



Burlington Fire Department Monthly Report December 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.”

Operations

In December we had 388 calls for service including 336 “EMS/Rescue” calls and 10 “Fire” calls. The average response time for all “Fire” calls was 5 minutes and 24 seconds. For EMS calls in the city of Burlington our average response time was 5 minutes and 5 seconds. The response time is calculated from the time we receive the alarm to the time we arrive on scene. We also had 118 overlapping emergency calls in December.

Two Firefighters were trained in December to be qualified fit-testers for N95 respirators (facemask similar to a dust mask). We use these masks to protect ourselves from contagious diseases including the flu and potentially Ebola. All personnel were fit-tested to make sure they knew the proper size N95 mask to wear should the need arise.

We had our annual aerial inspections and tests done by American Test Center. T13, our 100’ aerial platform, and Engine 2, our 65’ aerial ladder, had a few minor issues that have been repaired. Engine 1, a 55’ articulating platform, had some major issues and is currently at Alexis Fire Apparatus being evaluated for possible repairs.

We received several items courtesy of a Homeland Security Grant including a Bobcat UTV, four 4-gas meters, and two portable Honda generators with floodlights that have already been used several times. We are waiting on a skid unit for the UTV which will enable us to transport patients from remote areas and also fight fires or provide patient decontamination in areas that are difficult to access.

Fire Prevention

Fire Marshal Crooks had his hands full this month completing inspections, sprinkler plan reviews, and plot plans. He also had to work on quality checking our reports for 2014. He will personally review and then submit to the state our data on over 4000 calls last year.

Crews have continued with door to door smoke detector canvassing. In December they installed 44 smoke detectors. The Iowa State Fire Marshal's Office has provided us with an additional 500 smoke detectors which should keep the program going for some time.

Training

December training included training on cold weather emergencies and hazardous materials classes. Crews reviewed the Emergency Response Guidebook which is a guide for getting through the first 30 minutes of a hazardous materials incident. EMS training included a class on motor vehicle accidents and how to handle those patients. In addition to regular shift training a great deal of time was spent on recruit training on each shift.

Other Activities

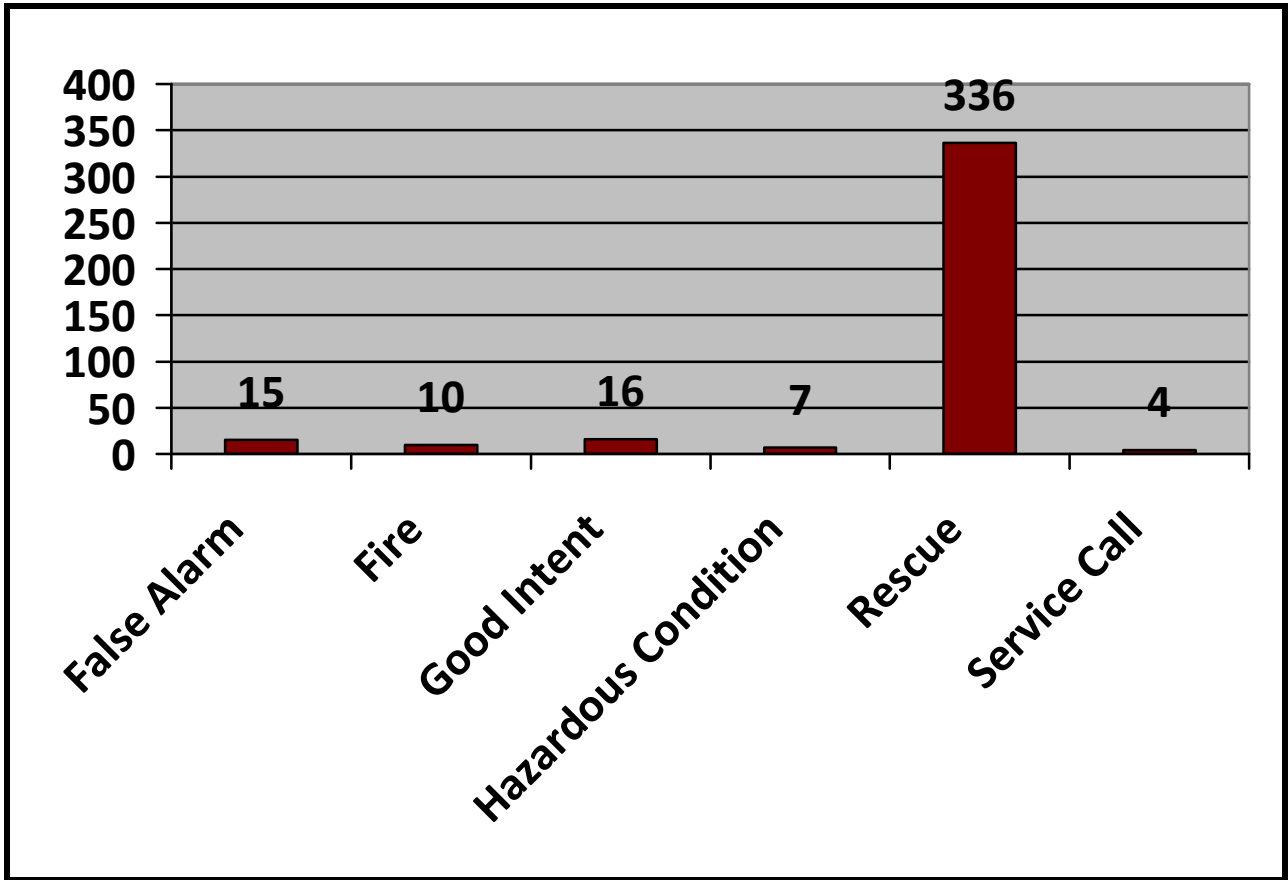
- Personnel participated in several Toys for Tots events.
- I attended the DesCom Control Board meeting and an Iowa Fire Chief's meeting in Marshalltown.
- Firefighter Imhoff attended City IT meeting.

Sincerely,

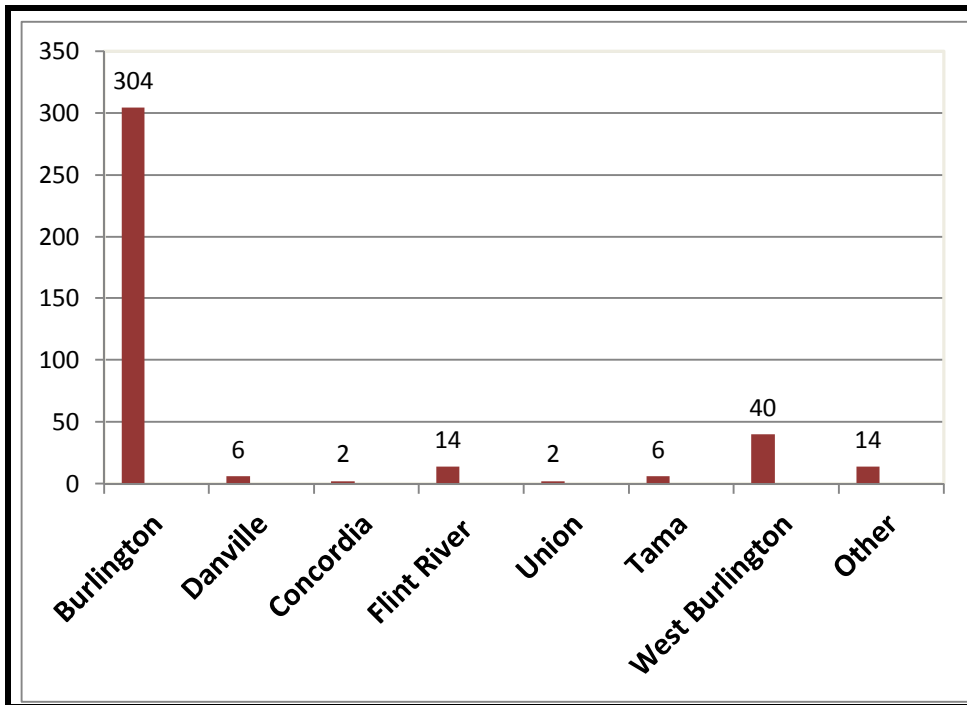
Matt Trexel

Fire Chief

Incident Type Report December 2014



Responses By District December 2014



Fire Department Training December 2014

Administrative Summary - December

Assignments

Completions (December 1-31)

Users with completions:	39	87%
Total completions:	341	

Overdue Assignments (as of December 31)

Users with assignment(s) that are overdue:	11	24%
Total overdue assignments:	19	

No Assignments (as of December 31)

Users with no assignments:	0	0%
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Users

Log-ins (December 1-31)

Users who have logged in:	38	84%
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Credentials

Users with credentials expiring next month (January):	0	0%
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