

MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

San Marcos Fire Rescue

September 2005

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

- The Department answered a total of **237** calls in the 30-day period. This was **7.9** calls per day or one call every **3.04** hours. This is a **17.91%** increase over the same period last year (201 calls). Total calls year to date are up **18.75%** from 1504 during the first nine months last year to 1786 the first nine months this year.
- Rescue and EMS calls were the most often answered calls by volume, comprising **46.84%** of the total calls, followed next by Good Intent Calls representing **15.19%** of the total call volume.
- City wide average response time for all calls for service was **5.00** minutes, including non-emergency responses, “delayed by train or traffic” calls, or misguided directions.
- ***A new Iron Man was crowned for the month. Engineer Jim Turnage led the pack with 51 calls made. Congratulations Jim!***
- B – Shift answered the most calls for service with 90 for the month, followed by A-Shift with 78 and C-Shift with 78.
- 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. Hurricane Rita Relief efforts with photos are posted. Visit us at: www.ci.san-marcos.tx.us/departments/fire/
- Our public relations and education programs continue with 292 citizens served this month. Our number one goal is safety; education and prevention are the keys to success.
- Department Captain’s Bill Schroeder and Rick Rowell attended Incident Command Training in Phoenix Arizona at the State-of-the-Art Phoenix Command Training Center.



Firefighters train on the Incident Command System in Phoenix, Arizona at the state-of-the-art Phoenix Command Training Center.

- Firefighter's joined other city departments in walking the Sagewood neighborhood with the Nuisance Abatement Task Force. New residents were informed of the City's code requirements for trash carts, fire lanes, and our request for them to be good neighbors. Information was passed out and questions were answered.
- Station 3 on Hunter Road welcomed partners from both H. E. B. stores for a fun filled day of food and demonstrations. HEB Partners donned firefighting gear and crawled through smoke filled corridors like real firefighters.



HEB Partners wield a fire attack hose under the watchful eye of Firefighter Jeff Green

- Fire Chief Mike Baker instructed City Employee's and area first responders on the National Incident Management System (NIMS) training. Firefighters, Police Officers, Emergency Communications Operators and Equipment Services personnel were certified in the federally mandated curriculum.
- Hurricane Rita dominated the month for most City of San Marcos employees including firefighters. We responded to requests for assistance in rescuing stranded motorist along Interstate Highway 10 by providing gasoline, food, water and minor emergency medical care to those fleeing the storm. We also assisted with the opening and supplying of the Shelter at the San Marcos Activity Center. Courtesy patrols of firefighters drove Highways 123, 80 and 21 assisting motorists evacuating the coastal regions of the state that were moving through our City. Fire Stations doors were opened around the clock to provide information to citizens and guests in town from the storm evacuation. Emergency Management Plans were implemented putting firefighters on Alpha – Bravo shift rotations, turning three shifts into two for additional personnel availability.
- SMFR responded to a request for Mutual Aid from our Neighbor City to the South. New Braunfels Fire Department found itself in need during the Hurricane Rita weekend when a major structure fire occurred during the Comal County Fair. Our Engine Company went to New Braunfels to man their City and ended up answering a call while there. A major accident occurred on IH-35 in their City and our crews extricated victims from the tangled vehicles.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAMS

Fired Up About Reading!



Lieutenant Jay Horton and Engineer Richard Howser pose with children of all ages during the “Fired Up About Reading Program” at San Marcos Library. Children were treated to drills and tours of the departments Fire Safety House.

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Firefighters Tory Turner & Michael Orichuela explain the departments Rescue One to HEB Partners



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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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