

Date: 18 May, 2026

To: Mayor and Board of Alderman

From: Buddy Cantrell, Fire Chief

Re: Fire Department report for May meeting.

I have not received dates from the companies to perform pump tests on the engine and tanker and am still attempting to find a fire service company to perform the following required annual tests:

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

On 23 April, Chief B Cantrell responded to an alarm at 100 Lucy Street. The alarm was activated unintentionally due to construction work being done in the home.

The fire station was opened for use by the Mason Taskforce on Saturday, 9 May, for the Community Cleanup Day. It is recognized and appreciated that Michael Harris and his "crew" contributed their initial cleaning efforts to cleaning the floor area of the fire station.

I have had discussions with a paramedic in Mason and with William Treadway (a former Mason firefighter and applicant for the fire chief position) regarding the organization and structure for administering the fire department once applicants are interviewed and accepted for service.