

MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

San Marcos Fire Rescue

January 2007

The following are highlights of services provided by San Marcos Fire Rescue for the month of January 2007. 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 2.97 hours. Year to date calls (251) are up 16.20% from 2006 (216 calls) and 36.41% from 2005 (184 calls).
- Rescue and EMS calls were the most often answered calls by volume, comprising 41.83% of the total calls, followed next by Good Intent Calls at 16.33% and Service Calls at 11.95% of the total call volume.
- City wide average response time for all calls for service was 5.59 minutes. Our goal is to have fire rescue units on scene within 5-minutes 90% of the time. We were able to meet the 5-minute benchmark on 52.40% of the calls.
- *The department Iron Man for the month was Firefighter Nick Archer with 53 calls answered. Congratulations Nick!*
- B – Shift answered the most calls for service with 101 for the month, followed by A-Shift with 82 and C-Shift with 68.
- Our public safety and education programs continued with 62 citizens served during the month.

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- San Marcos Fire Rescue hosted two important and informative training sessions during the month. First, the National Fire Academy – Incident Safety Officer Course was presented by the Texas Engineering Extension Service (TEEX). This 16 hour training focused on all aspects of incident safety for all emergency responders. Secondly, the National Fire Academy – Firefighter Safety & Survival Course was also presented by TEEX. This too was 16 hours of training focused on the Company Officer responsibility for firefighter safety.
- January brought some interesting weather related events to San Marcos. A small tornado struck the City causing damage to the Police department and several residences and businesses. Immediately following a flood event occurred. Then a significant ice storm event struck on the heels of the first two. San Marcos Fire Rescue answered many calls for service during the triple event including rescuing a police officer trapped by downed power lines in his vehicle.

- The 2nd Residents Advisor Fire Academy kicked off the new semester at Texas State University – San Marcos. R. A.'s were trained in the use of fire extinguishers, evacuation procedures and the consequences of fire during the event. This partnership with the University has already shown positive results with reports of R. A. use of fire extinguishers at actual events since the first academy.



San Marcos Fire Marshal Ken Bell instructs a Texas State University – San Marcos Residents Advisor in the use of portable fire extinguishers on a live fire during the 2nd R.A. Fire Academy.

- A State-Wide Fire Mutual Aid plan is under development to assure emergency response of available resources during large scale emergencies and disasters. SMFR is actively participating in the development of this plan through the Texas Fire Chief's Association and the Emergency Management Association of Texas. The groups hope to see legislation passed this session to address the lessons learned from recent catastrophic events like the hurricanes of 2005.
- San Marcos Firefighters continue to move forward on our smoke detector program. Our goal is to have a working smoke detector in every home in San Marcos. Donations are being sought to fund the program. Citizens can call

the Smoke Detector Hot Line and leave their name and number. Firefighters will contact the citizen and schedule an appointment to visit the home. Firefighters will evaluate the location and number of smoke detectors needed. They will install the detectors free of charge for residents who cannot afford one.



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.

