

# MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

## San Marcos Fire Rescue

August 2005

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

- The Department answered a total of **252** calls in the 31-day period. This is **8.13** calls per day or one call every **2.95** hours. This is a **9.6%** increase over the same time last year (230 calls). Total calls year to date are up **18.88%** from 1303 during the first eight months last year to 1549 the first eight months this year.
- Rescue and EMS calls were the most often answered calls by volume, comprising **38.49%** of the total calls, followed next by Service Calls representing **25.00%** of the total call volume.
- City wide average response time for all calls for service was **4.09** minutes, including non-emergency responses, “delayed by train or traffic” calls, or misguided directions.
- ***A tie this month for IRON-MAN recognition with Quenton Pilat and Eric Charleswell both responding to 38 calls during August***
- A – Shift answered the most calls for service with 96 for the month, followed by C-Shift with 81 and B-Shift with 75.
- 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. [Katrina Relief efforts with photos are posted.](#) Visit us at: [www.ci.san-marcos.tx.us/departments/fire/](http://www.ci.san-marcos.tx.us/departments/fire/)
- Our public relations and education programs continue with 256 citizens served this month. Our number one goal is safety; education and prevention are the keys to success.
- SMFR hosted another National Fire Academy Regional Training Seminar here during the month. Firefighters and Emergency Responders attended three days of training on Managing Company Tactical Operations – Decision Making. The class was coordinated through the Texas A&M University’s Texas Engineering Extension Service.
- Tax Free Weekend activities took place during the month which meant firefighters, police officers and EMS workers were on duty at the outlet malls. Crews worked throughout the event to assist citizens, visitors and guests with needs ranging from giving directions to responding to calls for assistance.
- United States Senator John Cornyn’s office announced the awarding of a \$45,000.00 grant to the City of San Marcos Fire Rescue for emergency Power Generators for all four of the City’s current Fire Stations. The grant is part of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agencies, Assistance to Firefighter’s Program. Sandy Edwards, Central Texas Regional Director for the Senator’s office came and made the presentation at Fire Station 1 on August 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- San Marcos Fire Rescue welcomed our students back to school and reminded drivers that our kids would be on campuses. Fire apparatus staged at school zones to remind drivers to slow down and watch out for the kids. Mornings and afternoons firefighters went to different school campuses and had banners on the fire engines as a reminder.

- Fire Chief Mike Baker and Assistant Fire Chief Len Nored attended an important training seminar in Chicago on High-Rise Life and Fire Safety. The seminar was hosted by the Chicago Fire Department and included training sessions and demonstrations in some of the tallest buildings in the world including the Sears Tower and the AON Building.



SMFR Chief's attend the Chicago High-Rise Fire and Life Safety Conference with the John Hancock Building in the background.

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAMS

- Firefighters participated in the annual **National Night Out Program**, visiting the neighborhood meetings and answering questions on the upcoming Bond Election as well as sharing information on Fire and Life Safety Programs.



Families and Friends tour San Marcos Fire Engine 2 during the National Night Out Program



Fire Rescue Lt. Russell Allen and Assistant Police Chief Johnnie James pose with some children wearing fire helmets during National Night Out.

# Fired Up About Reading!



Engineer Richard Howser and Lt. Jay Horton conduct a puppet show at the San Marcos Public Library for the Fire Rescue Department's "FIRED UP ABOUT READING PROGRAM"

# BACK TO SCHOOL



**Firefighter Jeff Green and Engineer Craig Miller post at a local school zone to remind drivers that our schools are back and session and to watch out for our children.**



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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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