

# MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

## San Marcos Fire Rescue

August 2006

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

- The Department answered a total of 251 calls in the 31-day period. This was 8.10 calls per day or one call every 2.96 hours. Year to date calls (1735) are up 11.94% from 2005 (1550 calls) and 33.15% from 2004 (1303 calls).
- Rescue and EMS calls were the most often answered calls by volume, comprising 44.22% of the total calls, followed next by Service Calls representing 12.75% of the total call volume.
- City wide average response time for all calls for service was 5.56 minutes, including non-emergency responses, “delayed by train or traffic” calls, or misguided directions.
- *The departments Iron Men for the month were Firefighter Clinton Foehner and Lieutenant Jeff Clark with 42 calls answered. Congratulations Clint and Jeff!*
- B – Shift answered the most calls for service with 104 for the month, followed by A-Shift with 78 and C-Shift with 69.
- Our public safety and education programs continued with 221 citizens served this month. Safety, education, and prevention are our key goals.

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- August was a busy month for SMFR beginning with National Night Out on August 01. Firefighters visited as many neighborhood gatherings as possible handing out sticker badges and fire helmets to the kids and visiting with the citizens on life & fire safety programs.



A San Marcos youth tries on firefighting gear at National Night Out

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- Tax Free Weekend was the first weekend in August and SMFR joined with the SMPD to provide Special Event Tourism Services to the hundreds of thousands of visitors to our Outlet Malls. The three-day weekend shopping event drew large crowds at the malls. High visibility by City emergency personnel helped to provide a safe shopping weekend for our guests.
- Training continues to be a high priority of the department with the fourth in a series of National Fire Academy courses hosted here. Managing Company Tactical Operations – Simulations class was held in San Marcos with attendees from 7 regional entities. This class was facilitated through the Texas A&M University System, Texas Engineering Extension Service.
- We are extremely proud to announce the successful completion of our first annual Residential Advisors (RA) Fire Academy held in cooperation with Texas State University – San Marcos. 200 college students received hands on life and fire safety education programs including live fire - fire extinguisher training, how to escape a smoke filled dormitory hallway, and a striking video & lecture presentation on the consequences of fire. We have already been asked to return next year and the individual RA's are calling for follow-up programs in their residence halls.



**Graduates of the First Annual SMFR Residents Advisor Fire Academy at Texas State University – San Marcos**

- San Marcos School children returned for the 06-07 school year and SMFR again manned school zones with banners reminding drivers to slow down and watch for kids. This safety awareness program seeks to work in conjunction with the SMPD in protecting our children in school zones.



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.



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