

Report of the Fire Rescue Department

2019 was a year of change for the Fremont Fire Rescue Department and its members. After working with MRI, we as a Department, set a course to provide better service to the residents of Fremont. With the support of voters Warrant Article 12 was passed enabling the Department to set up paid night and weekend EMS coverage. This provides for two Firefighter/EMS personnel to be available at home to respond to calls. This has been met with enthusiasm from the department members. We began this coverage on April 1 and in the nine months of 2019 only had 13 shifts not covered. This is approximately a 93% coverage rate for weeknight evenings. Even on nights when no one was available to commit to the full evening call coverage, we did not miss any calls on those evenings.



Fire located on Shirkin Road June 2019

We have also transitioned to an hourly pay rate instead of the former points system. Members will now be paid bi-weekly by the hour, instead of annually. Recruitment of members is a big issue facing departments across the country with people being pulled in so many directions.

Social media has been a new tool in recruitment for us with five new members joining the department thru this avenue. We have a Facebook page maintained by FF Wood which has information on calls and other activities the Fremont Fire Rescue Department is involved in.

Our newest members have been busy completing their certification classes while other members have been busy mentoring them getting them up to speed to respond to calls. EMS and Firefighter certification classes are over 180 hours each. The Town is fortunate to have such a dedicated and well-trained group of men and women who respond to your emergency needs. As we move forward, I would like to thank the members for their time and commitment in helping others when a situation arises where our services are needed.



I would also like to thank Town Hall staff, the Fremont Police Department, and the Highway Department for their assistance when we need them.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Butler
Chief

Department responses for 2019 are shown in the following chart:

Structure Fire	1	CO Alarm Activation	7
Mutual Aid Provided	14	Public Assist	11
Fire Alarm Activation	15	Medical Emergency	206
Woods / Brush Fire	3	Motor Vehicle Crash	19
Gas Leak / Odor LPG	8		
Other	33	Total for 2019	317

Photos courtesy of Joe Parisi and Chief Richard Butler

Fire Rescue Jaws Training picking up an egg off a cone.
Yes, the jaws are that articulate!

