

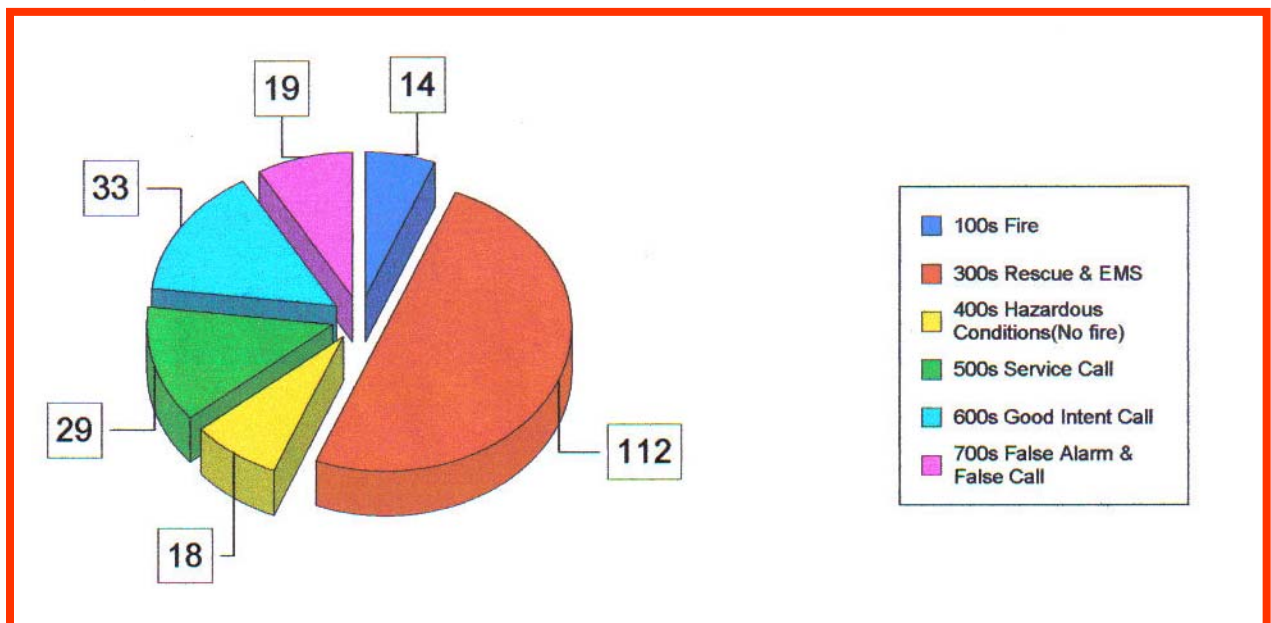
MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

San Marcos Fire Rescue

March 2008

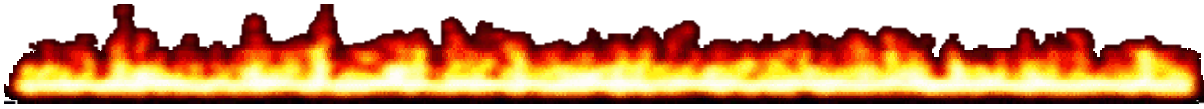
The following are the highlights of services provided by San Marcos Fire Rescue for the month of March 2008. Complete statistical data are available upon request.

- The Department answered a total of **225** calls in the 31-day period. This was **7.26** calls per day or one call every **3.31** hours.
- Rescue & EMS calls were the most often answered calls by volume, comprising 49.78% of the total calls, followed next by Good Intent Calls at 14.67%.



- City wide average response time for all calls for service was **5.52** 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 55.9% of the calls.
- *The departments Iron Men for the month were Engineer Jonathan Hart and Firefighter Doug Winemiller with 39 calls. Congratulations Jon and Doug!*
- A – Shift answered the most calls for service with 83 for the month, followed by C-Shift with 81 and B-Shift with 61.

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- Eight additional members of SMFR have received training on Hazardous Materials with the most recent Technician course being held here in San Marcos. Twenty-three people from the region went through the 80 hour training designed raise the response capability of first responders.
- SMFR partnered again with Texas State University – San Marcos for the presentation of the “Shattered Dreams Program”. The program is designed to raise awareness of the dangers of using alcohol and drugs while operating a motor vehicle. Firefighters used hydraulic rescue tools to extricate a victim from a wrecked vehicle.
- Life and Fire Safety Education programs recorded a busy month for March. Firefighters participated in several programs including: “Fire Up About Reading” with the San Marcos Library; the Easter Egg Hunt held at City Park; a presentation to the Grace Bible Church – Coop Home School group; a presentation to the Rotary Club at the Price Senior Center; and installing Smoke Detectors for City residents. All told, 173 citizens received services through our community outreach programs.
- Fire Rescue assisted Public Works with the Household Hazardous Waste and Recycle event held at the Public Works Sign Yard. Firefighters analyzed unknown substances turned in by citizens for proper categorization and disposal during the event.



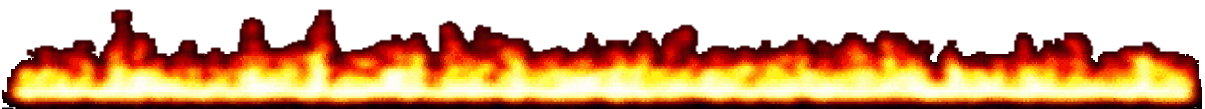
Lieutenant Frank Arredondo, Engineer Rodger Olson and Firefighter Tory Turner use rescue tools to extricate a victim during the Shattered Dreams Program at Texas State University – San Marcos



Firefighters receive training in decontamination procedures during the Hazardous Materials Technician 80 hour certification training conducted at the San Marcos Waste Water Treatment Plant.



A U S Military Blackhawk Helicopter lands near San Marcos Engine 3 during an 800 acre wild land fire on March 14th, 2008. Over 70 homes were threatened during the incident and 3 firefighters received minor injuries at the blaze.



Cooking fires remain the number one fire cause in the City of San Marcos. San Marcos Fire Rescue reminds you to be careful while cooking in your home and follow these general safety guidelines:

- **Do not leave cooking materials unattended.**
- **Always have responsible supervision for children when cooking.**
- **Never wear loose fitting clothing around any open flames.**
- **Keep your cooking appliance clean and have it serviced regularly by a qualified technician.**
- **Check your smoke detector each month.**

Our goal is to have a working smoke detector in every home in the City of San Marcos. Smoke Detectors save lives!



Our Smoke Detector Hot-Line number is 512.393.8484. We have smoke detectors available for immediate installation in your home. 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.

