## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY STATE OF MISSOURI

MONARCH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT,	)	
Plaintiff,	)	Cause No. 22SL-CC00405
v.	)	Cause 110. 22517-CC00405
	)	
CITY OF WILDWOOD, MISSOURI,	)	
Defendant.	)	

### **MEMORANDUM**

Attached is correspondence from Fire Chief Cary Spiegel dated July 11, 2022, regarding the Defendant's request for response times for emergency calls from Fire House 2 during the period January 1, 202 to July 6, 2022. The information in the correspondence and the detailed data provided supplement the traffic study performed by EFK Moen dated August 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

**HOFFMAN & SLOCOMB** 

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# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

A copy of the forgoing sent this 15th day of July, 2022, via the Court's electronic filing system to all parties of record.

/s/ Mathew E. Hoffman

### MONARCH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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Cary Spiegel, Fire Chief

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July 11, 2022

Wildwood City Administrator Cross,

To answer your request regarding response times for Monarch Fire Protection House 2, attached is alarm information for all emergency calls for assistance in the House 2 still alarm area during the period January 1, 2020 to July 6, 2022. Still alarm area is the name used for the area protected by a particular station.

Due to the nature of mutual aid responses, while the majority of responses are Monarch equipment, you will also find calls where the primary and/or secondary equipment dispatched comes from a neighboring District. Likewise, you will see calls for which Monarch responded to that are outside of our District.

The House 2 move and increase in size of the station will allow us to respond to the emergencies in this area with our rescue/pumper, off-road brush truck, water tanker, and a budgeted future ambulance.

Emergency responses are made as follows:

- Nature Code: The type of alarm or emergency, (fire, EMS, rescue, aircraft, wildland, or other)
  - Determines what equipment and crews are assigned to respond.
- The CAD (Computer Aided Dispatch) determines the appropriate equipment that can arrive to the emergency in the least amount of time.
  - The CAD assesses the current circumstances, traffic, weather, road conditions, and position when making the dispatch determination.

Calls to 911 are routed to St. Louis County Emergency Operations Center. The Operation Call Center in turn transfers the reporting party to the jurisdictional dispatch agency, in our case,

'Central County 911' (CCE 911) where the dispatcher gathers the necessary information. The dispatcher assigns a 'Nature Code' to the alarm, which identifies the proper discipline(s) necessary to respond to the caller's emergency. This information is computer driven and the resources best suited to respond to the emergency are alerted and dispatched 'Time Assigned'. Crews then staff the appropriate piece(s) of equipment and respond, going 'Time Enroute'. This could be a single unit or many units depending on the nature of the emergency. When units arrive to the scene it is announced on scene, 'Time Arrived at Scene'.

The term 'Null' indicates times when the units were disregarded due to updated information that the unit was no longer necessary, such as a false alarm or downgrade in response. The unit then returns to available status and the CAD recognizes the resource is once again available.

Response times would be an exact science if not for traffic conditions, weather conditions, the fact a truck or ambulance could already be committed to another call and availability of mutual aid responses. This means a 3-minute response to a particular address one day could be a 2 minute or 5-minute response the next day, depending on the above factors.

I hope this is helpful in understanding the factors considered when positioning the appropriate necessary resources so as to serve the most people in the least amount of time. You are encouraged to call me if you have any questions. I respectfully remind you that due to the nature of the attached information, which includes protected health information, that it not be shared with any other party.

Regards,

Cary Spiegel,

Chief

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