

MARSHFIELD FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT

Newsletter

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FIRE PREVENTION WEEK: OCTOBER 7-13, 2018
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FIRE PREVENTION WEEK — OCTOBER 7-13, 2018

Fire Prevention Week, a national observance proclaimed by President Calvin Coolidge in 1925, was the result of two extremely devastating fires that happened on the same day, October 8, 1871.

The first fire, and undoubtedly the more widely known one, was the Great Chicago Fire. This fire caused devastating damage, resulting in more than 250 deaths, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures, and burned more than 2,000 acres of land.

The second fire, occurring the exact same day, was in Peshtigo, Wisconsin. This forest fire, the deadliest one in US history, destroyed a stretch of forest land 10 miles wide and 40 miles long, obliterating the towns of Peshtigo and Brussels, killing about 1,500 people.

In all, the Peshtigo fire burned more than 280,000 acres in Oconto, Marinette, Shawano, Brown, Kewaunee, Door, Manitowoc and Outagamie counties. The human toll was 1,152

known dead and another 350 believed dead. Another 1,500 were seriously injured and at least 3,000 made homeless. The property loss was estimated conservatively at \$5,000,000 and this did not include 2,000,000 valuable trees and saplings and scores of animals.

As a result of these two fires, Fire Prevention Week was established as a week that children, adults, and teachers learn how to stay safe in case of a fire. Firefighters provide lifesaving public education in an effort to drastically decrease casualties caused by fires.

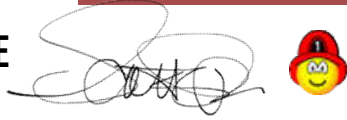
At the Marshfield Fire and Rescue Department our Fire Prevention Public Education team visited every elementary classroom within the school district, meeting with approximately 2,500 children and teachers.

Read more about what the Public Education Team did this year from FF Erik Jonas (Public Education Coordinator) on page 2 of this issue.



CHIEF'S PERSPECTIVE

Scott M. Owen, Sr.



Before you know it 2018 will become a memory. The year has flown by for us here at the FD. We have seen a significant amount of change this year and 2019 will see additional change.

As we move into the Christmas season we again are participating in the annual Keep the Wreath Green campaign. This is the 25th year for the fire safety campaign in Wood County aimed at raising awareness of fire safety this holiday season. The awareness campaign runs from Thanksgiving Day through New Year's Eve.



At the start of the campaign, the wreath is lit entirely by green lights. Each time a structure fire occurs in Wood County, a red bulb will replace a green bulb. The white bulb at the top of the wreath is in honor of all those firefighters who have died in the line of duty.

The main goal of this campaign is to raise the level of awareness for fire safety during the holiday season and ultimately reduce the number of fires that we see at any time during the year. Our hope is to have a green wreath on January 1, 2019.

Please help us achieve this goal and be safe this holiday season!!!! As always, we look forward to continuing to serve the citizens of Marshfield and thank you for your continued support.

2018 Fire Prevention Week

By Erik Jonas, Relief Lieutenant/Public Education Coordinator

The Marshfield Fire and Rescue Department actively pursues opportunities to engage the citizens of the community and encourage fire safety awareness. Annually, the first week of October marks the beginning of Fire Prevention Week. Most fire departments in the nation utilize this time to engage the youth within their communities and promote fire safety education. The Marshfield Fire and Rescue Department is grateful for the opportunity to visit each K-6th grade class within the eight public and parochial schools that are located within the school district. Each class receives a 30 minute age appropriate presentation based upon the current year's theme.



This year's theme was "Look, Listen, Learn; Be Aware Fire Can Happen Anywhere." During this valuable time with each class, the students are encouraged to interact with each of the fire fighters by asking questions or sharing pertinent experiences. The students are given the opportunity to participate in various age appropriate contest activities, designed to promote safety awareness within their own homes. For example the 3rd and 4th grade students made home escape plans based upon the layout of their homes and the 5th and 6th grade students were tasked with creating a short video which highlighted possible fire dangers within their homes.

Many of the prizes for the fire prevention contests were donated by local businesses and included hotel / water park passes, bikes and pizza parties to name a few. The Marshfield community is truly blessed to have so many

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GET FIRED UP!

Was Marshfield burning down? What was up with all of the fire trucks going down Central Avenue on Sunday (October 21)? It was the 15th Annual Get Fired Up event!

This annual event allows citizens and visitors the chance to meet and interact with different area fire departments. Each department is encouraged to provide some type of safety-related training and handouts for families in attendance.

Although attendance was down slightly from previous years (it was held on the rain date as mother nature did not play nice with us on October 14th) those attending did have a great time and participated in several different activities.

Some of the events families could participate included putting out fires (targets), stop, drop and roll, teddy bear drop, "escape" from the smoke safety trailer, and much more.

If you missed this year's event, plan on attending next year. It is held the second Sunday of October (October 13, 2019). See you there!



2018 Fire Prevention Week (continued from page 2)

local businesses that promote and support the safety education of our youth.

Our public safety education team truly enjoys the opportunity to interact with the students of the community. The Marshfield Fire and Rescue Department is committed to providing safety education to people of all ages to foster an emergency prevention culture within our community.

Thank you for your support!



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Recent Department Events



Various contest winners from the 2018 Fire Prevention Week contests



2018 Holiday Parade

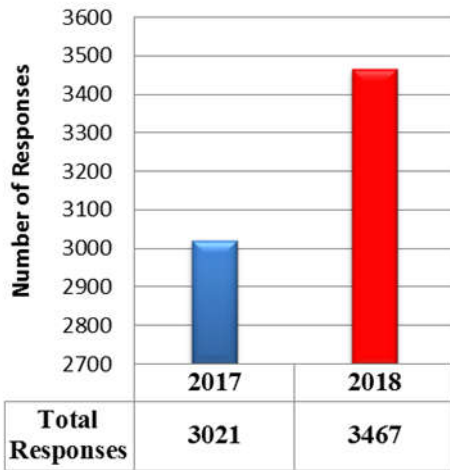
Vehicle Extrication training with area volunteer fire departments

A series of three photographs showing firefighters in full gear participating in vehicle extrication training. The first photo shows a group of firefighters standing around a red ambulance. The second photo shows firefighters working on a damaged white car. The third photo shows firefighters using hydraulic tools to perform vehicle extrication on the same white car.

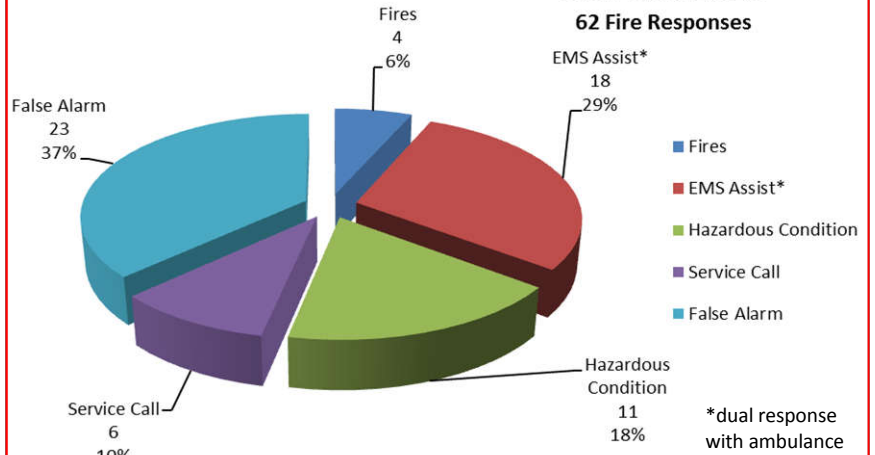
Stop the Bleed Training at a local elementary school

2018 Department Response Statistics – October-November 2018

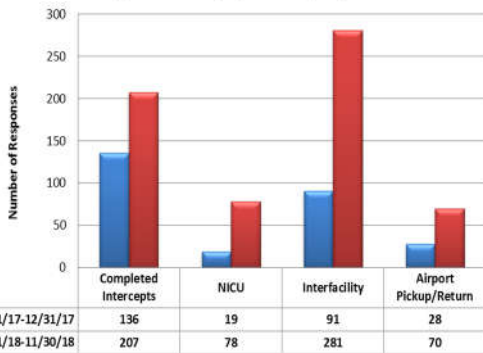
Comparison of Total Responses January - November 2018



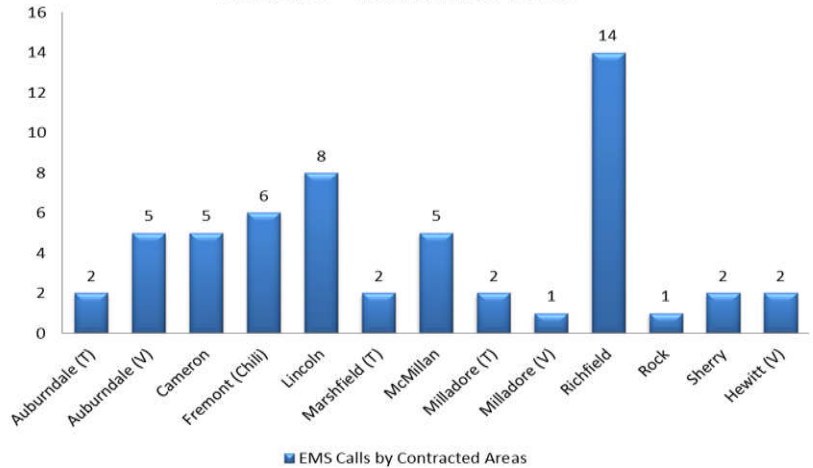
Oct-Nov 2018 62 Fire Responses



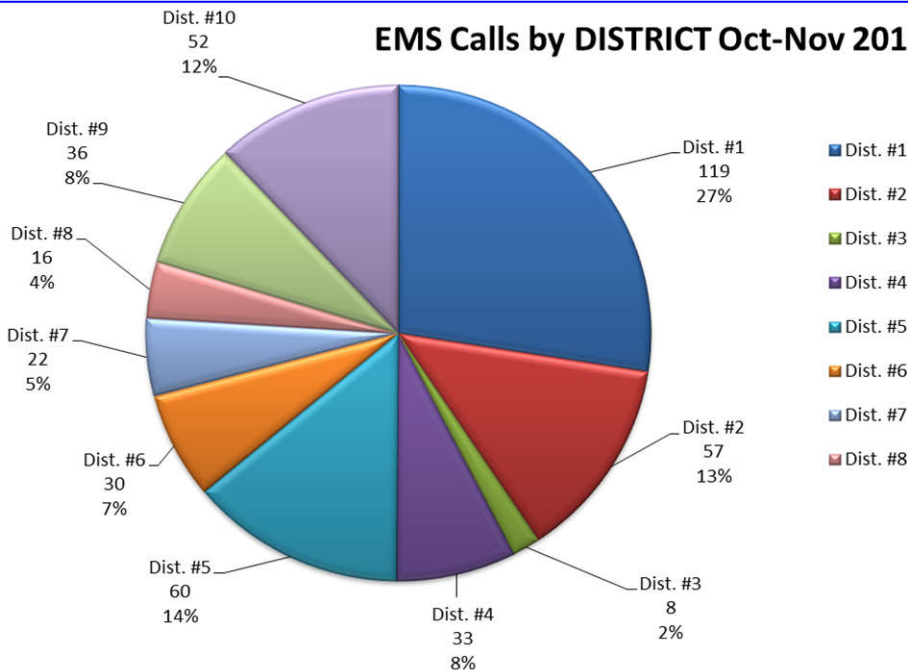
Specialty Transports 7/1/17-12/31/17 Compared to 1/1/18- 11/30/18



EMS Calls by Township/Village Contracted Areas October - November 2018



EMS Calls by DISTRICT Oct-Nov 2018



EMS Calls by District* October-November 2018

District 1	119
District 2	57
District 3	8
District 4	33
District 5	60
District 6	30
District 7	22
District 8	16
District 9	36
District 10	52

*Does not include EMS responses outside of city limits

Winter Holiday Safety

Winter holidays are a time for families and friends to get together. But that also means a greater risk for fire. Following a few simple tips will ensure a happy and fire-safe holiday season.

HOLIDAY DECORATING

- Be careful with holiday decorations. Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn.
- Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of light strands to connect.
- Use clips, not nails, to hang lights so the cords do not get damaged.
- Keep decorations away from windows and doors.

HOLIDAY ENTERTAINING

- Test your smoke alarms and tell guests about your home fire escape plan.
- Keep children and pets away from lit candles.
- Keep matches and lighters up high in a locked cabinet.
- Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stovetop.
- Ask smokers to smoke outside. Remind smokers to keep their smoking materials with them so young children do not touch them.
- Provide large, deep ashtrays for smokers. Wet cigarette butts with water before discarding.



Before Heading Out or to Bed

Blow out lit candles when you leave the room or go to bed. **Turn off** all light strings and decorations before leaving home or going to bed.

FACTS

- ! **More than a third** of home decoration fires are started by candles.
- ! **Forty-two percent** of decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to a heat source.



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Christmas Tree Safety



As you deck the halls this holiday season, be fire smart. A small fire that spreads to a Christmas tree can grow large very quickly.



PICKING THE TREE

- Choose a tree with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched.



PLACING THE TREE

- Before placing the tree in the stand, cut 2" from the base of the trunk.
- Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source, like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights.
- Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit.
- Add water to the tree stand. Be sure to add water daily.



LIGHTING THE TREE

- Use lights that have the label of a recognized testing laboratory. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of light strands to connect.
- Never use lit candles to decorate the tree.
- Always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.



After Christmas

Get rid of the tree after Christmas or when it is dry. Dried-out trees are a fire danger and should not be left in the home or garage, or placed outside against the home.

Check with your local community to find a recycling program.

Bring outdoor electrical lights inside after the holidays to prevent hazards and make them last longer.

FACTS

- ! **One** of every three home Christmas tree fires is caused by electrical problems.
- ! Although Christmas tree fires are not common, when they do occur, they are more likely to be serious.
- ! A heat source too close to the tree causes roughly **one in every four** of the fires.



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