

# MONTROSE FIRE DEPARTMENT

## 2022 ANNUAL REPORT





## MISSION STATEMENT

*The Montrose Fire Department is dedicated to protecting life and property within the boundaries of its coverage area. The department will assist citizens and provide medical and fire services to the best of our ability.*

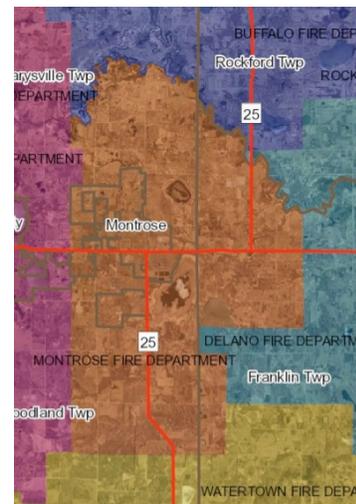
### FIRE PROTECTION COVERAGE

The Montrose Fire Department protects the city of Montrose and portions of Franklin, Marysville, and Woodland Townships. Our coverage area is approximately 45 square miles and protect a population of approximately 6,000 people.

The department also responds to assist other departments with incidents upon their requests. Our common mutual aid partners are surrounding community fire departments (Waverly, Delano, Watertown, and Buffalo).

The Service area of the Montrose Fire Department officially covers the following:

- 100 % of the City of Montrose
- 11 % of Franklin Township
- 19% of Marysville Township
- 30.25 % of Woodland Township





March 2023

This time of year is always an enjoyable time of year for me and the Fire Department. Wrapping up the past year and starting a new year brings new challenges and the ability to review out accomplishments for the previous year. Once again, it is my pleasure to present to you the 2022 Annual Report for the Montrose Fire Department. I have strived to continue to promote and lead a professional fire department as the Chief with 2022 completing my 8<sup>th</sup> year as Chief.

2022 was once again a record-breaking year for the total number of calls in the calendar year with a final total of 347 calls for service for the Fire Department. We continue to increase our calls with not increasing our number of active firefighters. This continues to be a challenge and will continue to be so in the upcoming years. Our firefighters give so much time, energy and effort to making our Fire Department successful and always giving the best that we can.

With recruitment continuing to be a large hurdle, not just for the Montrose Fire Department but for the Fire Service in general, we continue to investigate and evaluate new and different ways to recruit members onto the Fire Department. We will continue to work towards keeping our department staffed and our trucks ready to respond at a moments notice at all times.

I could not do what I do without the backing and support of the entire Fire Department. However, my officers, Assistant Chief Tom Marketon, Captain Kelly Stoll and Captain Michael Marketon have been by my side through the entire year and challenge me and keep me on the right track at all times. For their support and extra time and commitment, I must say a special thank you.

As our calls and trainings have increased and our equipment continues to depreciate, we have been fortunate to not have to increase our budget by any substantial amount over the past several years. We have set ourselves up for success by saving money into a capitol improvement account for larger purchases and repairs that must be made to equipment needing repairs or replacement.

We are grateful for all the support we receive from the community, city staff and neighboring departments. Without the support of so many our mission would be next to impossible to continue to meet. The city staff and council have always supported me as Chief and continue to do so and I look forward to working with them in the upcoming year to continue to meet and exceed our goals and mission. We embrace being a department within the city and the support and help the city provides is paramount to our success.

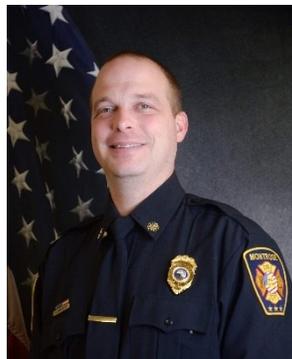
If anyone has any questions, concerns, or comments, I encourage them to contact me directly. All contact information can be found on page 3 of this report. Generally, someone is always at the fire station on Tuesdays in the evening from 6PM until around 10PM. The public and visitors are also always welcome to stop by and visit the station whenever we are here. I truly believe this is the citizens department, and we as firefighters have the privilege of serving the citizens.

As I have done so in previous years, I would like to thank the firefighters that serve with me in the Montrose Fire Department for their service and dedication to the community, department, and fire service. I would also like to thank my family and friends for the support they continue to provide me as I continue my service as the Montrose Fire Chief.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Kevin S. Triplett*

Kevin S. Triplett – Fire Chief





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**ISO RATINGS**

In City of Montrose - 4  
In Townships where contracted - 6

**FIRE STATION PHONE NUMBER:** 763-575-7480

[Voicemail checked daily]

**EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER:** 911

**NON-EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER:** 763-682-7600

Connects to Wright County Sheriff's Office Communication Center who has the capabilities of paging fire department personnel.

**CITY HALL MAIN PHONE NUMBER:** 763-575-7422

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\*\*All information contained within this report is using figures during the 2022 calendar year\*\*



## PERSONNEL

As of 01/01/2023, MFD has a total of 21 active firefighters. In totality, years of total service is approximately **283 years and 5 months**

### **OF OUR 21 FIREFIGHTERS:**

- 19 Emergency First Responders
- 1 EMT-B
- 14 State Certified Firefighter 2
- 5 State Certified Officer 1
- 7 State Certified Instructor 1
- 1 State Certified Fire Apparatus Operators
- 1 Licensed Firefighters

(Some of the more senior members of the department went through their respective training prior to state certification being an option. All regular training is to the Firefighter 2 level.)

### **LEAVES OF ABSENCE**

No Firefighters took a leave of absence in 2022

### **2022 FIREFIGHTERS RESIGNATION/RETIREMENT**

- We lost no firefighters in 2022!!!

### **NEW FIREFIGHTERS IN 2022**

- January 13, 2022 - Roy (Co-Co) Henry Jr. returned to our Fire Department after being on an almost 11 year leave of absence – we are happy to have his knowledge and experience back. His daytime availability is amazing as he currently works for the Public Works Department for the City of Montrose
- September 6, 2022 - Michael Sommerfeld joined as a reserve daytime firefighter. As an employee with the City of Montrose, Michael will be able to assist us with daytime calls as his schedule allows. Michael is also a firefighter in his hometown of Mayer, MN.
- September 20, 2022 – Jennifer Brenny joined the Fire Department



## Active Firefighter Roster (As of 12/31/2021)

NAME	YEARS OF SERVICE (as of 12/31/2022)
Willie Bauernschmitt	50 Years, 11 Months
Mike Marketon	38 Years, 6 Months
Steven Mortensen	29 Years, 11 Months
Allen Mortensen	25 Years, 1 Month <small>(37 Months LOA)</small>
Kevin Triplett – Fire Chief	19 Years, 7 Months
Thomas Marketon - Assit Fire Chief	19 Years
Keith Johnson	18 Years, 5 Months <small>(16 Months LOA)</small>
Roy (Co-Co) Henry Jr.	18 Years, 5 Months <small>(131 Month LOA)</small>
Justin Phillips - Captain	11 Years, 7 Months
Kelly Stoll – Captain	11 Years, 7 Months
Cory DeWitte	10 Years, 4 Months
Joseph Von Thoma	8 Years, 2 Months
Eddie Andreoff	4 Years, 9 Months
Joel Grave	4 Years, 1 Month
Diane Holman	3 Years, 1 Month
Joey Theis	3 Years, 1 Month
Zack Walters	3 Years, 1 Month
Cade Stuntebeck	2 Year, 1 Month
David Paradeise	1 Year, 2 Months
Michael Sommerfeld (Reserve)	4 Months
Jennifer Brenny	3 Months



# APPARATUS

		Mileage 01/2022	Mileage 01/2023	Total Mileage (2022)	2021 Mileage	Total Pump Hours	
						2021	2022
<b>UTILITY 11</b>	2011 Chevrolet Suburban	15985	16918	933	1584		
<b>ENGINE 11</b>	2001 Freightliner	18282	18683	401	259	350	355
<b>ENGINE 12</b>	2014 Spartan	9793	10445	652	943	137	145
<b>RESCUE 11</b>	2006 Sterling	8003	8174	171	194		
<b>TENDER 11</b>	2021 Freightliner	723	1240	517	396		
<b>TENDER 12</b>	2009 Freightliner	5741	6060	319	100		
<b>GRASS 11</b>	2012 Ford Super Duty	15131	16270	1139	1553		
<b>GRASS 12</b>	1986 Chevrolet 1 Ton	21516	21577	61	25		
<b>GRASS 13</b>	2015 Polaris Ranger	379	406	27	13		

## Utility 11

- 2011 Chevrolet Suburban
- Utilized for minor medical calls
- Fire Investigation equipment
- Can carry up to 5 firefighters
- Medical Supplies/AED
- Used to go to regional/county meetings/events



## Engine 11

- Built by Central States Fire Apparatus
- 1000 Gallon Water Tank
- 20 Gallon Foam Tank
- Carries 4 firefighters in full suppression gear, driver, and front seat officer
- over 3,200 feet of hose (800' 5" | 900' 2 1/2" | 1515' 1 1/2")
- 2000 Freightliner Chassis
- 1500 GPM Darley Pump
- Thermal Imaging Camera



## Engine 12

- Built by CustomFire Apparatus
- 1500 GPM Waterous Pump
- Light Tower
- 20 Gallon Foam Tank
- Carries 4 firefighters in full suppression gear, driver, and front seat officer
- 2014 Spartan Chassis
- 1000 Gallon Water Tank
- Thermal imaging Camera
- Extrication Tools (Jaws-of-Life)



## Rescue 11

- Built by Central States Fire Apparatus (Rosenbauer)
- Heavy Rescue walk in body
- Extrication Tools
- 2006 Sterling Chassis
- 4 Gas monitor
- Rescue & medical equipment & AED
- Seating for 8 Firefighters (6 with SCBA)



## Tender 11 (Took Delivery 01/2021)

- Built by Midwest Fire Equipment
- 200 Gallon Tank
- 400 GPM Waterous pump
- Storage for additional rolled hose, tools & equipment
- 2021 Freightliner Chassis
- 2100 Gallon folding water tank
- Hose reel w/ 200' of 3/4" hose



## Tender 12 (Previously known as Tender 11)

- Built by Midwest Fire Equipment
- 2000 Gallon Tank
- 400 GPM Waterous pump
- 250 feet of rolled hose (100' 4" | 50' 3" | 50' 1 1/2")
- 2009 Freightliner Chassis
- 2100 Gallon folding water tank
- 200' of 1 1/2" pre-connect hose





# Apparatus Continued

## Grass 11

- Built by Montrose Fire Department/Kirivada Fire/E.A.T.I.     ▪ 2012 Ford F350 Pickup Truck
- 200 Gallon removable skid unit (Water pump/tank/hoses)
- 12 HP Honda Pump – 300 GPM Water pump
- Skid unit removed during winter & Truck used as a plain pickup
- Used to go to regional/county/state events/trainings



## Grass 12

- Vehicle acquired from MN DNR through Federal Excess Property Program (FEPP)
- 1986 Chevrolet 1-ton pickup
- Acquired and outfitted as a Grass/Wildland Firefighting truck in 1995
- 225 Gallon Water Tank                     ▪ High Pressure Warner Pump/Hoses



## Grass 13

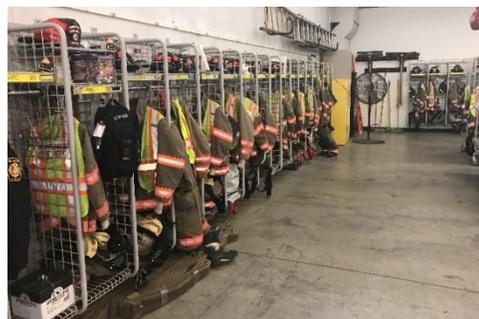
- 2015 Polaris Ranger side by side ATV
- Purchased 06/2015 through Meis Outland in Watkins, MN
- up-fitted in house with emergency lights, scene light, and upgraded suspension
- 35 Gallon Water Tank     ▪ 5.5 HP High Pressure water pump (2200psi | 3GPM)



**A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL OUR FIREFIGHTERS WHO PERFORM COUNTLESS HOURS OF MAINTENANCE ON OUR TRUCKS & EQUIPMENT SAVING THE CITY & DEPARTMENT THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS EACH YEAR.**

## STATION INFORMATION

- Built 1996
- 7200 square foot
- 1 Drive-thru Apparatus Bay
- 4 Back-in Apparatus Bays
- Office Space (Shared by Officers, Relief Association, Internal Dispatch)
- Work Area (SCBA Filling, Storage, Workbench)
- Storage for 30 sets of turnout gear
- Gear washing extractor
- Gear Dryer





# TRAINING

Training is an important part of any fire department. The Montrose Fire Department strives to have its personnel trained in the most up to date methods of fire suppression and emergency medical care. Training ensures we are ready 24 hours a day, 7 days per week, 365 days per year. Our firefighters dedicate much time to training, making sure they are proficient in the use of department equipment and apparatus. Firefighters take training seriously and commit to learning and performing the newest and updated ways of working in the Fire Service

We continue to utilize our own instructors that are a part of the Fire Department. This allows for growth of individuals and also for cost effective training within our walls. Our training is coordinated by Assistant Chief Marketon who does a fantastic job of mixing up new training with basic fundamentals on an ongoing basis. The Captains lead the trainings and teach much of the information during out in house trainings. Without the dedication and commitment of the Officer group to training we would not be as good as we currently are.

3 Officers (Chief Triplett, Assistant Chief Marketon & Captain Stoll) attended the 2022 MN State Fire Chiefs Conference in October 2022 in Duluth.

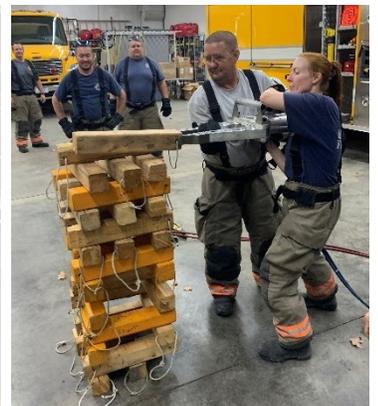
We had unique opportunities this year to train in a house purchased by the city on Center Ave N and also the house owned by the city near City Hall – using these structures, even if not burning has been a valuable training experience for all firefighters.

### INTERESTING TRAININGS IN 2022

- Medical Trainings
- Chimney Fire/Ventilation
- Pump training
- Automotive Extrication
- Tender ops/hose lays
- Search & Rescue
- SCBA Fit Testing
- Apparatus driving
- Ropes/knots/ladders

In 2022, the firefighters of the Montrose Fire Department took part in a total of **1,835.85 man hours** of training during scheduled training events normally held on Tuesday nights.

*\*\*Total man hours listed above does not generally include hours at conferences, or outside trainings. It only includes our regularly scheduled trainings (first 3 Tuesdays of each month)\*\**



08-2022 – Roof Vent/Chimney Fire Training

03-2022 – Deployment, search, advancement training at house on Center Ave N

10/2022 – Extrication Equipment Training



## FIRE PREVENTION & COMMUNITY EVENTS

Fire Prevention and assisting the community in non-emergency events is an important part of the overall mission of any fire department. We reach out to members and groups of our communities to assist in making sure they are safe and prepared for various forms of emergencies and provide support for various functions.

In 2022 we have begun to scale back our community involvement, not because we do not enjoy being a part of the community, but because our time commitment for general firefighter duties continues to increase on a yearly basis. We do, however, remain committed to working with the community and being involved in events throughout the year when we are able to do so.

Fire prevention with students from the Montrose Elementary School continues to this day and we enjoy the ability to meet with and discuss fire safety and prevention with students. Students in 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade come down to tour the Fire Department and Firefighters bring trucks up to the school during recess to reach out to the other students at the school.

In 2022 we took part in the below community/fire department events, not related to calls or trainings. We did many other events and helped other organizations, but below are the highlights.

- Remembering 9/11 – in front of O’Brothers (Sep 2022)
- Montrose Night to Unite (Aug 2022)
- Fire Prevention week activities with Montrose Elementary School (Oct 2022)
- Montrose Firefighters Relief Association Annual Prim Rib dinner/gun raffle (Feb 2022)
- Many Birthday Drive by’s within our entire coverage area (All year)
- Many parades for neighboring community events and celebrations



2022 Fire Prevention



2022 NFFPA Fire Prevention Week Theme “Fire won’t wait. Plan your escape.”



Sept 11 Remembrance



12/23/2022 – Deliver Christmas Presents to families in need – assist Wright County Front Line Outreach



## **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

The Montrose Fire Department provides Emergency Management oversight to the City of Montrose and Townships which we provide service to. Our main point of contact during a large-scale event is the Wright County Sheriff's Office, who has 2 full time employees dedicated solely to Emergency Management. Emergency Management is able to assist in providing various resources throughout a large-scale event.

The Fire Chief is the Emergency Management Director and is responsible for making sure the city is prepared for various emergencies which may arise. The Fire Department Officers and firefighters also play a key role in ensuring we are prepared for various large-scale events.

2022 was a busy year for Emergency Management as we were very involved in the downtown road improvement/construction projects occurring around the station and on around 1<sup>st</sup> St N. This required many meetings which were attended by personnel from the Fire Department and many plan reviews and updates. We are happy with the work that was completed and look forward to a total completion in 2023.

In 2022 the Montrose City Council authorized the purchase of a standby generator at a cost close to \$40,000 to be placed between the Fire Department and Community Center. This generator will be an automatic generator so when power is lost it will automatically turn on and supply full power to the Fire Department and Community Center so we can respond to emergencies and provide shelter in the case of a natural or manmade disaster. This has allowed us to return our old generator acquired through the DNR that was over 60 years old

The Montrose Fire Department and City of Montrose continue to prepare and plan for additional large scale events that may affect the City of Montrose and its citizens. Examples of these events include; flooding, tornados, railway emergencies, large scale event planning, and anything else that could cause a serious impact to the City and its infrastructure.

## **SPECIAL MENTION / INFORMATION**

- In December 2022 Firefighter Wilbert Bauernschmitt submitted his retirement paperwork. His retirement will become effective in February 2023 with a total time of service for Wilbert Bauernschmitt of 51 years.
- Roy Henry Jr (Co-Co) decided to rejoin the Fire Department after an over 10 year leave. Co-Co currently works for the Montrose Public Works Department and the City has been great to allow him to respond to calls during his workday. This allows us to have staffing during critical daytime hours.
- Michael Sommerfeld, Montrose City Clerk, also joined as a reserve Firefighter during the daytime. Michael is a Firefighter in his hometown so came to us trained and ready to go.
- In 2022 we only broke 1 record and that is the record for the total number of calls in a year. Our previous record was in 2021 with 334 calls for service. In 2022 we had a total of 347 calls for service in the calendar year.
- In 2022 we only had a loss value of \$11,000 due to Fire within our jurisdiction. This is an extremely low number and shows that our training and call response pays off as we successfully respond to fire emergencies and protect life and property.
- The 2022 Firefighter of the year award was awarded to Fire Fighter Steve Mortensen for his constant dedication to the Montrose Fire Department year after year
- The 2022 top responders (made 60% or more of all calls for service) were; Willie Bauernschmitt, Diane Holman, Mike Marketon, David Paradeise, Kelly Stoll, Joseph Theis & Joseph Von Thoma. This was a first for having this many top responders and their hard work and dedication is what makes the department run at times.



## **BUDGET**

- Cost for services to citizens of the City of Montrose and our protected areas in neighboring townships remained at \$150 per parcel paid during property taxes for 2022. This amount allows us to continue to properly operate as well as save for future large purchases by putting a significant amount into a capitol expenditure account. We currently do not bill for services unless warranted by the type of call or location for the call. Moving forward, the City will be incorporating the Fire Department Budget into the certified levy. We will continue to bill the townships on a per parcel basis for the fire contracts we support in their jurisdictions.

Firefighters continue to receive a \$10 stipend per training and \$10 per call for service. Firefighters receive the \$10 per call regardless of the total length of the call, so firefighters could be on scene for a half hour and get \$10 or they could be on a call for 8 hours and receive the \$10 stipend. Firefighters are paid yearly in January for the prior full year of service.

## **LOOKING TO THE FUTURE**

- In early 2023 we will again be submitting a grant for SCBA units to replace our out dated units. This time we intend on utilizing a grant writer to better our chances. If we continue to get denied for these replacement units we will need to utilize budgeted money (\$150,000+) to purchase new SCBA units.
- Station maintenance and upgrades continue to be on the front of our plans as our station is close to 30 years old. We know at some point our roof will need major repair/replacement and that will come at a heavy cost. We will also be planning on painting the interior and exterior of the station in 2023 now that the road construction is completed.
- In 2023 we will be increasing our call and training pay. Firefighters will get paid \$12.50 per call and \$15 per training. Several of the Fire Department Officers also will be receiving increases to their officer wages which are paid annually.
- Recruitment of new firefighters will continue to be a struggle in the upcoming year and years. We have a lot of firefighters close to retirement and our average age for firefighters is around 44 years of age. We will need to continue to work hard at recruiting younger members of the community to join our ranks in the Montrose Fire Department.

## **PENSION**

- The Montrose Fire Department provides a pension for firefighters and the total pension is held through the MN Statewide Volunteer Firefighters Pension administered by The Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA). Firefighter's pension level is set by the City of Montrose and the current level for 2022 is \$5000 per year of service. Firefighters become vested at 5 years and can receive 40% of what they are owed once they turn the age of 50. The vesting level goes up by 4% for each year of service until a firefighter hits 20 years at which time they are 100% vested. As of 02/13/2023 our pension account held with PERA totaled \$1,484,920.26. We are required to be 100% funded in this account at all times. \$30,000 from the Fire Department budget is sent to PERA yearly to contribute to the pension fund and the City of Montrose contributes an additional \$12,000 yearly. We also receive investment income and our Fire State Aid dollars are submitted directly to PERA to support our pension as required by State Law.



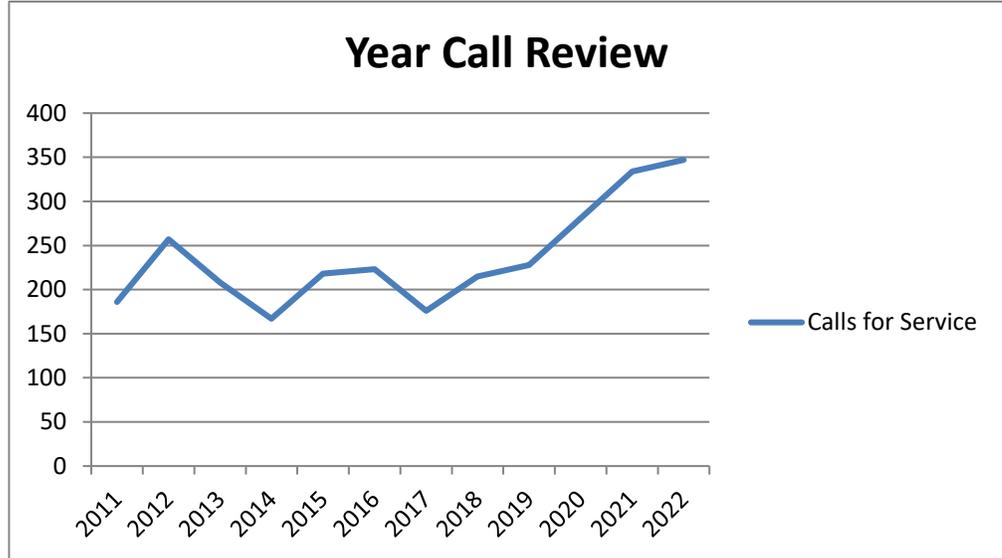
## CALL ANALYSIS

[Call Analysis includes all calls for service both in and outside the city of Montrose]

**2022 Total Calls for Service: 347**

Year Comparison of Calls:

2022: 347  
 2021: 334  
 2020: 281  
 2019: 228  
 2018: 215  
 2017: 176  
 2016: 233  
 2015: 218  
 2014: 167  
 2013: 208  
 2012: 257  
 2011: 186

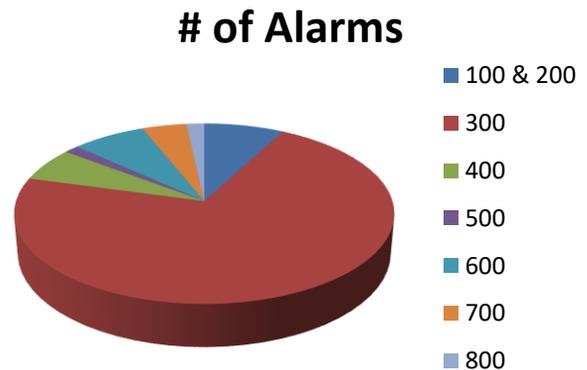


## 2022 TYPE OF CALL ANALYSIS

Type of Calls

- Series 100 – Fires (Includes buildings, vehicles, etc.)
- Series 200 – Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat (No Fire)
- Series 300 – Rescue (Includes EMS Calls, motor vehicle accidents, etc.)
- Series 400 – Hazardous Condition (Odor/Electrical/Chemical, etc.)
- Series 500 – Service Call (Animal in distress, odor, person in distress, etc.)
- Series 600 – Good Intent Call (Canceled en-route, controlled burning, etc.)
- Series 700 – False Alarm/False Call (False Alarm, scares, etc.)
- Series 800 – Severe Weather/Natural Disasters

SERIES	# OF ALARMS	% OF TOTAL
100 & 200	27	7.8%
300	248	71.5%
400	21	6.1%
500	5	1.4%
600	25	7.2%
700	15	4.3%
800	6	1.7%





**2022 Average response time** (Page to on scene)

Medicals & Others – 6:30 Minutes:seconds (6:15 Minutes in 2021)  
 Fire – 7:40 Minutes:seconds (6:20 Minutes in 2021)

**2022 Injuries**

0 Injury to civilians  
 0 Injury to Firefighters

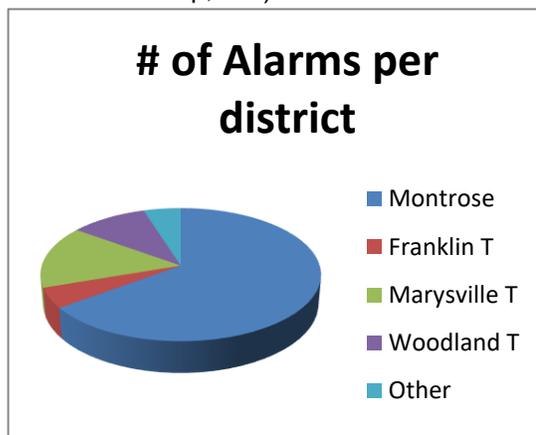
**2022 Property/Content Loss:**

2022 - \$11,000  
 2021 - \$882,183  
 2020 - \$170,500  
 2019 - \$153,500

**2022 Breakdown of District Responses**

(Each area we serve is assigned a district (Montrose City, Franklin Township, etc.)

District	# of Alarms	% of total
City of Montrose	225	64.84%
Franklin Township	17	4.90%
Marysville Township	53	15.27%
Woodland Township	35	10.09%
Other (Mutual Aid)	17	4.90%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>347</b>	



**2022 Breakdown Time/Day of Week**

Day of Week						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
51	58	49	57	48	38	46

Time of Day					
12A-4A	4A-8A	8A-12P	12P-4P	4P-8P	8P-12A
35	39	53	59	97	64

**2022 Average Turnout per incident**

9.67 (347 Total Calls | 3355 Responses)  
 2021 = 10.22 (334 total calls | 3415 Responses)

**2022 Call Hours** – 2646.5 Hours (+365.4 from 2021)

2021 Call Hours – 2281.1 Man Hours

**2022 Mutual Aid**

Given 28 times  
 Delano FD – 5 Incident  
 Buffalo FD – 3 Incident  
 Watertown FD – 7 Incidents  
 Waverly FD – 12 Incident  
 Cokato FD – 1 Incident

Received on 3 Incidents  
 Waverly FD – 3 Incident

**Interesting/Significant Calls for Service**

05-28-2022 – Assist to Cokato Fire Department – Forsman Foods Barn Fire  
 09/21/2022 – Assist to Watertown FD on Lumber yard/hardware store fire  
 11-03-2022 – Assist to Watertown Fire Department – Large peat/swamp/grass/marsh fire in Franklin Township  
 Throughout 2022 – 6 Sever weather standby incidents  
 Throughout 2022 – 6 motor vehicle accidents (1 of which was a fatal accident)  
 Throughout 2022 – multiple gas line strikes due to construction project occurring throughout town  
 \*\*\*\*\*NO STRUCTURE FIRES IN OUR PROTECTION DISTRICT THROUGHOUT 2022\*\*\*\*\*



2022 Firefighter of the year  
(L) Steve Mortensen (R) Fire Chief Kevin Triplett



2022 MFD Top Responders (L to R: Paradise, Thisis, Holman, VonThoma, Stoll, Bauernschmitt (Chief Triplett presenting) \*Not pictured, M. Marketon



October 2022 – Fire Prevention Activities with MESI



Spring/Summer 2022 – Road Construction in front of the station caused some unique issues we had to deal with including taking all of our trucks out the back garage door for over 6 weeks – but we got a new concrete apron in the front as a result



May 2022 – Training at City owned house – Center Ave N – Roof Ventilation/Operations – Firefighter self rescue – forceable entry

Old DNR Generator Returned to DNR after no longer being needed by the City



June 2022 – Auto Extrication Training



May 2022 – Ladders/Ropes & Knots Training



March 2022 – Training at city owned house on Center Ave N



May 2022 – Firefighters on scene of a gas line strike



September 2022 – Mutual Aid to Watertown FD on lumber/hardware facility fire



May 2022 – Assist to Cokato FD – Commercial Barn Fire – Captain Kelly Stoll monitoring Tender 11 back up to drop tank



November 2022 – Assist Watertown FD on large Forest-Peet-Marsh fire in Franklin Twsp