

MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

SAN MARCOS FIRE RESCUE

April 2005

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

- The Department answered a total of **177** calls in the 30-day period. This is **5.9** calls per day or one call every **4.06** hours. This is a **12.03%** increase over the same time last year (158 calls). Total calls year to date are up **30%** from 561 during the first four months last year to 727 this year.
- Rescue and EMS calls were the most often answered calls by volume, comprising **56.50%**. Followed next by Good Intent Calls representing **11.86%** of the total call volume.
- City wide average response time for all calls for service was **5.22** minutes, including Code 1 responses, “delayed by train or traffic” calls, or misguided directions.
- The department had many tours and visitors during the month. A total of 636 citizens toured the stations or received outreach programs from the Fire Rescue department.
- During the month the firefighter’s pressure tested all of the department’s fire hose to industry standards. This is required to maintain our ISO classification for the City of San Marcos.



Lt. Bob Zook records data on the pressure test of fire hose.

- Station 1 was the busiest station during the month with 68 total calls followed by station 4 with 62 calls.
- Dollar loss caused by fire for the month was limited to \$6,700.00 for the 177 incidents. We believe this is due primarily to our Fire and Life Safety Education efforts and the hard work of our Fire Prevention Bureau staff led by Fire Marshal Ken Bell.
- The firefighters participated in the Household Hazardous Waste day with other City of San Marcos staff. The program is designed for citizens to properly dispose of hazardous waste from their homes. Firefighters assisted the Public Works staff with directing citizens through the process.
- Firefighter Clinton P. Foehner was the department’s Iron Man for the month responding to 32 calls during the month.

REMEMBER – TURN AROUND, DON'T DROWN!

As we approach the rainy season, please remember NOT to drive through low water crossings and do NOT drive around barricades blocking water covered roads and highways.



The Uhland road low water bridge during the flood of 1998. Photo by Jane Hughson.



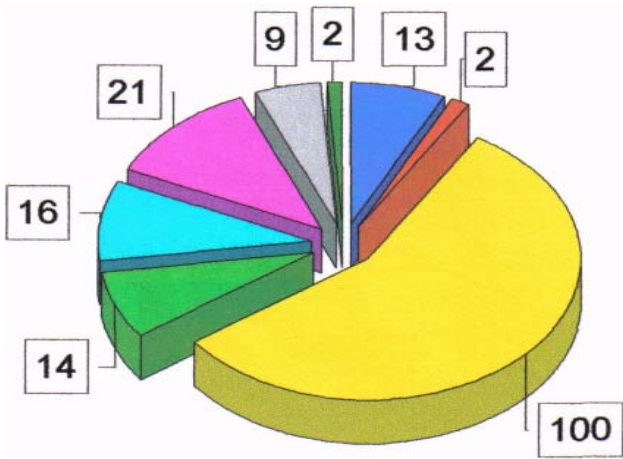
- Our Department Web Page has been updated and contains new and informative information about our department. New photos and information are now posted monthly.
- We have completed renovations at Fire Station Three on Hunter Road. The Community Meeting Room is now available for use by small clubs and organizations for meetings and activities. Please call the Department Secretary Jana Green @ 512.393.8460 during normal business hours to schedule use. The room has a conference table and twelve executive style chairs.



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.

Contact San Marcos Fire Rescue @ 512.393.8460

**San Marcos Fire Rescue
Report Summary
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- 13 Fires
- 2 Explosions
- 100 Rescue & EMS
- 14 Hazardous Conditions
- 16 Service Calls
- 21 Good Intent Calls
- 9 False Alarm & False Calls
- 2 Severe Weather & Natural Disaster