



# Burlington Fire Department Monthly Report August 2013

## **Fire Prevention**

Fire Marshal Crooks completed 33 inspections and re-inspections in August. The Fire Prevention Fee Schedule was passed by the city council after a considerable amount of time and research on the part of the Fire Marshal. Re-inspection fees were included in this update for any re-inspections needed after the first one. We are hopeful this will reduce the number of re-inspections.

As part of the recently adopted Fire Code, we are going to start inspecting all hotels and motels. Hotels and motels will be inspected once every 2 years unless they request inspections more frequently or they hold a liquor license. Letters were sent out explaining the process and associated fee to all hotel and motel owners.

On Aug. 22 and 23, during the Preserve Iowa Summit, we partnered with the Elk's Club to raise money for smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. We sold grilled food on the corner of 5<sup>th</sup> and Jefferson. We were able to raise over \$700 which will be added to a grant received by the Elk's Club to purchase detectors.

## **Training**

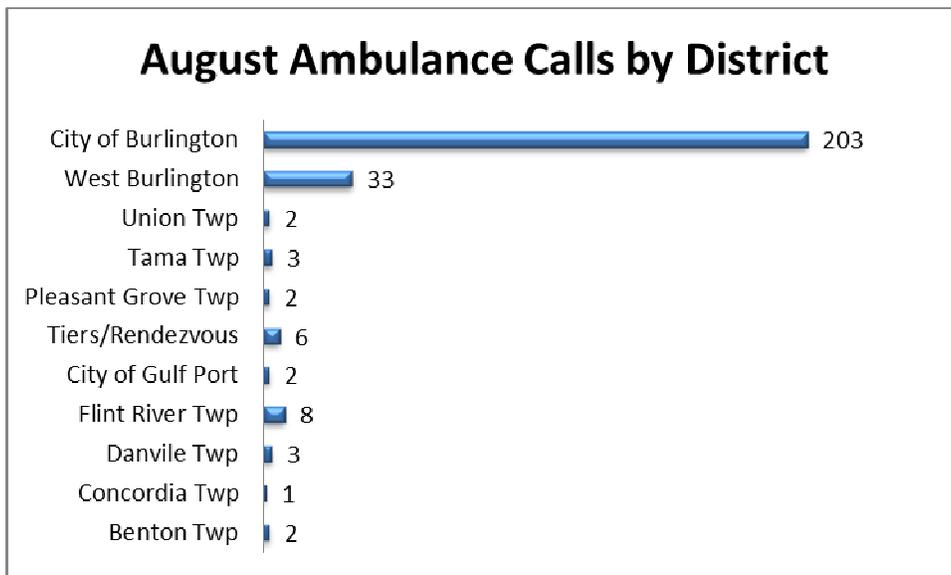
In August we had 61 hours of training. Much of the training was geared toward the Airport Mass Casualty Drill planned for Sept. 7. Crews reviewed how to set up the treatment areas and how to triage and transport large groups of patients. We also held the tabletop exercise for the drill at Central Station. We had representatives from EMS, Fire, Law Enforcement, and Emergency Management attend and provide input.

## **Operations**

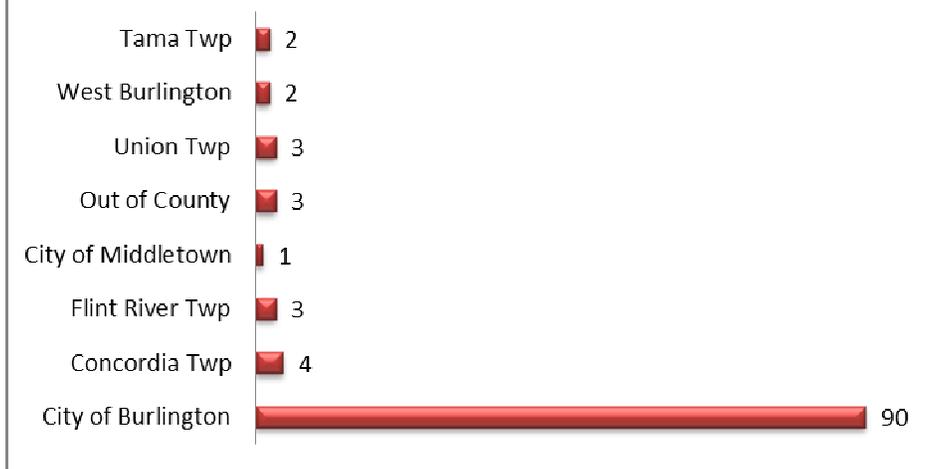
Total call volume was down slightly in August, but for the year we are trending higher than a year ago. On Aug. 5<sup>th</sup> we had a fire at the Case New Holland plant that, while small in nature, proved difficult to extinguish due to heat and accessibility problems. We utilized all on-duty personnel, West Burlington Fire Department, and 6 off-duty firefighters. We also used Superior Ambulance to provide firefighter rehab. Two firefighters were taken to GRMC with heat-related injuries with one being treated and released, and one spending the night before being released.

Central Station was spruced up with some painting and general cleaning in preparation for the Preserve Iowa Summit. The crews also performed some maintenance and repairs to the Summer St. Fire Station including repair of deteriorated caulk joints between concrete slabs and removal of awnings that have unresolvable mold issues.

Incident Type	August 2013	Year to date
Building Fire	1	31
Vehicle Fire	3	13
Brush Fire	4	16
EMS	42	486
Illegal Burning	8	48
Other	50	336
Ambulance	262	2300



## August Fire Calls by District



### Other Activities

- Pump testing completed on all apparatus with water pumps
- SAFER Grant completed and submitted
- Toured Central Station with Congressman Loeb sack
- Capt. Bullinger and I attended Emergency Medical Dispatch meeting with Major Grimshaw and Dispatcher Ervine.

Sincerely,

Matt Trexel

Fire Chief