stations and a commercial was produced by Time Warner for release on all 24 of their channels for the Fire Prevention Festival.

Fundraising & Grants:

A grant application was submitted to the McFaddin Ward Foundation. Sponsorships were solicited all month for the Fire Prevention Festival. Special thanks to ISTC/BEST for the \$2,000 donation and Regina Rogers for \$1,000 in support of our Festival. Acadian Ambulance and Brent and Vicki Mikelson have also donated to our Festival. Firefighter friends also include Jan Girouard and the Memorial Riders from East Texas. LaQuinta on IH-10 donated used televisions to the Fire Museum. Proceeds from the sale will benefit fire prevention and education.

Volunteers:

In addition to Mr. Noble, we have a new volunteer! AnnaBelle Hall will be joining us one day a week. AnnaBelle is Casey Parigi's aunt. We are very excited to have her with us here at the Fire Museum.

Other FMOT News:

The Fire Museum ordered jackets for the firefighters at the cost of \$25 each. The museum will receive 2 free jackets for placing an order. The jackets will be used as a volunteer incentive for the Fire Prevention Festival. The Board of Directors will meet on October 6, at noon.

Other Planning Section Updates:

Operations personnel please remember—if you find that your unit was assigned a report in Firehouse that it did not respond to (cancelled before leaving the station), send an e-mail to Captain Penisson to have the report deleted.





Monthly Status Report

HR Positions Status Report

**Beaumont Fire-Rescue Services
Authorized Staffing and Vacancies
9/30/2011**

Sworn Personnel

Grade	Classification	Allocated	Actual	Proposed
I	Firefighter/EMT	100	96	100
II	Driver/Operator	72	72	72
III	Captain	46	43	46
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	228	235
Vacancies	0			

Civilian Personnel

Section	Classification	Allocated	Actual	Proposed
Admin & Finance	Fire Administrator	1	1	1
	Administrative Assistant	1	1	1
	Secretary II	1	1	1
Logistics	Secretary II	1	1	1
	Laborer (P/T)	3	3	3
Operations	Secretary I	1	1	1
Planning	Secretary I	1	1	1
	Executive Director-FMOT	1	1	1
Total		10	10	10
Vacancies	0			



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DATE	DAY	SHIFT	PERSONNEL ASSIGNED	KELLY DAY	DAILY ASSIGNED STAFFING	AVAILABLE STAFF HOURS	REGULAR & UPGRADE	OVERTIME	COMP EARNED	FULL TIME EQUIVALENT	OFF-DUTY
1-Sep	Thursday	A	67	9	58	1392.00	1167.00	0.00	0.00	48.63	225.00
2-Sep	Friday	B	69	10	59	1416.00	1148.00	0.00	0.00	47.83	268.00
3-Sep	Saturday	C	68	10	58	1392.00	1080.00	0.00	0.00	45.00	312.00
4-Sep	Sunday	A	67	9	58	1392.00	1224.00	0.00	0.00	51.00	168.00
5-Sep	Monday	B	69	10	59	1416.00	1198.00	0.50	0.00	49.94	218.00
6-Sep	Tuesday	C	67	9	58	1392.00	1114.00	0.00	0.00	46.42	278.00
7-Sep	Wednesday	A	68	10	58	1392.00	1234.50	0.00	0.00	51.44	157.50
8-Sep	Thursday	B	69	10	59	1416.00	1058.50	0.00	0.00	44.10	357.50
9-Sep	Friday	C	67	10	57	1368.00	1136.00	0.00	0.00	47.33	232.00
10-Sep	Saturday	A	68	10	58	1392.00	1023.00	36.50	0.00	44.15	369.00
11-Sep	Sunday	B	69	10	59	1416.00	1080.00	2.50	0.00	45.10	336.00
12-Sep	Monday	C	67	10	57	1368.00	1080.00	0.00	0.00	45.00	288.00
13-Sep	Tuesday	A	68	9	59	1416.00	1128.00	0.00	0.00	47.00	288.00
14-Sep	Wednesday	B	69	10	59	1416.00	1080.00	0.00	0.00	45.00	336.00
15-Sep	Thursday	C	67	9	58	1392.00	1016.00	40.00	0.00	44.00	376.00
16-Sep	Friday	A	68	10.5	57.5	1380.00	1233.50	0.00	0.00	51.40	146.50
17-Sep	Saturday	B	69	10	59	1416.00	1120.00	0.00	0.00	46.67	296.00
18-Sep	Sunday	C	67	10	57	1368.00	1080.00	0.00	0.00	45.00	288.00
19-Sep	Monday	A	68	10	58	1392.00	1194.00	0.50	0.00	49.77	198.00
20-Sep	Tuesday	B	69	9	60	1440.00	1104.00	0.00	0.00	46.00	336.00
21-Sep	Wednesday	C	67	9	58	1392.00	1128.00	0.00	0.00	47.00	264.00
22-Sep	Thursday	A	68	9	59	1416.00	1156.75	0.00	0.00	48.20	259.25
23-Sep	Friday	B	69	10	59	1416.00	1034.50	21.75	0.00	44.01	381.50
24-Sep	Saturday	C	67	10	57	1368.00	972.00	84.00	0.00	44.00	396.00
25-Sep	Sunday	A	68	10	58	1392.00	1196.50	0.00	0.00	49.85	195.50
26-Sep	Monday	B	69	10	59	1416.00	1109.25	1.75	0.00	46.29	306.75
27-Sep	Tuesday	C	67	9	58	1392.00	1058.00	0.00	0.00	44.08	334.00
28-Sep	Wednesday	A	68	10	58	1392.00	1152.00	0.00	0.00	48.00	240.00
29-Sep	Thursday	B	68	10	58	1392.00	1041.50	15.25	0.00	44.03	350.50
30-Sep	Friday	C	67	10	57	1368.00	1104.00	0.00	0.00	46.00	264.00
Totals							33451.00	202.75	0.00	1402.24	8465.00
Average			67.93	9.72	58.22	1397.20	1115.03	6.76	0.00	46.74	282.17
Average Last Period			67.73	9.65	58.08	1393.94	1110.89	4.81	0.00	46.49	283.44

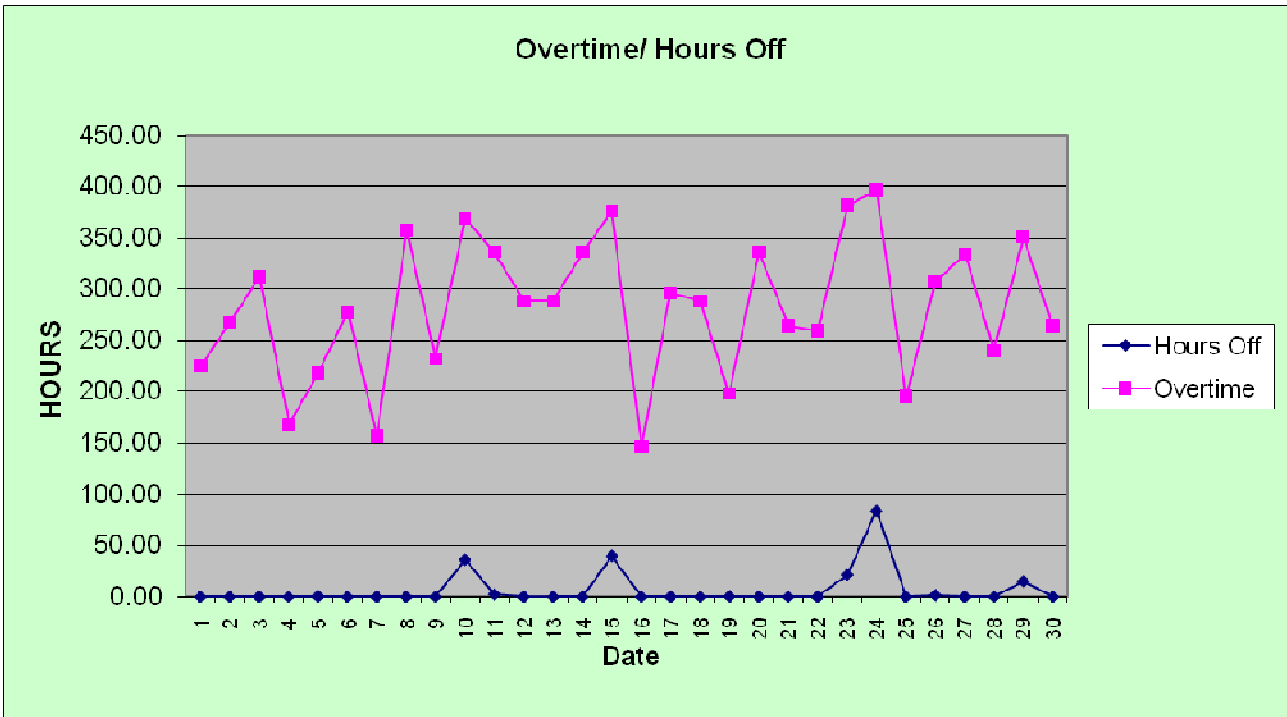


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DATE	SHIFT	VACATION	SICK	OFF DUTY INJURY	ON-DUTY INJURY	JURY DUTY	EMERGENCY FAMILY LEAVE	FUNERAL LEAVE	OFF CITY BUSINESS	COMP TIME OFF	PERSONAL LEAVE	ACTUAL STAFF HOURS
1-Sep	A	105.00	96.00	24.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1392.00
2-Sep	B	216.00	28.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	24.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1416.00
3-Sep	C	216.00	48.00	48.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1392.00
4-Sep	A	126.00	42.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1392.00
5-Sep	B	144.00	24.00	0.00	24.00	0.00	24.00	0.00	0.00	2.00	0.00	1416.00
6-Sep	C	204.00	24.00	48.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.00	1392.00
7-Sep	A	72.00	48.00	24.00	1.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12.00	1392.00
8-Sep	B	144.00	129.50	0.00	24.00	0.00	48.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12.00	1416.00
9-Sep	C	132.00	48.00	48.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.00	0.00	1368.00
10-Sep	A	141.00	96.00	24.00	0.00	0.00	60.00	0.00	24.00	24.00	0.00	1392.00
11-Sep	B	144.00	168.00	0.00	24.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1416.00
12-Sep	C	192.00	48.00	24.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	24.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1368.00
13-Sep	A	108.00	108.00	24.00	0.00	0.00	24.00	0.00	24.00	0.00	0.00	1416.00
14-Sep	B	96.00	192.00	0.00	24.00	0.00	24.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1416.00
15-Sep	C	144.00	120.00	48.00	16.00	0.00	24.00	24.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1392.00
16-Sep	A	48.00	48.00	24.00	0.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	24.00	0.00	2.00	1380.00
17-Sep	B	192.00	48.00	0.00	24.00	0.00	24.00	0.00	0.00	8.00	0.00	1416.00
18-Sep	C	96.00	96.00	48.00	24.00	0.00	0.00	24.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1368.00
19-Sep	A	72.00	96.00	24.00	0.00	0.00	6.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1392.00
20-Sep	B	120.00	120.00	0.00	24.00	0.00	48.00	0.00	24.00	0.00	0.00	1440.00
21-Sep	C	72.00	120.00	24.00	24.00	0.00	0.00	24.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1392.00
22-Sep	A	84.00	73.25	24.00	6.00	0.00	48.00	24.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1416.00
23-Sep	B	192.00	117.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	24.00	24.00	24.00	0.00	0.00	1416.00
24-Sep	C	204.00	96.00	48.00	0.00	0.00	24.00	24.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1368.00
25-Sep	A	102.00	69.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	24.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1392.00
26-Sep	B	84.00	120.00	0.00	24.00	6.75	24.00	24.00	24.00	0.00	0.00	1416.00
27-Sep	C	96.00	120.00	48.00	24.00	0.00	22.00	0.00	24.00	0.00	0.00	1392.00
28-Sep	A	120.00	96.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	24.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1392.00
29-Sep	B	105.00	144.00	0.00	24.00	5.50	24.00	24.00	24.00	0.00	0.00	1392.00
30-Sep	C	96.00	48.00	48.00	24.00	0.00	24.00	0.00	24.00	0.00	0.00	1368.00
Totals		3867.00	2631.75	600.00	312.00	12.25	520.00	240.00	216.00	38.00	28.00	
Average		128.90	87.73	20.00	10.40	0.41	17.33	8.00	7.20	1.27	0.93	
Average Last Period		140.98	92.22	21.68	13.90	0.25	5.56	1.55	1.55	1.66	1.77	

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DATE	OVERTIME	OFF-DUTY
1-Sep	0.00	225.00
2-Sep	0.00	268.00
3-Sep	0.00	312.00
4-Sep	0.00	168.00
5-Sep	0.50	218.00
6-Sep	0.00	278.00
7-Sep	0.00	157.50
8-Sep	0.00	357.50
9-Sep	0.00	232.00
10-Sep	36.50	369.00
11-Sep	2.50	336.00
12-Sep	0.00	288.00
13-Sep	0.00	288.00
14-Sep	0.00	336.00
15-Sep	40.00	376.00
16-Sep	0.00	146.50
17-Sep	0.00	296.00
18-Sep	0.00	288.00
19-Sep	0.50	198.00
20-Sep	0.00	336.00
21-Sep	0.00	264.00
22-Sep	0.00	259.25
23-Sep	21.75	381.50
24-Sep	84.00	396.00
25-Sep	0.00	195.50
26-Sep	1.75	306.75
27-Sep	0.00	334.00
28-Sep	0.00	240.00
29-Sep	15.25	350.50
30-Sep	0.00	264.00



Monthly Status Report

ACTIVITY	HOURS	PERCENT
REGULAR & UPGRADE	33451.00	79.80%
VACATION	3867.00	9.23%
SICK	2631.75	6.28%
OFF DUTY INJURY	600.00	1.43%
ON-DUTY INJURY	312.00	0.74%
JURY DUTY	12.25	0.03%
EMERGENCY FAMILY LEAVE	520.00	1.24%
FUNERAL LEAVE	240.00	0.57%
OFF CITY BUSINESS	216.00	0.52%
COMP TIME OFF	38.00	0.09%
PERSONAL LEAVE	28.00	0.07%
TOTAL	41916.00	100.00%

