

MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

SAN MARCOS FIRE RESCUE

February 2005

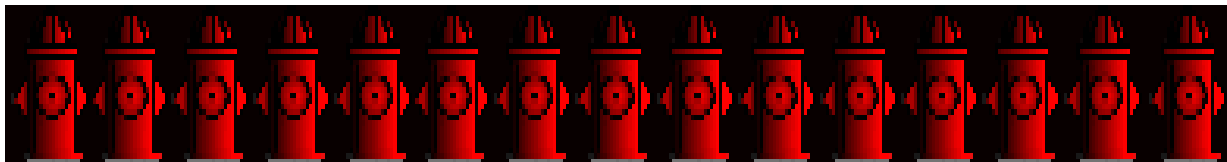
The following are the highlights of services provided by San Marcos Fire Rescue for the month of February 2005. Complete statistical data are available upon request.



- The Department answered a total of **149** calls in the 28-day period. This is **5.32** calls per day or one call every **4.51** hours. This is a **13.74%** increase over the same time last year (131 calls).
- Rescue and EMS calls were the most often answered calls by volume comprising **51.35%** followed by Good Intent Calls representing **16.89%** of the total call volume.
- City wide average response time for all calls for service was **4.97** minutes, including Code 1 responses, “delayed by train or traffic” calls, or misguided directions.
- The department faced one of its biggest challenges to date with the derailment of tank cars containing hazardous materials residue in town. Fire & Rescue worked side by side with SMPD, Administration, Hays County Emergency Management, and other area agencies to mitigate the dangers to our citizens.
- We had a large Apartment Fire the day after the train derailment and an excellent “STOP” by the firefighters saved many dollars of property and potentially many lives.
- The following Friday evening, a train collided with an 18 wheeler on the tracks at Wonder World drive and caused a traffic problem for some time. Again the cooperative effort of all of San Marcos’ emergency agencies solved this incident quickly.
- The Hazardous Material Operations Unit is on-line now and the joint efforts of San Marcos and Hays County have resulted in the federal funding of this response vehicle. Haz-Mat One is ready to respond as part of the regional CBRNE team for the CAPCO area for Hazardous Material & Weapons of Mass Destruction calls.



- The department hosted job shadowing students from Gary Job Corp Center San Marcos and shared our Technology and Administrative services.
- San Marcos Fire & Rescue personnel are attending Hazardous Material Technician training conducted to the Texas Commission on Fire Protection Standards. This training includes rail car, road transportation and fixed facility incident training.
- The Department sadly celebrated the retirement of one of our Shift Captains. Don Allen retired with 30 years of distinguished service to the department.
- Our annual awards Ceremony was held this month. The Honorable U.S. Congressman Henry Cuellar was the keynote speaker. State representative Patrick Rose and San Marcos Mayor Susan Narvaiz added their comments and helped pass out honors to our members.
- We welcomed a new member to the department, Tory Turner of Umland has begun his career in the fire service with us and we are looking for great things form him.



- The department continues work on the Strategic Master Plan for Emergency Services for the City of San Marcos. Our Consultant completed his work on station location studies, evaluation of current services, conducting a needs assessment and planning for the future delivery of emergency services to our citizens. We hope to have the entire process complete within 8 or 9 months.
- Fire Rescue continues to welcome a Public Administration Intern student from Texas State University - San Marcos. Robyn Rye will be assisting the department with its Strategic Master Planning Process and hopefully learn a little about local government operations.



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