

Fire Department Annual Report Information

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Interim Fire Chief



A New Beginning:

The year of 2009 was a trying year for the Jackson Fire Department. In 2009 several firefighters retired, an Assist. Chief, & Fire Chief. Many of the responses to incidents were limited due to limited personnel (based upon vacation & sick time usage). Once the Fire Chief, Larry Bosell, retired, Interim Fire Chief, Michael Beyerstedt stepped up to the plate and gave valuable insight and solutions to help curb the lack of personnel issues that bombarded us daily. One of the solutions was to test to promote personnel that would cease much of the overtime. David Wooden & Doug Millican were subsequently promoted to Assist. Fire Chief. Next was to hire new firefighters beginning with, Frank Huntley (formerly of the Water Dept.). Mr. Huntley had all the necessary qualifications and has been very eagerly awaiting his opportunity to apply for a position with the JFD.

Just The “Fire Facts”

The Jackson Fire Department responded to more than 4,454 fire and EMS calls (from July 1, 2008-June 30, 2009). Of these calls there were 124 total fires that resulted in three (6) civilian injuries. There were a total of 76 structure fires with an estimated dollar loss that totaled \$2,189,135.00.



Getting Down To “Business”



The Fire Department completed approx. 450 businesses this year. Listed in our database are currently 1900+ businesses.