

Fire Department Annual Report Information

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Fire Chief

The Jackson Fire Department is currently in the “rebuilding stage”. For the year 2008, we have had one retirement, Captain Robert Woodman. We have also incorporated the new Apprenticeship Program that has employed currently 5 students (one of which was female), to assist in the future promotion of in-city firefighters. This program is designed to allow these students to gather the necessary education and experience to be ready to apply for future firefighter positions.

The City of Jackson Fire Department has maintained its response time to medical and fire runs within the city to less than four (4) minutes. This is mainly due to the Squad One Rescue Unit, which was purchased last year. There were a total of 3,262 Medical runs of which Squad One Rescue Unit completed approximately 57.35% of the medical runs. The average response time for the Jackson Fire Department is at 3.63 minutes.

The Jackson Fire Department responded to more than 4,685 fire and EMS calls. Of these calls 90 were structure fires that resulted in three (3) civilian injuries. There were a total of 90 fires with an estimated total dollar loss for these fires totaled \$1,399,070.00.

The fire prevention in-company inspection program is continually improving. This year our focus was mainly on the older businesses that have not had a business inspection completed in some time. The Fire Department completed approx. 500 businesses this year. Listed in our database are currently 1700+ businesses.