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**TO:** Rod Koch, Mayor  
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**FROM:** Clint Merithew, Fire Chief *CM*

**SUBJECT:** February 2019 Summary

**DATE:** April 16, 2019



**MEMORANDUM**

After more than 40 years as a South Sioux City Volunteer Firefighter, Dwayne Johnson turned in his retirement letter. It is with regret that we accept his retirement, knowing the time and dedication he has put in for more than four-decades. We wish him well and plan on a retirement ceremony in the summer at the annual awards banquet.

We are experiencing yet another steadily increasing call volume this year with 327 calls to date and this is not even the busy season. We will surpass last year's call volume at this rate by all projections.

Firefighter-1 training is nearing completion with 7 South Sioux City and 3 Wayne Volunteer firefighters participating thru the Nebraska State Fire Marshal's Training Division. Of the participating South Sioux firefighters, four are volunteers. The last instructional class is on March 27, and the test out phase is the practicum skills April 27 and the written May 4, 2019. There will be additional participants from the northeast sector of the state taking their State proctored test here in South Sioux City.

The Jr. Fire Patrol Program is still going strong with nearly 92 5<sup>th</sup> graders from our school district. We again have a strong parental showing coming in with their kids and even grandkids. They are also learning about home and fire safety.

The department crews are continually training, improving and honing their skills sets on a daily basis working around other department assignments and tasks. By utilizing the on-line training base, TARGET SOLUTIONS the crews are able to attain additional CE's (continued education) with this vehicle of training.

The department is still actively seeking new volunteer recruits to increase the force to rely on. Among the volunteer ranks there are 6 personnel who have the training to take on those per-diem shifts when the scheduled full time crews have a vacation, sick-leave or alternate day off (AOS) due to the 10th shift in the 28 day cycle.

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
<b>RESPONSE:</b>			
<b>FIRE</b>	30	13	<b>27</b>
<b>EMS</b>	93	98	<b>98</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	123	111	<b>125</b>

Rental Inspections for March increased with a few new units to evaluate. Below are the statistics on those inspections:

INSPECTED	PASSED	FAILED	RE- INSP	NO-SHOW	CALLS
65	23	39	23	3	

**END OF SUMMARY REPORT**