



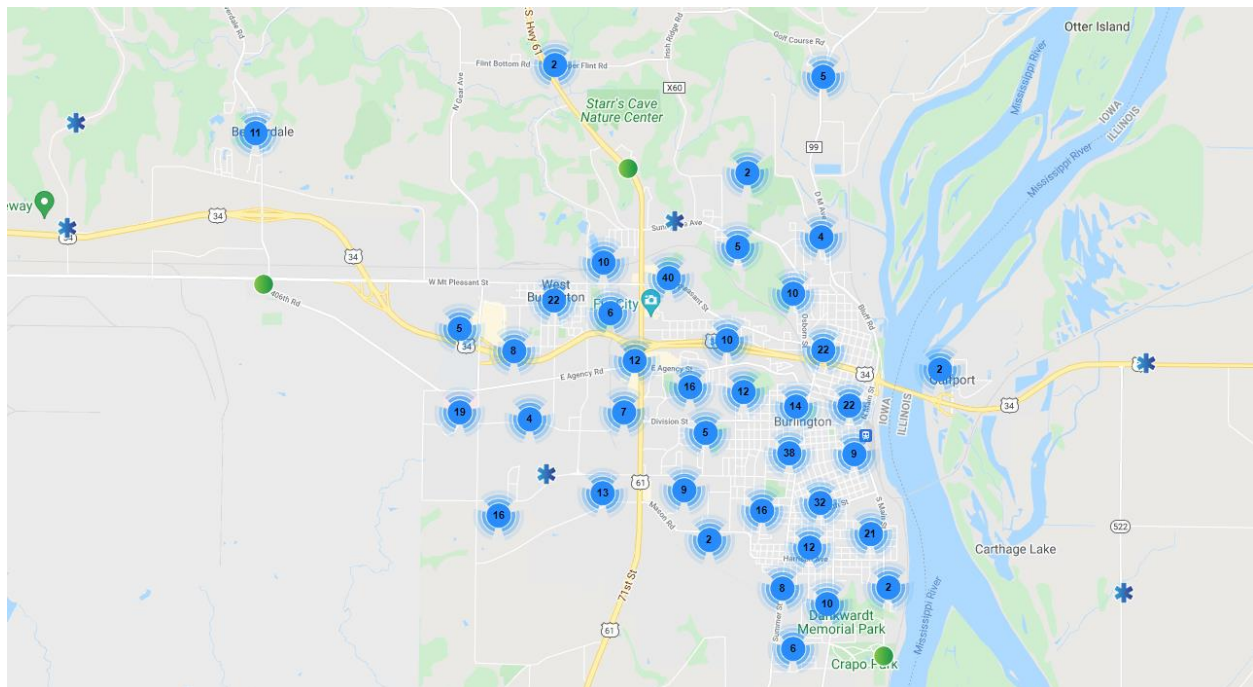
Burlington Fire Department Monthly Report July 2021

“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

The Burlington Fire Department has been having a very busy summer. The Department responded to a record 518 calls for service in July (June 2021 was the previous record at 511 calls for service). 387 calls were in the city limits of Burlington (75%). 47% of the calls were overlapping, meaning we had two or more calls in progress at the same time. In the city limits of Burlington, our average response time was 6 minutes and 6 seconds (this time starts we receive the alarm and ends when we arrive on the scene). The average response time in West Burlington was 5 minutes and 18 seconds while responding to 62 calls.

Below is a “heat” map of the Burlington area that shows the general vicinity and number of calls in July.



July 2021 Heat Map

Major Incident Types for July 2021

MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Fires	14	2.7%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	355	68.53%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	10	1.93%
Service Call	65	12.55%
Good Intent Call	51	9.85%
False Alarm & False Call	23	4.44%
TOTAL	518	100%

Recruit Testing 2021

Recruit testing for 2021 wrapped up in July. Candidates must pass 3 testing components to be placed on the eligibility list for hire. Candidates must first pass the physical agility test. This test was offered on 5 consecutive Saturdays to give applicants multiple opportunities to take and pass the test. Many off duty firefighters helped with this portion of the testing.

Those candidates that passed the physical agility testing were then eligible to move on to the written examination. The written examination was offered online again this year. The exam consisted of general knowledge and human relations questions. No prior knowledge of fire or EMS is required.

The final step in the recruit testing process is a scored interview. All interviews were conducted at Central Fire Station by a panel of 4 members of the Burlington Fire Department including the Fire Chief, Deputy Fire Chief, Fire Marshal, and a firefighter representative from IAFF Local 301.

On July 28th, the Burlington Civil Service Commission certified a list of 9 people that are eligible for hire at the Burlington Fire Department.

Community Risk Reduction

- Crews installed 4 smoke alarms.
- Crews participated in a fire drill at the Village Coop.
- Crews conducted CPR training for employees of Case New Holland.
- New “boat team” program started to improve safety on the Mississippi River.

Training

Below is a partial list of the training Fire Department members attended in July:

- Recruit training
- EMS formal education (Immunological disorders, EMS research)
- Officer/Leadership development
- Iowa Summer Fire School
- Reading smoke
- Attack line advancement
- High pressure air bag deployment



Shift 3 Attack line advancement

Other Activities

- Jason Rahmus promoted to Captain.
- Todd Van Scoy promoted to Battalion Chief.
- Deputy Chief Toops attended the Henderson County EMS Association meeting.
- The Department hosted both the Des Moines County EMS Association and the Des Moines County Firefighters Association meetings.
- The Department provided standby fire coverage for several fireworks events.

US fire statistics as of July 31, 2021:

- 1,434 civilians have been killed in residential structure fires (10 in Iowa)
- 62 firefighters have died in the line of duty

Respectfully Submitted,

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