

MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

San Marcos Fire Rescue

November 2005

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

- The Department answered a total of **229** calls in the 30-day period. This was **7.63** calls per day or one call every **3.14** hours. This is a **7.4%** decrease over the same period last year (246 calls). Total calls year to date are up **15.80%** from 1949 during the first eleven months last year to 2257 the first eleven months this year.
- Rescue and EMS calls were the most often answered calls by volume, comprising **50.0%** of the total calls, followed next by Good Intent Calls representing **17.11%** of the total call volume.
- City wide average response time for all calls for service was **4.90** minutes, including non-emergency responses, “delayed by train or traffic” calls, or misguided directions.
- ***A new Iron Man was crowned for the month. Firefighter Tory Turner made the most calls with 43. Congratulations Tory!***
- C – Shift answered the most calls for service with 82 for the month, followed by A-Shift with 74 and B-Shift with 72.
- 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. Holiday Fire and Life Safety info will be posted this month. Visit us at: www.ci.san-marcos.tx.us/departments/fire/
- Our public relations and education programs continue with **294** citizens served this month. Safety; education and prevention are our key goals.
- The department led a meeting on disaster preparedness with the members of the Council of Neighborhood Associations. Citizens were shown disaster preparedness kits they could prepare for themselves. A power point presentation was made explaining how to be prepared for the first 72 hours of a major disaster.



Fire Chief Mike Baker presents disaster preparedness information to members of the Council of Neighborhood Associations.

- The department participated with United Parcel Service (UPS) in the Toys for Tots campaign this year. The toy drive was held at Bobcat Stadium with NASCAR drivers, Police, Military and firefighters. New toys and cash donations were collected for needy children.
- The department took delivery of its new aerial platform fire truck. The 100' Smeal Fire Apparatus Aerial Platform is being prepared for duty and should be unveiled during the month of December, ready for action.
- The citizens of San Marcos approved a Bond issue for the construction of a new fire station in San Marcos. The new headquarters building will house firefighters, apparatus, and equipment, as well as administrative, training and support services for the department. Thanks to all who assisted with this project so far, especially the Blue Ribbon Bond Committee members.
- Shoppers, citizens and visitors at the San Marcos Destination Outlet Malls were treated to special services by Fire and Police personnel during the Black Friday Weekend. The event marks the largest and busiest shopping days of the year, beginning the Friday after Thanksgiving through the weekend. Cooperative teams of Firefighters, Police Officers and City Park Rangers assisted our guests with all types of services ranging from simple directions to the store of their choice, to assisting motorists with dead batteries and even looking for temporarily lost adults to reunite with their children.



“SAR ONE”, an all terrain vehicle used for special events and search and rescue incidents was used at the Outlet Malls during the Thanksgiving Holiday Weekend.

- Fire Department Staff took part in an Employee Safety Fair at Goodrich Aerospace Industries on Technology Way. Officers and firefighters presented important safety messages and information for all in attendance. Working with our community partners to save lives and prevent accidents and injuries is JOB ONE!
- Fire Rescue Swift Water Team members assisted with the evaluation of the Rio Vista Dam, when reports of damage came in to the City. Firefighters worked with Parks and Recreation Department employees to assist the Engineer in evaluation of the dams' current condition, by poling the structure and taking underwater photographs.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAMS



Members of the Council of Neighborhood Associations receive important disaster preparedness information.



Lt. Kelly Metz probes the base of Rio Vista Dam in the heavy current assisting the consulting engineer with the evaluation of the dam.



**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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