



Benson Fire Department

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To: Mayor and Town of Benson Board of Commissioners

From: Alan D. Johnson, Fire Chief

Reference: December 2019 Fire Department Monthly Report

Mr. Mayor and Commissioners,

I hope that each of you had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and that you got to spend some time with your families. I would like to say Thank You for the Holiday time off that you grant us with each year, it really means a lot to each of us.

The month of December was an average month for fire calls and a below average month for first responder calls. The department responded to a total of 86 calls for the month and a total for the year of 1,133 calls.

During the month of December we had our fire department Christmas Party, we attended the Town Christmas Parade, preformed our annual SCBA Fit Test, and we hosted the Community Toy Drive at the Fire Station that help over 125 families and over 600 kids have a great Christmas. We had a public education training with our local Cub Scouts, we had our annual Hazmat Refresher training and we had our annual firefighter physicals during the month.

During the month of January, we will be hosting a Building Construction class, we will have our annual sprinkler system test preformed, we will have our annual maintenance on all the fire apparatus, annual ladders tested, and pump test preformed on each Engine. We will also be performing fire inspections on all the restaurants, we will begin our annual Preplan updates, and I will be attending an EMS Advisory Board meeting. I am sure something else will come up as it usually does.

Below, you will find what went on within the Fire Department during the month. If you would like to see anything different in my monthly reports or if you have any questions about the fire department, please let me know. I would like to extend an invitation to each of you to stop by and see me at anytime.

December Call Report and Training

- Average response time from dispatch to our 1st unit arriving on the scene is 5 minutes and 42 seconds
- We had 19 over lapping calls for the month
- Firefighters spent a total of 421 man hours on calls for the month and over 4,721 man hours on calls for the year.

Fire Call Info

- The fire department responded to an average number of fire calls for the month. We responded to a total of 46 fire calls that were of several different types. There was 1 reported structure fire during the month, it was automatic mutual aid to Dunn. There were 6 dispatched and cancelled enroute, 10 motor vehicle accidents, 5 code blues, 6 false alarms, 7 public assistances, 1 grass/woods fire, 0 fuel spill, 2 vehicle fires, 0 person locked in a vehicle, 1 elevator rescue, 1 natural gas leak, and the rest were of different type calls. There have been 484 total fire calls for the year.
- The fire department averaged 11.5 members per call for the month and has an average of 9.5 members per call for the year. We have had 4 structure fires in our district to date. We have an average of 12.8 members per call for structure fires during the year. The Department of Insurance requires a minimum of a 12 personnel response to any reported structure fire.
- Firefighters have logged a combined total of 755 hours of training for the month and 4,690 hours of training for the year.

Medical Responder

- The Medical Responder members responded to 40 first responder calls during the month for a total of 649 calls for the year.
- There was a total of 0 hours of coned training for the month. The members have logged 217 hours of training for the year.

Fire Inspections

- The Inspections department was steady during the month doing re inspections and preformed 5 new inspections. He also worked on getting all of our preplans updated and entered into our Emergency Reporting system.

Members Report

- During the month of December we had 1 member, Chuck Lee who retired and we had 3 members that did not make the required percentage, meetings and/or training hours to stay on the department. These 3 members resigned from the department during the month.
- We have 1 application currently on file and 8 vacant positions at this time. It is our policy when someone turns in an application for a volunteer member position, they must come to the meetings and training classes to show interest in the department. This will allow them to meet the members, interact with them, let them see what kind of training is involved, and help them decide if this is what they want to do. With all the requirements, physical and mental, this job is not for everyone, this is something you have got to want to do.
- We have 0 members participating in our Junior Member Program.

Fire Department Grants

- State Grant
On March 1st, 2019, we applied for a 50/50 matching State grant. The deadline for this grant was March 1st 2019. The grant is for needed equipment, LDH Hose, Spare Air Pak Bottles, Extrication Equipment and Turnout Gear. The total grant would be in the amount of \$51,410. If awarded the grant will cover half and we would cover the other half for the amount of \$25,705 Our portion of the grant would be funded from our Equipment line item fund in the fire department budget. (On May 15 we received the email saying that we did not receive this grant)
- USDA Grant
As you approved we applied for a \$50,000 USDA grant to assist in the purchase of a new Utility truck to replace our 2002 apparatus. We were awarded this grant and will be replacing this apparatus soon.

Board, Fire Department, Training, and Special Meetings Attended

- Tuesday December 3rd, 7:00 pm – Christmas Party @ Station
- Friday December 10th, 11:30 am – Phase 2 Physicals @ Station
- Tuesday December 10th, 7:00 pm – Town Board Meeting
- Monday December 16th, 7:00 pm – Class @ Station

Monthly Totals For Benson Fire Department

December, 2019

Dear Alan Johnson,

This monthly status report gives you a quick snapshot (as of 2020-01-03) of the claims which have been submitted and paid in the previous month.

	Last Month (Dec)		All Year (2019)	
	# Claims	\$ Amount	# Claims	\$ Amount
Claims Submitted	2	\$4,500.00	36	\$27,852.60
Payments Received By FRUSA	3	\$935.04	24	\$20,788.05
Claims Denied	0	\$0.00	10	\$3,763.80
Non-Billable (Other)	0	-	7	-
In Progress	1	-	4	-
NON-BILLABLE - (INADEQUATE INFO PROVIDED BY FD)	0	≅ \$0.00	1	≅ \$839.98