



## City of East Lansing Fire Department

### Weekly Incident Report for

May 17 – May 23, 2018

Total number of incidents responded to:

EMS/Rescue= 59                      Fires = 5

Good Intent Calls =81                False Calls =9

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### Fires Reported in FireRMS

**May 17, 2018, 9:10 PM-** Dispatched to a fire seen on a balcony. Caller across apartment complex from fire building. Dispatch stated caller reports a fire on a balcony, unknown address. Prior to arrival, dispatch updated the address and apartment of the fire occupancy. Stated occupant called 911 to report fire on her balcony but she extinguished the fire.

Arrived to find nothing visible.

Met downstairs neighbor of fire occupancy who started the fire is out. Later he stated to us the occupant smokes outside on the balcony frequently. She throws her cigarette butts "everywhere" to the point he has reported her to the management.

Went to West side entrance for apt. C. Husband of occupant met us at the door and stated the fire is out. He stated it was on a plastic Christmas tree stand with a bunch of Christmas tree lights and pine needles from their tree from last December. He stated he was at Meijer when his wife discovered the fire and called him home.

We went out onto the balcony and confirmed the fire out. Used a TIC to check for heat and found all readings 60F or lower. Scanned deck and debris and siding and insulation underneath siding. Burn marks on the deck and where the deck meets the siding. Siding melted and charred about two feet up from the deck and several feet down from suspected ignition area. An electric plug, with exterior cover, in this area but once the cover opened found no burn marks. Searched the debris pile and found multiple cigarette butts. Plastic tree stand almost completely melted. Found pine needles in and around area of origin, in the amount of what fell off when they disposed of the tree. Pulled back siding above and down from burn marks and revealed unburned material.

Occupant stated she was in the upstairs bedroom when she smelled smoke. Went to main floor and opened slider door and found fire. She put the fire out with bottled water. She was visibly upset but refused EMS evaluation. Stated she was outside smoking cigarettes about an hour ago. She was asked where she disposed of them and stated on the other side of the door from where the fire started.

Had DC Lehto contact on call Fire Marshall Carter. He stated he would follow up with occupant tomorrow. ELPD on scene investigating. He was counseling occupant about proper disposal of cigarette butts.

We looked under balcony and found a bed of mulch with many cigarette butts. Found no burning or smoking material.

Met staff at E11. Advised him of Fire Marshall visit tomorrow. Told him to perform any maintenance he deemed necessary tonight.

**May 18, 2018, 9:48PM-** T-12 was dispatched to assist MTFD with Mutual aid structure fire. ELFD was given assignment of primary search upon arrival coordinated with fire attack. T-12 at single story condo with working fire in what appeared to be the Charlie/ Delta corner. T-12 crew forced entry and entered structure from 1st floor Alpha side of main fire occupancy and began extinguishment and searching for reported victim. T-12 updated that all persons were accounted for. T-12 continued fire attack. T-12 recycled to exterior for SCBA exchange and continued on 1st floor main fire with fire attack. Charlie Division reporting main body of fire was extinguished. T-12 requested another crew with pike poles to aid in pulling ceilings and checking for extension. T-12 then recycled and went on deck Alpha side. T-12 made contact with Command and advised to search the Bravo exposure for fire extension. Also Command advised that fire was under control and overhaul needed to begin. T-12 remained on deck and awaited another assignment. T-12 noted smoke beginning to billow from fire area with no interior crews active. T-12 requested to take Engine #91 and overhaul area to complete extinguishment. T-12 and E-91 overhauled the remaining hot spots. T-12 located reported pets in bedroom in Bravo/ Charlie corner. Also, T-12 then searched the basement as well with primary all clear and no fire extension noted. T-12 recycled again and remain on deck until cleared from the scene.

**May 20, 2018, 1:13 AM-** E-11 dispatched for fire in vent fan over shower. E-11 had delayed response due to engineer sleeping through tone. E-11 responded emergent with three on board from St 1. E-11 ATF small two story divided apartment house with lower level below grade, nothing showing, occupants evacuated on front sidewalk. Occupants stated they heard a popping sound from the bathroom and discovered a fire in the vent fan directly above the shower on the lower level. E-11 entered the Delta side main entrance in full PPE with TIC, investigated lower level bathroom to find visible flame in vent fan over shower, no smoke. E-11 removed cover to vent fan with a screw driver and extinguished fire with a water can. E-11 opened ceiling around vent fan with a closet hook to reveal charring of structural floor member, no fire, vent ducting removed, no fire extension. E-11 shut of main breaker and cut power supply to vent fan and removed vent fan. E-11 turned main breaker on to restore power and smoke detectors chirped with return of power. No smoke detectors activated prior to E-11 arrival due to lack of smoke. Fire out, no extension. No ventilation of structure required. Property managed by CRMC. E-11 cleared and returned to St 1.

**May 23, 2018, 3:55 PM-** Dispatched to a mulch fire behind an apartment complex. Upon arrival found a small area of mulch that had burned. Property management extinguished fire prior to our arrival. T-12 performed minor overhaul. Cleared with dispatch

**May 23, 2018, 8:56 PM-** Dispatched to a mulch fire, where smoke has entered the apartment. Arrived to South side of apartment and found small smoldering fire in the mulch outside the West door. Extinguished fire with water from front jump line. Stirred up mulch with shovel and wet down area again. Walked through three levels of apartment and hallways were filled with smoke. Used PPV fan at the East door and cleared out all three levels of hallways. We suspect that a cigarette was thrown into the mulch and this started the fire. Advised the occupants and manager we talked with to counsel residents with the proper disposal of cigarettes.

## Training Reported in FireRMS

**May 21-23, 2018, 3 hours-** Metro RIT at Otto Middle School. Two downed firefighter evolutions. Heavy command involvement.

## Chief Complaints of EMS Call

Abdominal Pain-1	Heartburn-1	Respiratory Distress-1
Altered LOC-1	Hypoglycemic- Altered LOC-1	Seizure-3
Altered Mental Status-1	L knee Laceration-1	Shortness of Breath on Exertion-1
Assist up-1	L Leg Infection-1	Struck by Vehilce-1
Back Pain-2	Laceration to Left thumb-1	Syncopal Episode with weakness-1
Bleeding Fistula-1	Lacerations to left arm-1	Syncope-3
Bowel Obstruction-1	Lower back-1	Unconscious & unresponsive-1
Cough-1	Lower quadrant, mid- Line Abdominal Pain with Movement-1	Unresponsiveness-1
Dehydration-1	Motor Vehicle Accident- No Complaints-1	Unresponsive followed by Dysnea-1
Difficulty Breathing Due to Lateral Chest Pain-1	Multiple Abrasions-1	Weakness-2
ETOH-3	N/A (MVA)-1	
Fall-5	Nausea-1	
Fall from standing position, Hematoma to head-1	Near Syncope-1	
Fall with head laceration-1	Neck Pain-1	
Flu Symptoms-1	Pain-1	
General Malaise-1	Panic Attack-1	
Head Pain-		

