



# Burlington Fire Department

## Monthly Report

### February 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**

We had 290 ambulance calls and 110 fire-related incidents in February. Total estimated fire loss was \$93,150 from a total property value of \$5,213,800 (saved \$5,120,650). Average response time (alarm time to on scene) for structure fires was 3 minutes 41 seconds. Average response time for ambulance calls was 6 minutes.

The photo above is from a house fire on South Leebrick Street that occurred on Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>. Firefighters were able to quickly enter and contain fire damage to the rear of the home. Although firefighters did have issues with the first fire hydrant used, it had little effect on the outcome of their fire attack. The second hydrant used was directly across the street from the first one.

## **Fire Prevention**

Fire Marshal Crooks completed 32 inspections or re-inspections in February. In those 32 inspections he found 91 violations including some significant life-safety issues. Violations included improper electrical wiring, a dead bolted emergency exit, improper venting of carbon monoxide into an occupied space, and a lack of working smoke detectors.

## **Training**

Fire Department members attended a variety of classes in February both in the stations and out of town. Frank Cammarata of 1<sup>st</sup> Call Explosive Solutions provided 3 days of explosives training at Central Station. He went over some common types of explosives we may encounter and provided a demonstration.

Three members were able to attend the Annual State Fire School in Ames. Two of the members took the Fire Officer II course of instruction which is required before testing and certification as a Fire Officer II. Battalion Chief Workman and I attended the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System Conference in Illinois. We also hosted the Burlington Police Department for 2 mornings of CPR and hazardous materials training.

## Administration

On Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>, we hosted the Des Moines County Firefighter's Association meeting at Central Station. The meeting consisted of a meal, training session, and business meeting. IAFF Local 301 bought the food and prepared the meal. Kurt Levetzow of the Iowa DNR made a presentation on open burning, asbestos considerations, and training fires.

Dana Hunter, Billing Manager, has been receiving good returns from the Iowa Offset Program. For the month of February, she has pending payments in excess of \$47,000. The majority of the dollar amount is from past due ambulance bills dating back to 2004. There is also a mix of parking fines, hazmat fees, and a water bill.

I attended a Fire-Based EMS meeting in Cedar Rapids at their new Central Fire Station. We discussed various issues including billing and collections, reporting software, and budgets. We were also given a tour of the station.

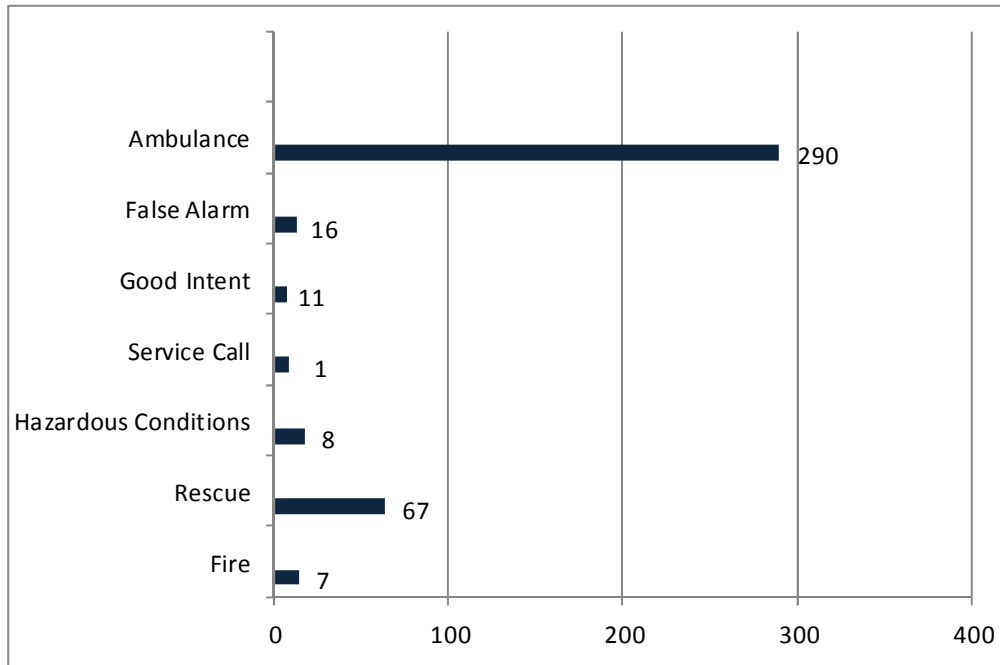
On Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>, the Civil Service Commission approved an updated Firefighter Recruit Process. We now have a recruit test scheduled for April 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. It will include a written exam followed by a physical agility test.

Sincerely,

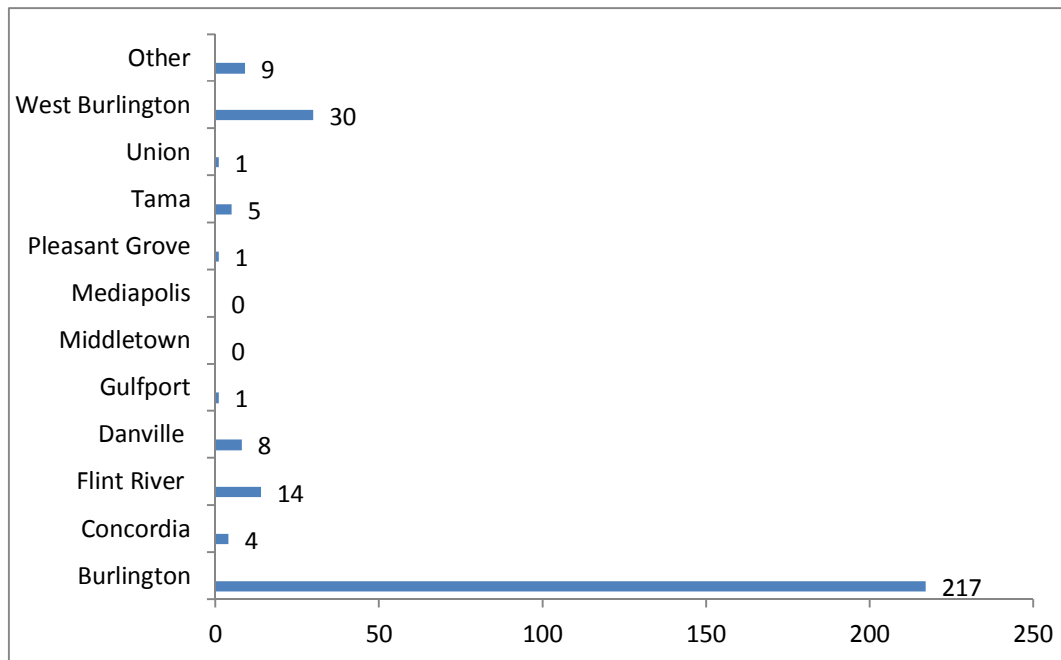
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Fire Chief

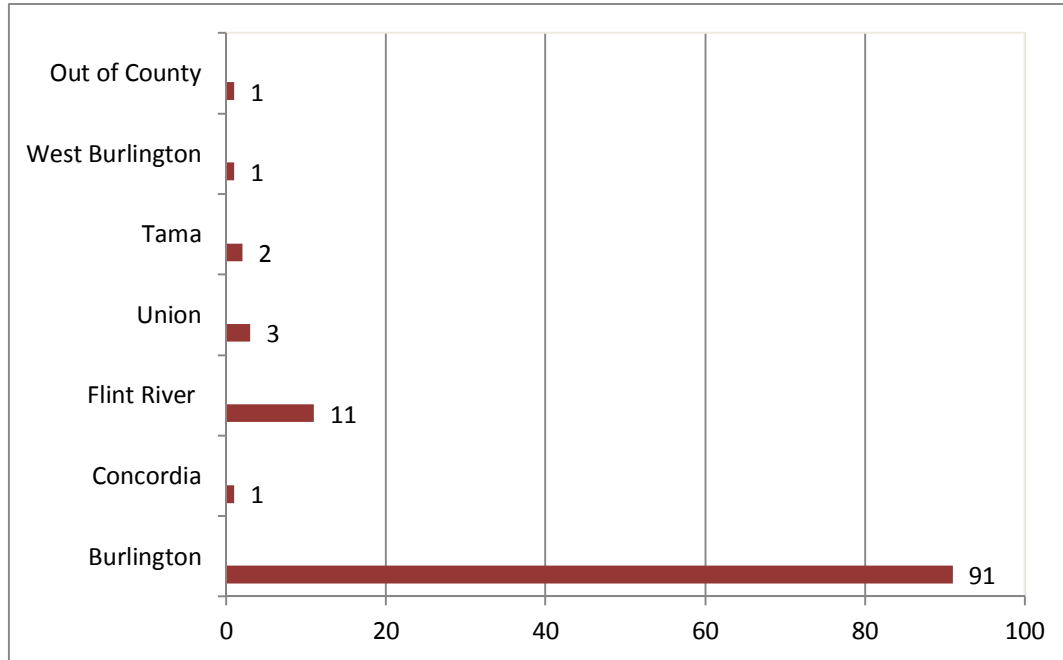
## Incident Types and Volume for February 2014



## Ambulance Responses by District for February 2014



## Fire Responses by District for February 2014



LOG-IN

### Administrative Summary - February

#### Assignments

##### Completions (February 1-28)

Users with completions:	41	100%
Total completions:	354	

##### Overdue Assignments (as of February 28)

Users with assignment(s) that are overdue:	7	17%
Total overdue assignments:	14	

##### No Assignments (as of February 28)

Users with no assignments:	4	10%
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#### Users

##### Log-ins (February 1-28)

Users who have logged in:	39	95%
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#### Credentials

Users with credentials expiring next month (March):	19	46%
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