



CITY OF MARATHON FIRE RESCUE

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Memorandum

Date: 4/1/2023
To: Honorable Mayor and City Council members
From: John A. Johnson, Fire Chief
Through: George Garrett, City Manager
Subject: March Month End Report

ALARM RESPONSES

	March
Fire Incidents	5
Hazardous Condition	3
Public Service	20
False Alarm Fire	8
Good Intent Call	15
EMS	103
Inter-facility Transfers	60
Total for Month:	214
Total Calls for Calendar 2022:	649

FIRE PREVENTION

	March
Fire Inspections	18
Fire Safety Plan Review	29
Vacation Rental Inspections	74
Occupational License Inspections	5
Annual Life Safety Inspections	1
Event Inspections	1
Annual State Inspections	0
DHR Follow-Up Inspections	0

VACATION RENTALS

	March
Total Applications Processed	91
Vacation Rental Inspections	74
Total VR Fees Collected	\$88,350.00
Agent/Local Contacts Trained	30

OPERATIONS:

• Training:

- **Fire Officer Training:** All Fire Officers maintained daily incident management, continuing education as well as working on preparations for the upcoming storm season.
- **EMS Training:** This month the Firefighters completed 48 hours of training. This training includes monthly medication exercises, updated protocols, and an EMS equipment refresher.
- **Fire Training:** All firefighters continue to conduct daily shift drills; they also completed NFPA 1410 hose drills.
- **Tactical Medic Program:** This month one (1) firefighter participated in 4-hours of SWAT Call Out with MCSO.
- **Combined Training:** Vector Solution software for all shifts, a total of 386 courses were taken, which totaled 15.38 hours of training.
- **Instructors on Staff:** We have a total of six instructors with live fire training certifications and seven EMS instructors.

BENEVOLENT FIREFIGHTER SERVICES

The Benevolent Association was short of a few participants so full attendance for the meeting was not met. The Benevolent discussed having a bagel breakfast available at Station 14 the morning of the 7-mile Bridge Run (April 1st) to serve our participants with a good hearty breakfast prior to the event. There will be a meeting on the third Thursday in April, providing we have available personnel. As always, we continue to support recruitment of additional personnel coordinated through the Marathon Fire Rescue Benevolent Association.

INFORMATION

The pursuit for a new Fire Chief has been narrowed down to four candidates. The candidates traveled to Marathon for a face-to-face interview which included meeting with the City Manager, HR director, Union Representative and me for additional questions and clarification of the position requirements. We ended with an informal light lunch at Station 14 to show off the department and equipment. This encounter gave the candidates a chance to have a more casual question and answer with some of the officers and staff. We will meet next week to discuss the outcome of the process moving forward.

There will be many challenges in the upcoming year as the city is growing in leaps and bounds. Several large developments are beginning as well as many nearing completions. This will bring challenges to our city and emergency services. The department is dedicated to ensuring we are ready to serve the community with the highest possible commitment to the city.

The department's high school cadet program hopes to continue providing the city by training highly educated students and future motivated employees to serve our community.

Currently we have three open positions for Firefighter Paramedic/EMT. We hosted an entrance exam last week that rendered no successful participants. The department has reopened advertisement for the positions and expects to retest again in May.

PUBLIC OUTREACH IN MARCH:

Captain Forcine & B Shift meet with previous patient /Article in Keys Weekly
Reader of the Month Drop off at Stanley Switlik

ACTIVITIES ATTENDED IN MARCH:

Weekly Director Call (4)
City Council Meeting
KCB Meeting
Leadership Monroe Board Meeting
MHS Varsity Baseball Game Standby (5)
KCB Rubber Ducky Race
Seafood Festival
Web EOC Meeting
KCB St Patrick's Day Parade
Boat Race Meeting USCG
COPCN Renewal Meeting
Hurricane Season Discussion
New Hire Testing
Meeting with Fire Chief Candidates



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FOUR-YEAR-OLD MEETS FIRE RESCUE CAPTAIN WHO SAVED HIS LIFE

By **Alex Rickert** - March 13, 2023



Now 4 years old, Miles Fortunato, right, got to say thank you in person to Capt. Joe Forcine, who saved his life at just 7 months old.