

October 2024 - Call Summary

Assist EMS	25
MVC	13
Grass/ Brush/ Hay Fire	22
Down Power Line	1
Gas Leak	1
Fire Alarm	3
Search & Rescue	1
Structure Fire	3
Smoke Investigation	4

Total Number of Incidents:	73
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Calls in City Limits	35
Wood County - In District	31
Smith County - In District	5
Mutual Aide	2
Total Number of Incidents:	73

October was our busiest month so far this year for the fire department. Repairs to the station and apparatus are consistently needed, but all needed repairs are being made in a timely manner with minimal out of service time to any apparatus.

Our call volume has continued to be well above years past and our Grass/ Brush fire has continued. From January 1 to August 31, we ran a total combined 18 grass/brush fires. We nearly matched that in September alone with 17 in a single month and in October ran over 20 calls of this type. Wood County has implemented a burn ban, and our hope is that this will help to slow this trend going forward.

Our call volume for October 2024 was 73 calls, which is a 40% increase over last year's month of October.

From January 1, 2024, to October 31, 2024, we have seen a 15.5% increase in calls over what we had for the same period in 2023.

With the growth in population for the area, this is to be expected, and we will presumably continue to see these increases in call volume.

With October being Fire Prevention Month, The Mineola Fire Department went to 3 locations to teach fire safety. With these 3 locations a total of 360 children and 46 Adults attended these programs. Also, Operations Chief Munn took advantage of KMOOs Double talk program to share information about Smoke Detectors, Home Fire Safety Plans and the hazardous conditions for outdoor burning this time of year.

In addition, The Mineola Fire Department participated in a nationwide Smoke Detector program that Dominoes Pizza sponsors. With this, our fire personnel in our Fire Apparatus follow Dominoes Pizza Delivery drivers and check the residence smoke detectors. If the detector is properly functioning upon testing, Dominoes gives them the pizza for free. If not, the fire department will replace the batteries or detectors to correct the issue. This has been a great program that we hope to continue with Dominoes in the years to come.

Pictured below are from 2 of the homes that received new smoke detectors in their home.



This type of events are of importance to Mineola Fire as we continue to build relationships with the community to gain trust and teach our community about safety.

We also had an additional new volunteer firefighter that completed his probationary training and is now officially off probation.