

Chief Report August 2023

MCAD answered 576 calls for emergency service in July. Base 1 (Hannibal)- 2711 handled 137 calls, 2721 handled 142 calls, Base 2 (Hannibal) handled 197 calls, Base 3 (Palmyra) handled 70 calls, and we had 30 off-duty transfers.

The Administration building is still waiting for the siding contractor to do the siding. When that project is started, we plan to remove a window currently located in the server room and add a mini-split to keep the room cool. We have used a portable air conditioner to cool that room since the server was relocated there.

We have added an intranet page to our website, specifically for employees. Within the site is all the insurance and other benefits information, district forms, protocols, policy, etc. for employees to access at any time.

I will be traveling to New Orleans in September, along with 4 other employees chosen to attend the EMS World Expo. During that time, our goal is to focus on new equipment and training options, specifically geared towards critical care and community health paramedicine. Both will have a strong role in the very near future of EMS and we want to be ahead of the curve.

4 employees have been promoted within the district. Eli Bell was promoted to Captain to fill the vacancy created when Hannah Bowman dropped to PRN. Also, in a different twist, Sarah Steffan, Jason Darnell, and Donald Whitaker were promoted to Training Officer to fill the void created when Kyle Bowman left the district. Each one brings experience in different disciplines and the combined experience will be used to train our employees in more advanced treatments and critical care. We also want to begin training for community paramedicine and how it will apply at MCAD.

We met with several other agencies and the railroad to discuss train delays at local intersections in Hannibal. This is particularly a concern with public safety as construction on the 3rd street overpass will limit access to the south side of town for up to a year. Railroad officials heard our concerns and promised to do what they can to keep certain intersections open when a train is stopped for some reason.

We met with Hannibal Regional staff to discuss the transfer of patients on a 96-hour hold. Due to some changes, law enforcement can't provide timely, if any, transportation for those patients. We presented some options to HRH and everyone was in agreement with MCAD/RCAD handling the transfers as long as all safety criteria is met to better protect our employees.