

Date: 19 April, 2026

To: Mayor and Board of Alderman

From: Buddy Cantrell, Fire Chief

Re: Fire Department report for April meeting.

Over the past few weeks, I have attempted to find fire service companies to perform the following required annual tests:

- 1) Pump test on the engine and tanker;
- 2) Ladder test on the ground ladders required on the engine; and
- 3) Hose test on the hose on the engine and tanker.

I have found two companies which can do the pump tests but each have commitments which will delay the testing until May or June when they generally schedule testing in Tipton County. For the ladder test and hose test, I have not received any commitment from the two companies contacted which do these tests.

I have spoken with two paramedics living in Mason that I knew while employed by Memphis Fire. Both have indicated that they would serve with the department as their schedules allow. I am aware of a few other past or present employees of Memphis Fire residing in or near Mason and will be contacting them as our schedules permit. I have delayed in order to comply with whatever terms have been agreed to by members of the Board as presented by Bobby Cannon.

I have done some organizing of the fire station floor and have made an inventory of the turnouts, i.e., coats and pants, found in the fire station and vehicles. I am endeavoring to sort, organize, and inventory the other items of "personal protective equipment" (PPE) including helmets, boots, gloves, etc.

I have refrained from making any financial commitments until I am fully aware of those procedures used by the City and am authorized to do so.