

# MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

## San Marcos Fire Rescue

April 2006

The following are the highlights of services provided by San Marcos Fire Rescue for the month of April 2006. Complete statistical data are available upon request.

- The Department answered a total of **219** calls in the 30-day period. This was **7.30** calls per day or one call every **3.28** hours. Year to date calls (840) are up **15.23%** from 2005 (729 calls) and **49.73%** from 2004 (561 calls).
- Rescue and EMS calls were the most often answered calls by volume, comprising 46.58% of the total calls, followed next by Good Intent Calls representing 15.07% of the total call volume.
- City wide average response time for all calls for service was **5.82** minutes, including non-emergency responses, “delayed by train or traffic” calls, or misguided directions.
- *The department Iron Man for the month was Firefighter Scott Grunwald with 38 calls answered. Congratulations Scott!*
- A – Shift answered the most calls for service with 79 for the month, followed by C-Shift with 75 and B-Shift with 65.
- Our public relations and education programs continue with 433 citizens served this month. Safety, education, and prevention are our key goals.
- Firefighters participated in a regional training program in Austin on Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) – Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosive (CBRNE) incidents. As part of the Regional Response Team our firefighters are trained as Hazardous Materials Technicians and play an integral role in Homeland Security.
- A Texas Commission on Fire Protection Driver – Operator certification course was completed during the month. Two more classes will follow in the future with SMFR and area firefighters trained to this certification level for apparatus operation.
- The Texas Municipal League held a conference in Austin on Tourism Safety. Fire Chief Mike Baker was a guest speaker at the conference on using first responders as an economic development tool through tourism safety and security. Convention and Visitor Bureau employees, Mayors and Council Persons and other City Leaders from all over the state attended the conference.

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- Continuing Education units were completed on Hazardous Materials certifications for all members of the department. Technicians and Operations personnel received updated training on monitoring and testing equipment as well as decontamination procedures.



**Firefighters train in total encapsulating Haz-Mat suits at City Park**

- SMFR personnel work along side other City employees at the Rio Vista Dam re-construction project. Firefighters donned wetsuits to rescue fish and other wildlife from the dewatered river and return them to the river. All species of animals were rescued and transported to safety to protect the fragile environment.



**Lieutenant Jeff Clark and Firefighter Nick Archer hold Prawns rescued from the dewatered Rio Vista Dam reconstruction project**

- Firefighters also worked to remove mats of vegetation that drifted against the port-a-dam during the construction project. These heavy, dense mats of water vegetation placed pressure on the structure of the temporary dam.



**Firefighters Vincent Marin and Nick Archer work to remove dense mats of water vegetation from the temporary dam structure at the Rio Vista construction area**



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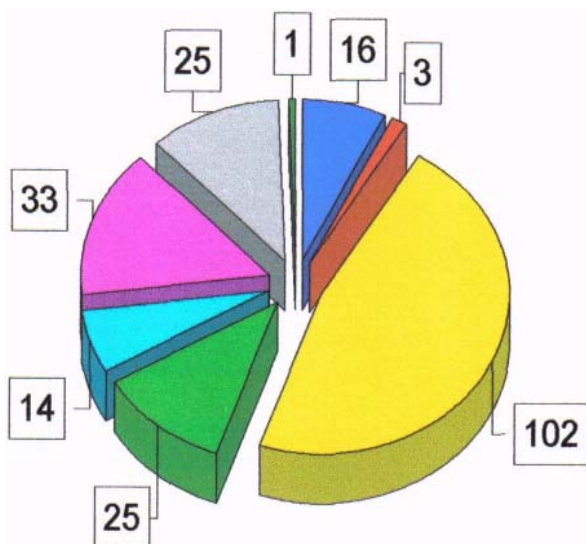
A severe Hail Storm caused damage to buildings and vehicles at the Outlet Malls and other parts of the city.

Our Smoke Detector Hot-Line number is 512.393.8484.

Please call us if you need a smoke detector or have questions about how many you need and where they need to go in your home.



## San Marcos Fire Rescue Report Summary April 2006



- 16 Fires
- 3 Explosions
- 102 Rescues and EMS
- 25 Hazardous Conditions
- 14 Service Calls
- 33 Good Intent Calls
- 25 False Alarms & False Call
- 1 Severe Weather & Natural Disaster