

SFD utilizes new system, continues Project RED Zone and celebrates promotions

The Springfield Fire Department (SFD) began utilizing a new system to track the compliance of annual testing of fire protection systems, a requirement specified by the International Fire Code (IFC). The Compliance Engine by Brycer LLC is an online portal through which third-party inspection, testing and maintenance companies submit annual test results of fixed fire suppression systems, which include fire alarm, fire pump, sprinkler, standpipe and private fire hydrants to the SFD. The system works in collaboration with the SFD division of Community Risk Reduction (CRR) to notify business owners and operators of when their annual test(s) are due, the results of these tests, and any needed maintenance or repairs that were noted during testing. Since implementation, several deficiencies have been noted and repaired that might not otherwise have been addressed. The use of the Compliance Engine assists the SFD's efforts to ensure fire protection systems operate as designed, resulting in a safer community.



Joshua Johnson, Jason Wells and Luke Proffitt were promoted to Fire Lieutenant during a promotions ceremony held July 9.

Almost daily across our community, you may see SFD personnel conducting fire and life safety inspections. In the first half of the year, SFD personnel completed 1,484 inspections in commercial occupancies throughout Springfield. During these inspections, SFD personnel are evaluating issues of life safety for occupants such as blocked or locked exits, storage that would prevent a sprinkler system from working, the presence of operational fire extinguishers and a host of other fire code requirements.

The Community Risk Reduction division and Operations section continue to ensure homes are equipped with life-saving devices through the Project RED Zone campaign. In the second quarter, crews completed neighborhood canvasses in the Doling, Bissett, Midtown and Weller neighborhoods, along with other residential areas in the northeast corner of Springfield, Zone 2. During these canvasses, 346 smoke alarms and 100 batteries were installed in the 2,582 houses visited. A working smoke alarm doubles the chances of occupants escaping a house fire. In addition to smoke alarms, SFD personnel completed the installation of 50 two-story escape ladders in Zones 1-2, and provided 32 hearing-impaired smoke alarms throughout the City, which were provided through a FEMA Fire Prevention and Safety Grant.

The Operations section is proud to announce the following promotions: Battalion Fire Chief Kelly Cardin was promoted to Division Fire Chief; Lieutenants Chris Gardner and Benjamin Wahl were promoted to Captain; Rescue Specialists Joshua Johnson and Luke Proffitt and Equipment Operator Jason Wells were promoted to Lieutenant; Firefighters Tony Fields, Joel Grieshaber and Adam Mariage were promoted to Rescue Specialist, and Firefighter Scott Guccione was promoted to Equipment Operator. Each promotion brings more responsibility to each member who will no doubt serve the citizens of Springfield with distinction.

Services to the Community

- Emergency fire protection
- Fire prevention through public education
- Assistance in medical emergencies
- Water rescue
- Technical rescue
- Hazardous materials response
- Investigations and inspections
- Bomb Squad
- Code enforcement and development
- Plans review

Fire and Life Safety Resources for the Community

- Free smoke alarms/batteries
- Fire safety presentation
- Fire extinguisher training
- CPR/AED training
- Home safety surveys

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Presentations and training opportunities:
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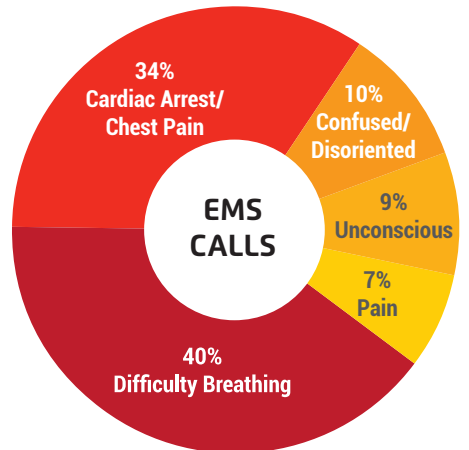
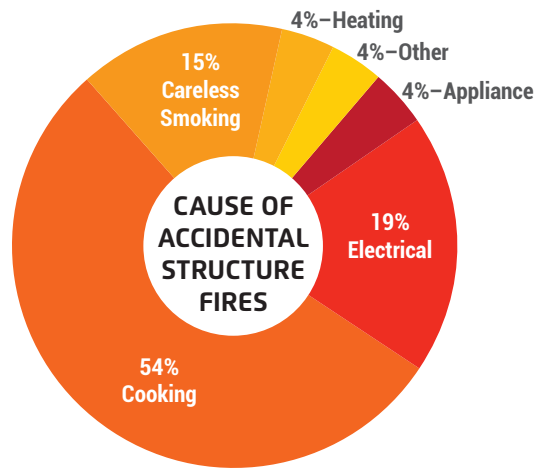
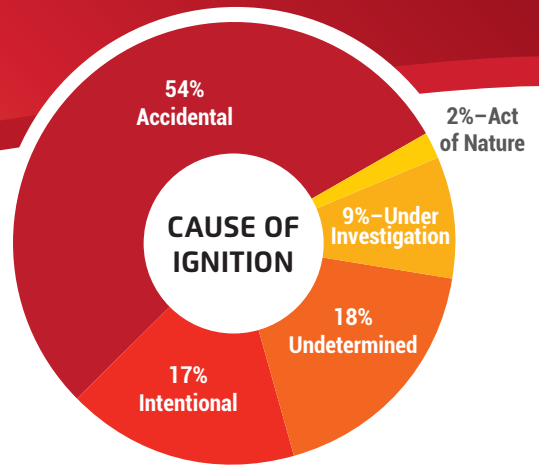
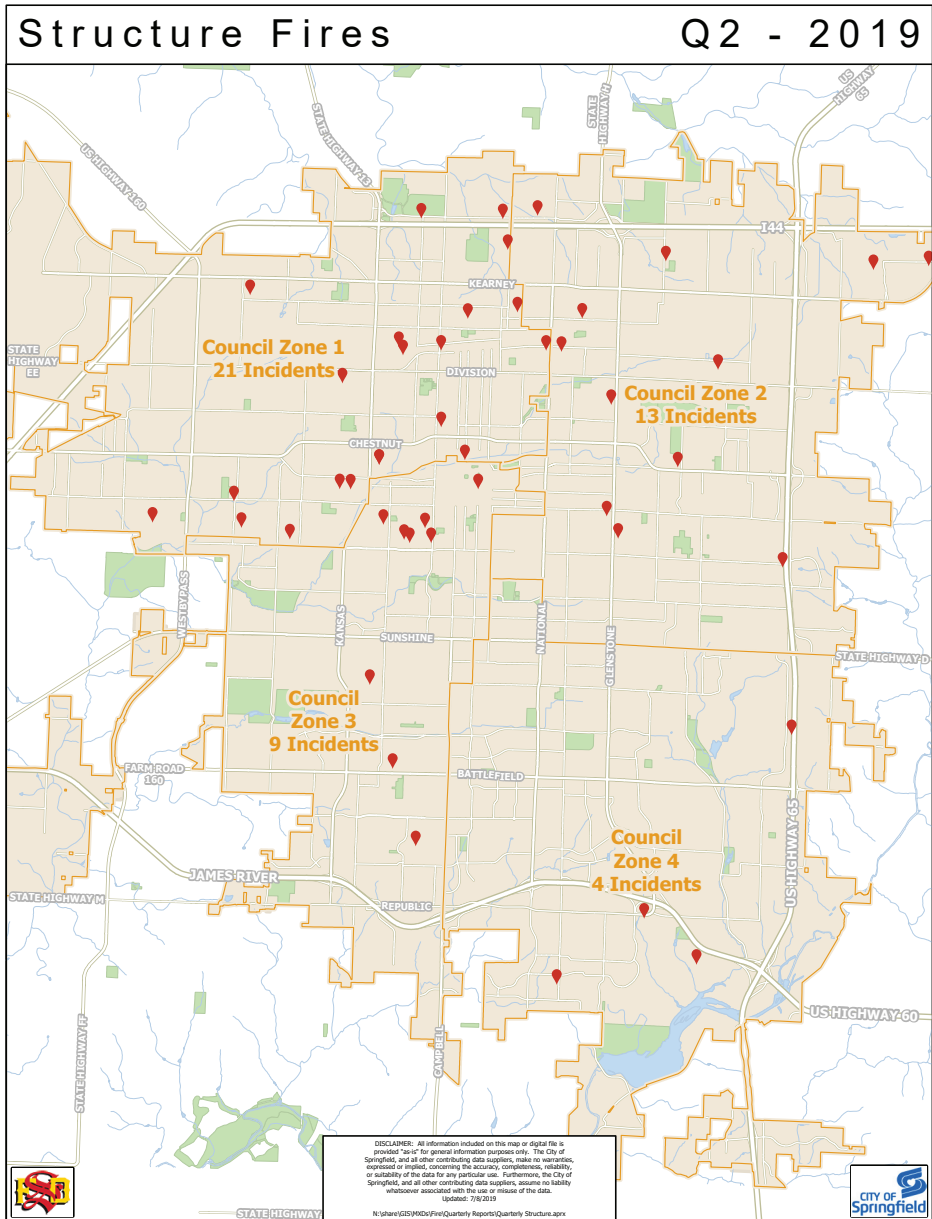
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(417) 874-2300 or springfieldmo.gov/sfd

Springfield Fire Statistics

Second Quarter 2019 (April – June)



Baseline Response Times: April–June 2019	
Structure Fires: First Unit	7 min 54 sec
Structure Fires: Effective Response Force	10 min 28 sec
Emergency Medical Response: First Unit	7 min 4 sec

Response times are one way we measure quality of service. First unit response time is how long it takes the primary apparatus to arrive at the scene after a call is made to 911. Effective Response Force is how long it takes the minimum necessary fire apparatus and personnel to arrive. Our times in the second quarter are shown above.

April–June	2018	2019
Calls for Service	4,407	4,565
Building Fires	45	41
Other Fires	172	238
Medical/Rescue Calls	1,605	2,125

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