



## JANUARY 2023 COMMITTEE REPORT

1. For 2022, Mason Fire Department responded to a total of 164 total incidents with at 98% response rate.
2. Mason Fire Department responded to a total of 7 incidents for the month of December with 100% response rate:
  - 3 EMS Calls
  - 1 Illegal Burn
  - 1 Utilities Emergency
  - 1 Motor Vehicle Accident
  - 1 Structure Fire (Tipton County)
3. On January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Mason Fire Department self-dispatched to a reported residential structure fire located on L&N street. The department arrived in less than one minute from alarm after requesting for a full structure fire assignment. Responding units were presented with a malfunctioning wall heater that was on fire with fire actively spreading from behind the wall. The fire was quickly brought under control and declared out within seven minutes of arrival allowing for the quick cancellation of Covington, Three Star, Tipton County 101, and an ambulance. The fire was prevented from spreading into the above ceiling and less than \$1,000.00 of damage was done. Overall, the department saved \$12,000.00 of property.
4. Only two quotes have been received for insurance repairs for the brick wall on the front of the fire station. Quotes were received by Rose Construction for \$4,490.74 and ARG Construction for \$3,240.00. Numerous requests for quotes were submitted and the department has only received two.
5. Currently, all three vehicles that were sent for sale have either been sold or have pending sales for a combined total of \$11,060.00 to go towards the purchase of new fire engines. Those values are:
  - 1981 American LaFrance - \$1,375.00 (PAID)
  - 1986 Chevy CUCV - \$2,685.00 (PAYMENT PENDING)
  - 1997 Freightliner - \$7,000.00 (PAYMENT PENDING)
6. On 01/20/2022, Mason Fire Department was notified by the State of Tennessee that the department was selected to be awarded \$72,165.00 through the Volunteer Firefighter

**Equipment And Training Grant (VFEAT) provided by the Tennessee State Fire Marshal's Office (SFMO). Receipt of this grant will greatly aid the department in the purchase of new turnout gear, thermal imaging cameras, radios, pagers, state training classes, self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA), and other badly needed items.**

- 7. The department currently has numerous grant applications pending approval/denial for the purchases of loose equipment and self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA).**
- 8. Thanks to the staff at Mason City Hall, over 11,725 individual fire safety messages were sent out to over 1,167 residences within the Town of Mason and the surrounding communities. This effort has effectively helped Mason Fire Department's community risk reduction (CRR) reach in sharing valuable safety messages with almost every single household and business within the community. The goal is to reach as many citizens as possible in hopes of building a safer community and reducing overall fire losses.**
- 9. The department has located two identical fire engines of interest being sold by the San Bruno Fire Department in San Bruno California. Both vehicles meet fire department needs and are being sold for \$25,000 each and come with complete service records. Potential package purchasing may be available.**
- 10. In the last two months, Mason Fire Department has seen an increase in its staffing after receiving four new recruits. The department currently has a total of two full-time fire officers and ten volunteers at various levels of certification. The department is still actively recruiting for volunteers as part of the regional SAFER grant received by Tipton County. In total, the department has:**
  - 1 Full-Time Fire Chief/AEMT**
  - 1 Full-Time Fire Lieutenant/AEMT**
  - 1 Volunteer Sergeant/Fire Inspector**
  - 1 Volunteer Driver/Operator**
  - 1 Volunteer Firefighter II**
  - 2 Volunteer Basic Firefighters**
  - 1 Volunteer Fire Recruit/EMTB**
  - 4 Volunteer Fire Recruits**
- 11. Recently, two fire recruits graduated from the Basic Emergency Medical Technician (EMTB) course at Dyersburg State Community College. Recruit Joseph Rose passed his National Registry Exam and has become certified as a nationally certified EMTB. Recruit Alex Padezhki is currently testing for his certification. We are proud of the efforts of both members in their efforts to raise the quality of care that the department can provide to the community. Two more members are attending the spring semester for their EMTB certifications and one for their Advanced EMT.**

**12. Repairs for the broken fire station doors has been ordered and are awaiting service. An additional station door on the front of the building is also experiencing more frequent failures and will need preventative maintenance.**

**13. Maintenance is required for Tanker 74 and Truck 73.**