



Burlington Fire Department

Monthly Report

August 2014

“The Mission of the Burlington Fire Department is to provide for the fire and life safety needs of the community in the most professional, courteous, and efficient manner possible.”

Training

In August, crews spent over 500 hours in training. Training included a variety of EMS and fire topics including a review of the operation of our new LIFEPAK 15 heart monitors. These monitors will allow us to take a 12-lead EKG in the field and transmit it to Great River Medical Center. GRMC can then prepare in advance for critical cardiac patients with the intent to reduce the time from the patient arriving at the emergency room to receiving care in the cardiac cath lab.

Fire Prevention

Fire Marshal Crooks completed 33 inspections in August. In total he found 75 violations of code, including many electrical issues and inoperable exit doors. Another function he performs on a daily basis is quality checking all of our reports entered into FireHouse (our fire reporting system). He makes sure times are accurate, narratives are complete, and all the relevant data is entered. Every month he sends our fire data to the state and it is important that what we provide is accurate.

Crews installed 23 smoke detectors in August. We were recently notified by the Elk's Club that they have again been awarded a grant for \$2000 to purchase smoke detectors to be used in our smoke detector program. As we ramp up for Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 5-11, it is important that we have a good supply of detectors. This year's theme is "Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives: Test Yours Every Month".

Operations

In August, the Fire Department went on 347 calls. Our average response time was 6 minutes and 19 seconds for all calls, emergency and non-emergency. Our average response time in the city of Burlington was 5 minutes 25 seconds. This time starts from our alarm time to when units arrive on scene. NFPA 1710, which sets the response time standards for career fire departments, requires a response time of 5 minutes 20 seconds for fire calls and 5 minutes for EMS calls. We had 113 overlapping calls.

Deputy Chief Clements evaluated all 3 shifts in their performance of 2 company evolutions. The evolutions come from NFPA 1410 "Engine Company

Drills” and consist of timed events that are based on actions taken at fire scenes. The drills for August included setting up a drafting operation and setting up a master stream. Each shift performed well and completed the drills properly and within the time standard.

On Aug. 22, at around 4:00 a.m., Shift 1 responded to a house fire due to a lightning strike on Little Flint Road. On arrival they found fire along the roofline which they were able to quickly extinguish. Crews also found badly damaged roof trusses and wiring in the attic space. With another storm on the horizon, they spread out and nailed down tarps over the long holes in the roof to assure no further damage was done to the house.

All three shifts worked on riverfront cleanup including cleaning up sidewalks, boat ramps, and parking areas. To date in 2014, crews have used over 500,000 gallons of hydrant water and spent over 200 hours cleaning up the riverfront area.

Other Activities

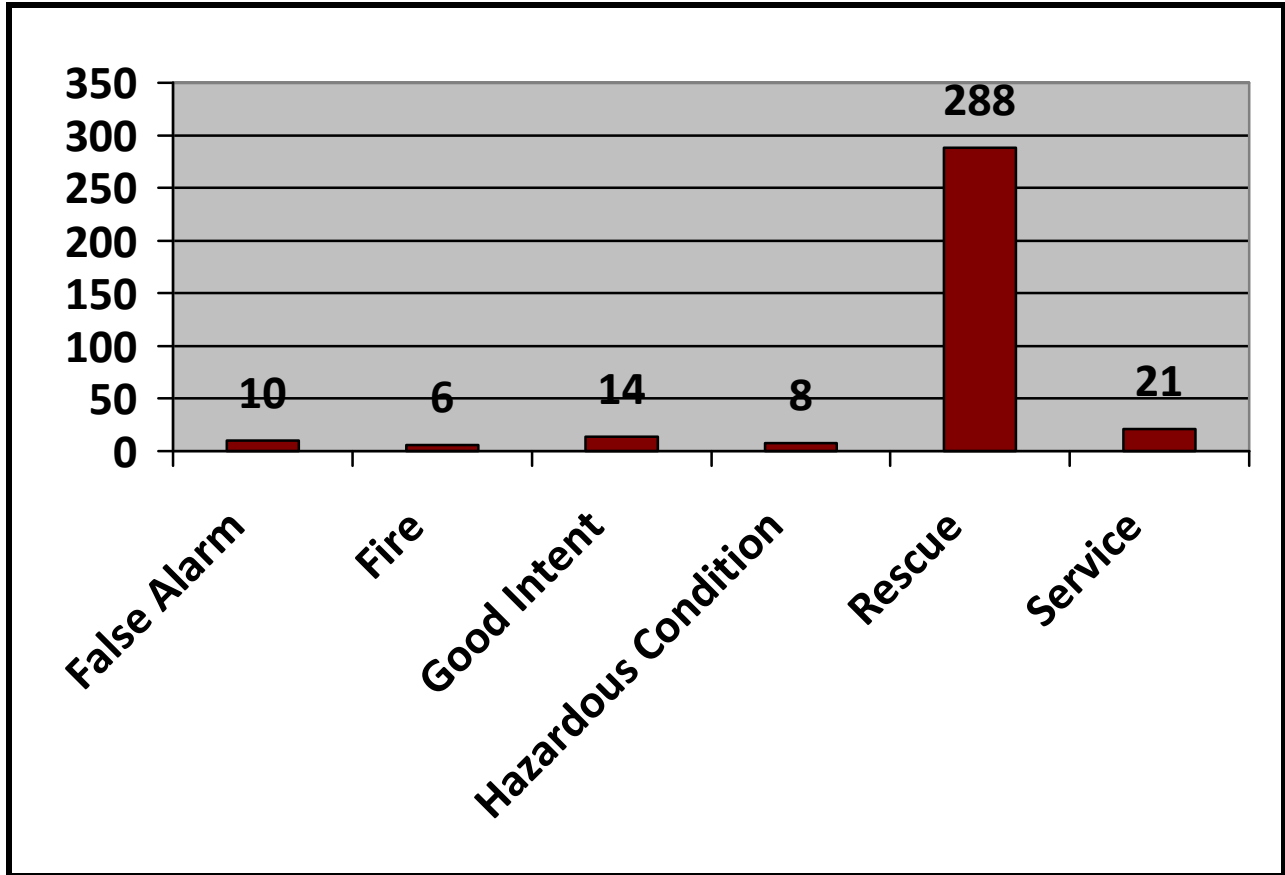
- City Manager presented Firefighter Wayne Kroll his 20 year service award.
- Fire Marshal Crooks made a presentation to the National Association of Retired Federal Employees.
- Michelle Kuster, Hy-Vee Dietician, provided nutrition training on all 3 shifts.
- Chief Trexel attended the Fire-based EMS meeting in Cedar Rapids.
- Chief Trexel attended the Illinois State Fair to work in the Illinois State Fire Marshal’s fire prevention tent on behalf of our MABAS division.
- Alliant Energy started energy audits for each station.
- Dana Hunter and Chief Trexel met with Erik Tysland in reference to collecting nuisance fees.
- Jeff McGhee was promoted to Battalion Chief.
- Shift 1 constructed a new “burn pan” for extinguisher training that will use propane instead of diesel fuel.

Sincerely,

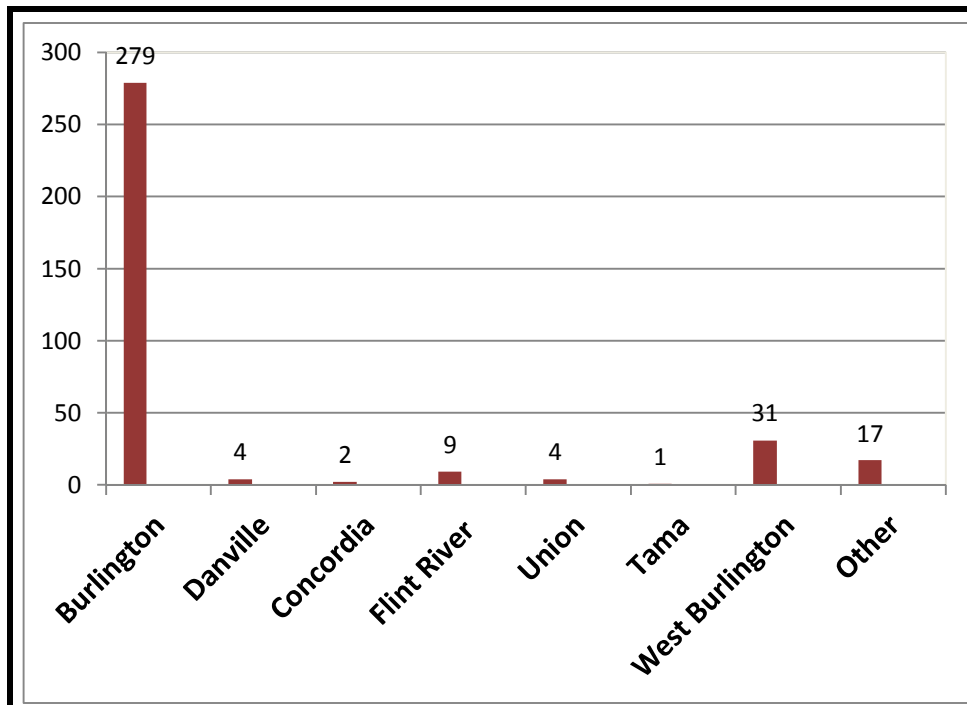
Matt Trexel

Fire Chief

Incident Type Report August 2014



Responses By District August 2014



Fire Department Training August 2014

Administrative Summary - August

Assignments		
Completions (August 1-31)		
Users with completions:	43	96%
Total completions:	691	
Overdue Assignments (as of August 31)		
Users with assignment(s) that are overdue:	12	27%
Total overdue assignments:	30	
No Assignments (as of August 31)		
Users with no assignments:	18	40%
Users		
Log-ins (August 1-31)		
Users who have logged in:	43	96%
Credentials		
Users with credentials expiring next month (September):	0	0%