

MEMORANDUM



TO: Chairperson Donald Barber
Fire & Police Committee

FROM: *James Eggert*
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Fire Chief

DATE: June 19, 2019

SUBJECT: Monthly Report – May 2019

The Fire Department responded to 237 calls during the month of May. This is above our average number of calls in comparison to 2018. We experienced 6 fire related calls for the month. Emergency Medical Service calls represent 72% of our response activity for the month of May.

Incident Group	Count
100 – Fire	6
200 – Rupture/Explosion	0
300 – Rescue/EMS	170
400 – Hazardous Condition	7
500 – Service Calls	15
600 – Good Intent	8
700 – False Alarm	31
800 – Severe Weather	0
900 – Special Incidents	0

The month of May continued our trend of increased call volume. We have responded to 1177 calls through May, compared to 1086 the previous year. This is an 8.4% increase above our number of responses in 2018.

Staff attended a webinar on the 'I Am Responding' paging/dispatching program to see if we can enhance our current platform. Reducing response times is a priority of the Fire Department

The Fire Department received a shipment of large diameter 5” hose (LDH), which was jointly purchased with the Bourbonnais Fire Protection District (BFPD). By going together with BFPD, Bradley realized a savings of 8% through volume, along with no shipping charges.

The Fire Department participated in a demonstration of automatic chest compression devices from two vendors. Both vendors did an excellent job demonstrating their particular device and the choice of our personnel is the Auto-Pulse from Zoll Corporation. A grant application is submitted to Fire House Subs for the purchase of the chosen device. We are waiting to be notified if the application is accepted.

Fire Department member attended a meeting with Bourbonnais and Manteno fire protection districts to discuss utilization of the records management system (RMS) through New World computer aid dispatch (CAD) program. We are members of the Kankakee County purchase group that acquired this program for our dispatch centers. We could benefit from using the programs resident in the CAD program.

The Fire Department celebrated ‘Emergency Medical Service’ week with a proclamation from our Mayor and attending several recognition meetings through both St. Mary’s and Riverside Hospitals. Our project medical director, Dr. Shawn Bala, visited Bradley and viewed both ambulances. She spoke to Bradley Paramedics complementing them on their excellent service to the community. Dr. Bala, Chief Eggert and both hospitals also recognize the importance of our Tele-communicators in the EMS program, utilizing the Emergency Medical Dispatch protocol (EMD) on all medical calls.

I attended the Illinois Fire Chiefs symposium in Peoria. Topic’s during this event included: Safety and Accountability through Functional Cooperation, Comparing and Contrasting Consolidated Services vs. Functional Cooperation, Leadership in the Fire Service and real-world scenarios presented for chiefs to discuss regarding: human resource management, risk management, ethics and image management.

The Fire Department worked with Webfoot Design on content and design of the Village new website regarding the Fire Department page. We continue to review and update this process.

Attended the Kankakee Fire Chiefs Association and MABAS Division 7 meeting in Bourbonnais, with topics on notification of ComEd regarding downed electrical wires, joint purchasing program, Illinois Fallen Firefighter Memorial and Medal of Valor Award.

Engine 42 into Quad County Service for covered body work, driver side rear passenger door ajar service, mirror replacement and electrical lighting issues.

Inspect Northfield Square Mall for ‘Strawberry Festival’ that moved from Kankakee to Bradley due to forecasted inclement weather. Expected participant level to exceed 4000 people. Parking lot, Carson’s Women’s store and common areas planned to be utilized for this event.

Ambulance 45 had all tires rotated and found inside rear duals with no tread ware. Replaced two of four rear tires on the ambulance.

Attended Village Board of Trustees meetings.

Attended Fire & Police Commission continuing our discussion on firefighter eligibility register.

Attended Finance Committee meetings regarding budget.

Officers Meeting

Topics discussed during our monthly department officers meeting include:

- Personnel
- Response
- Public Education
- Training

Suppression Activities

For the month of May, we responded to 237 emergency calls, which is above our normal amount of calls. Of this total, 6 were fire related incidents. Bradley received mutual/auto aid 41 times and gave mutual/auto aid 7 times.

Training

This month the department participated in numerous training activities including:

- Auto Extrication.
- Building Construction.
- Nozzles and Fire Streams
- Water Supply
- Natural Gas Emergencies
- EMS – Ambulance Equipment Location & Review
- Equipment and Procedures

A total of 126 personnel hours were spent on training this month, year to date is 484 hours in training.

Paramedic Activity

We responded to 170 ambulance calls making contact with 168 patients for the month of May, which is above our monthly average number of EMS calls. Of this total, 49 patients were classified as ALS and 121 were BLS, 63 of the 121 BLS patients refused treatment and/or transport. There were 30 calls turned over to another agency.

A detailed monthly EMS report is available for review.

Fire Prevention and Public Education

During the month of May, the Fire Prevention Bureau conducted 129 Regular Inspections and 9 Re-inspections/issue follow-ups, with 42 violations noted, 9 violations corrected and 33 violations pending adjudication.

The Fire Department performed 25 Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detector inspections for Real Estate sales.

On Wednesday May 1st the Bradley Fire Department participated in a ‘Career Day’ at Bradley Central School. This event gave 7th graders a chance to talk with people from different careers. The BFD firefighters explained to the students what kind of education they had to get to become a firefighter for the village of Bradley, and an overview of what they do on a day to day basis as a firefighter/paramedic. 16 man hours were used during this event.



On Sunday May 5th the Bradley Fire Department on duty crew participated in the Loyalty Day Parade. 4 man hours were used for this event.

On Monday May 20th twenty-one 5th graders from Bradley West School came and took a tour at the fire station with the BFD on firefighters. The crew showed the students the equipment and rigs. The students also toured the police station, dispatch, and front office. 3 man hours were used for this event.

On Friday May 24th the Bradley Fire Department participated in the ‘Careers on Wheels’ event hosted by Bradley East school. Bradley FD personnel brought an engine and an ambulance to the event and discussed their careers “on wheels” with the students. 16 man hours were used for this event.



A detailed monthly Fire prevention report is available for review.