

MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

SAN MARCOS FIRE RESCUE

March 2005

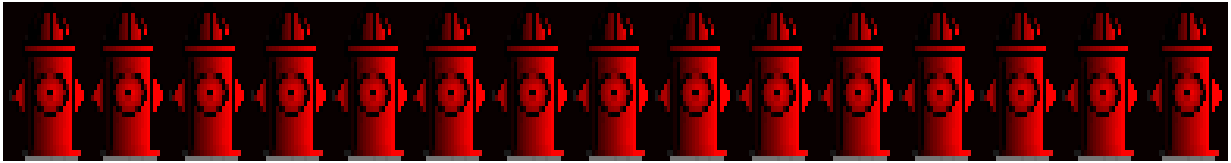
The following are the highlights of services provided by San Marcos Fire Rescue for the month of March 2005. Complete statistical data is available upon request.



- The Department answered a total of **220** calls in the 31-day period. This is **7.10** calls per day or one call every **3.38** hours. This is a **52.78%** increase over the same time last year (144 calls). Total calls year to date are up **36.48%** from 403 during the first quarter last year to 550 this year.
- Rescue and EMS calls were the most often answered calls by volume, comprising **41.82%**. Followed next by Severe Weather Calls representing **21.36%** of the total call volume.
- City wide average response time for all calls for service was **4.79** minutes, including Code 1 responses, “delayed by train or traffic” calls, or misguided directions.
- Station 4 remained our busiest fire house with 105 total calls for the month. A-Shift was the most active shift with 80 calls reported.
- We have completed and published our annual report for the calendar year of 2004. It is available for viewing at any fire house, city hall, the University library or the public library. It will soon be available on our web-site.



San Marcos Fire Chief Mike Baker presents the Department Unit Citation to Assistant Fire Chief Len Nored, Captains Don Allen, Tommy Norris and Bill Schroeder. The citation was awarded for the heroic efforts of the entire department during the double flood events of November 2004.



- Severe weather and heavy rains caused multiple calls this past month. Included was a multi-car pile-up on Interstate 35, where approximately 37 vehicles were involved.
- Engineer Aaron Crawford was the department's Iron Man for the month responding to 39 calls during the month.
- 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 7 months.
- Fire Rescue continues to welcome a Public Administration Intern student from Texas State University - San Marcos. Robyn Rye is assisting the department with its Strategic Master Planning Process and hopefully learning a little about local government operations.
- Training remains a top priority for the department with emphasis on firefighter safety. Morning "tailboard" safety meetings are occurring everyday. Training on water supply and fire engine pump operations was conducted.
- Our Public Education and Outreach Programs served 217 citizens in March at eleven different events. Our fire houses are always open for tours and demonstrations to our citizens.



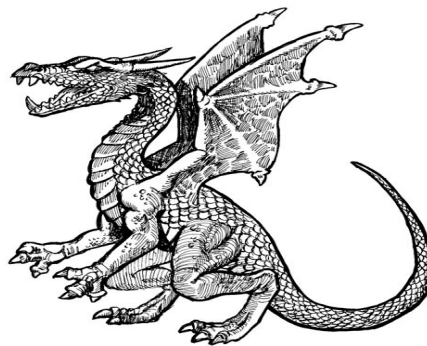
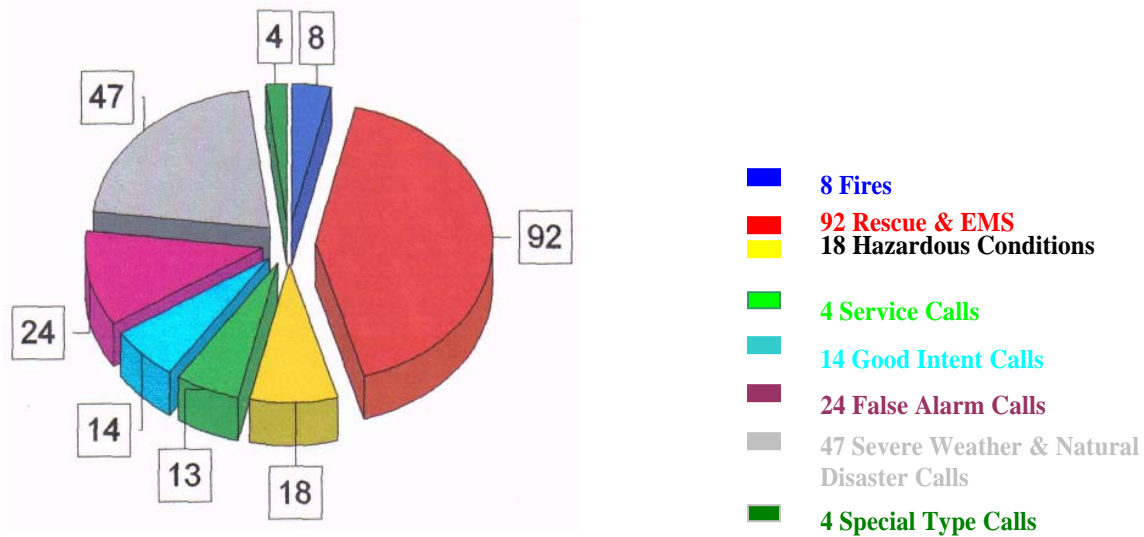
ENGINEER SEAN GARRISON EXPLAINING OUR AIR BOTTLES TO GARY JOB CORPS STUDENTS



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