

# MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

## San Marcos Fire Rescue

### December 2005

The following are the highlights of services provided by San Marcos Fire Rescue for the month of December 2005. Complete statistical data are available upon request.

- The Department answered a total of **212** calls in the 31-day period. This was **6.84** calls per day or one call every **3.51** hours. This is a **1.5%** increase over the same period last year (209 calls). Total calls year to date are up **14.41%** from 2158 during 2004 to 2469 in 2005.
- Rescue and EMS calls were the most often answered calls by volume, comprising **42.92%** of the total calls, followed next by Service Calls representing **13.68%** of the total call volume.
- City wide average response time for all calls for service was **4.99** minutes, including non-emergency responses, “delayed by train or traffic” calls, or misguided directions.
- ***We have co-winners of the Iron-Man Award for the most calls during the Month. Lieutenant Howard Minor and Firefighter Tara Brinkkoeter both made 32 calls for December.***
- B – Shift answered the most calls for service with 89 for the month, followed by C-Shift with 66 and A-Shift with 57.
- Our Fire Department Web Page continues to grow. New links and information are available as well as a streaming video library all free of charge. Visit us at: [www.ci.san-marcos.tx.us/departments/fire/](http://www.ci.san-marcos.tx.us/departments/fire/)
- Our public relations and education programs continue with **45** citizens served this month. Safety; education and prevention are our key goals.
- The new Aerial Fire Apparatus delivered Santa Claus to the Annual Sights and Sounds of Christmas Holiday event at City Park. Santa and Mrs. Claus were picked up at CTMC from their Helicopter ride in from the North Pole and safely taken to the park to visit with the children.
- Texas State University – San Marcos held an awareness demonstration on the dangers of drinking and driving for students and staff. SMFR Rescue 1 was on scene to provide demonstrations of vehicle extrication rescue tools and techniques. Fire Rescue personnel demonstrated the hydraulic rescue tools on vehicles at a simulated motor vehicle accident.
- San Marcos Fire Rescue Hazardous Materials Technicians participated in a regional meeting in Austin on Weapons of Mass Destruction – Homeland Security. Regional response teams and their apparatus and equipment were brought together in a meet and greet setting to familiarize them with regional assets and personnel.
- Public Safety personnel had a busy night during December with a brief ice storm incident that created havoc on local roadways. During one 6-hour period, several motor vehicle accidents occurred on Interstate-35 and other roads. Firefighters and apparatus responded to 28 calls in one 24-hour period due mainly to the icy driving conditions.
- New Years Eve was a huge success with the number of Fireworks and illegal burning calls down from last year. The news media is to be congratulated for their assistance in getting the word out. The high fire danger continues due to the lack of rainfall.



**The Swearing-In Ceremony for SMFR's three new Firefighters at the City Council Chambers**

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**Lt. Forest Ritchie and Lt. Russell Allen receive safe driver awards at the City's Annual Safety Expo**

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**San Marcos Fire Rescue's new 100' Aerial Platform delivering Santa Claus to Sights and Sounds of Christmas**



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