



AUGUST 2024 COMMITTEE REPORT

1. **Mason Fire Department responded to a total of 10 incidents for July 2024 with a 100% response rate:**
 - 7 EMS Calls
 - 1 Structure Fire (Tipton County)
 - 1 Automatic Fire Alarm
 - 1 Grass Fire

2. **The Mason Fire Department has been awarded the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in the amount of \$124,800.00 for the purchase of brand-new self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA). These units will totally replace the department's expiring and aging inventory with safer and more reliable units. There is a 5% match on funds that will be the Town of Mason's responsibility totaling \$6,240.00. It is asked that the board vote to approve the acceptance of the 2023 AFG Grant.**

3. **The items purchased from the Tennessee Rescue Squad Grant totaling \$18,996.00 have been received. Those include a brand-new battery-operated vehicle extrication combination tool, one set of vehicle stabilization struts, two batteries, battery charger, vehicle tool mount, and one daisy chain charging cable. These tools have significantly improved the abilities of the department to provide rescue services to the public. We are all greatly appreciative to have been a recipient of this opportunity.**

4. **Annual hydrant testing and maintenance are in the process of being performed by Rogers Hydrant Service. This year's testing program will include the mapping, testing, and painting of all fire hydrants on the Town of Mason's water distribution system outside of city limits bringing the Town under compliance with the National Fire Protection Association's (NFPA) 291 and the American Water Works Association's (AWWA) M17 standards. These accomplishments will have a positive impact on the Town of Mason's future Insurance Services Office (ISO) Public Protection Classification (PPC) score.**

5. **The department is currently in need of fire suppression equipment and emergency medical services (EMS) supplies for each of its apparatus. There have been several grant attempts to obtain these items that have been unsuccessful. The department requests assistance in affording these needed items. Items include water supply adapters/reducers, hydrant connections, hand tools, and others for an approximate amount of \$10,000.00. Additionally,**

the department seeks to complete two additional EMS bags purchased on recently received grants to place two more apparatus in service for EMS/rescue calls at the Basic Life Support Level (BLS). Cost estimates for these items is \$2,500.00.

- 6. The department is currently open recruiting for volunteer firefighter/EMRs due to being short staffed.**