

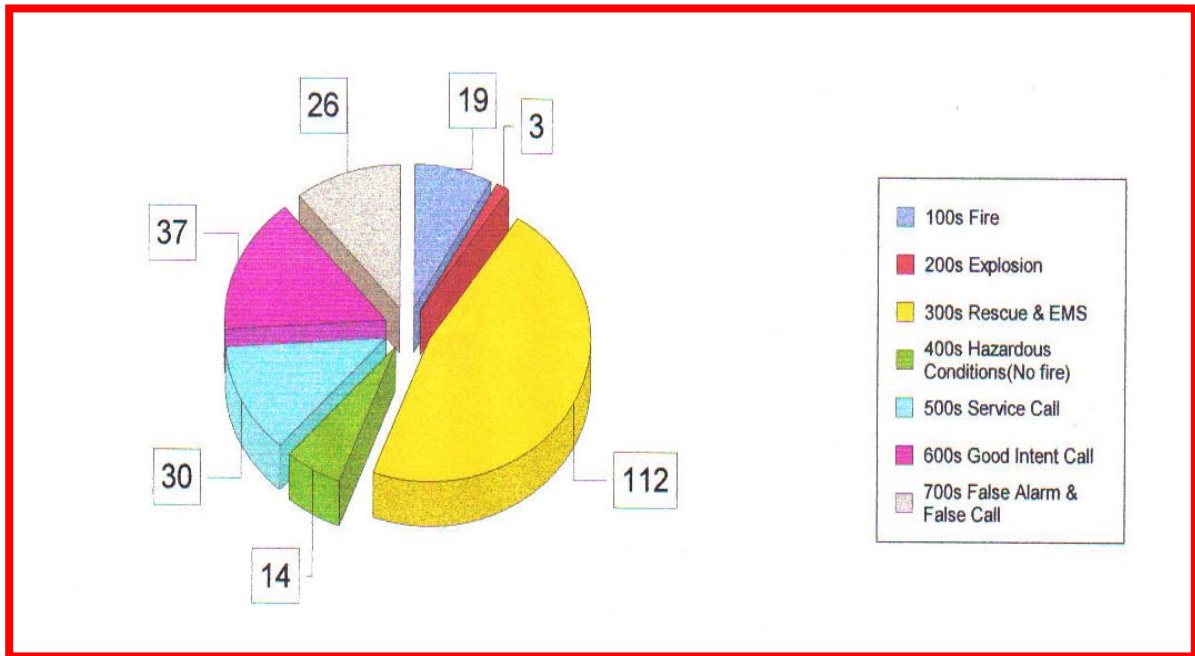
# MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

## San Marcos Fire Rescue

### October 2007

The following are the highlights of services provided by San Marcos Fire Rescue for the month of October 2007. Complete statistical data are available upon request.

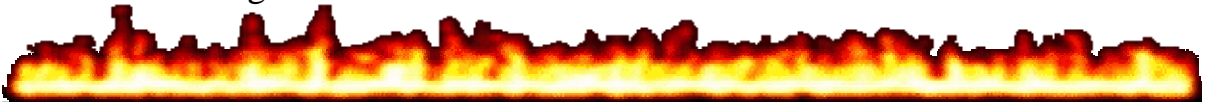
- The Department answered a total of **240** calls in the 31-day period. This was **7.74** calls per day or one call every **3.10** hours. Year to date calls (2,796) are up **23.12%** from 2006 (2271 calls) and **37.87%** from 2005 (2028 calls) and **64.18%** from 2004 (1703 calls).
- Rescue and EMS calls were the most often answered calls by volume, comprising 46.47% of the total calls, followed next by Good Intent Calls at 15.35%.



- 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 64.3% of the calls.
- *The department Iron Man for the month was Firefighter Nick Archer with 41 calls answered. Congratulations Nick!*
- B – Shift answered the most calls for service with 92 for the month, followed by C-Shift with 75 and A-Shift with 73.
- October is Fire Prevention Month in San Marcos and our public safety and education programs reached 1,221 citizens during the month. We also gave away and/or installed over 50 Smoke Detectors in residences in the City.

San Marcos Fire Rescue had an extremely busy month in public education and community outreach programs. Fire prevention month kicked off with a proclamation by the Mayor and City Council. The following are some highlights of activities:

- In conjunction with San Marcos Police and San Marcos Hays County EMS, SMFR participated in the filming of a Public Service Announcement for 911 callers and cell phones. The Television Commercial will be shown nationwide and was filmed here in San Marcos on River Road. Special thanks to Gary at Bigfoot towing for providing a vehicle to simulate an accident.
- Every school child in pre-K through 4<sup>th</sup> grade received a special presentation from Sparky the Fire Dog and the Departments Life Safety Trailer House during the Month. Firefighters and members of the Fire Marshal's Office visited every school.
- Tiger Cub Scouts, Cub Scouts, Parents Night Out, Private schools, Church Organizations and the University's Bobcat Kids Club all either visited and toured a fire station or were visited by the firefighters. Life and Fire Safety Education Outreach Programs were delivered to all participants.
- Halloween night, firefighters were at the San Marcos Outlet Malls with sticker badges, plastic fire helmets, and treats for the kids of all ages.
- Students at Owen Goodnight Junior High were given a special program on technology used in the modern fire service. Thermal Imaging Cameras, Self Contained Breathing Apparatus with Heads-Up Display and integrated Personal Alert Safety Systems were demonstrated for the students. Special emphasis was given to science, math, and reading & writing skills needed by modern firefighters.



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.



## **Wildland – Urban Interface Fire Danger is extremely high!**

**San Marcos Fire Rescue and the San Marcos Fire Marshal's Office remind everyone that outdoor burning is illegal inside the City Limits of San Marcos. Brush piles, burn barrels, fire pits and leaf burning are all prohibited inside the City. The City ordinances are included below:**



### **SAN MARCOS CITY CODE**

Published by Order of the City Council

**307.1. Open burning prohibited. No person shall burn material in the city limits.**

**308.3.1. Outdoor cooking. It is unlawful to use or to store a charcoal burner, open flame, LP gas burner, outdoor grill, barbecue, or other outdoor cooking appliance with open flame on the premises of a residential building with three or more dwelling units or of a multifamily residential building with two or more stories. The provision does not apply to the use of permanently mounted outdoor cooking devices located ten or more feet from any structure.**