



Maple Plain Fire Department

Fire Chief's Report

July 2025

Maple Plain Fire Department – Chief Rick Denneson

Vision as Fire Chief

To build an organizational structure that provides unity, compassion, necessary tools, equipment, training, and leadership for firefighters to be successful when in action.

Calls July 2025 – report #857 & #553

In July, we responded to 24 calls for service.

- 19 EMS & Rescue calls
- 2 Fire calls
- 1 Vehicle Crash
- 2 Hazardous call – wire down

Where these calls are occurring – report #384

Independence – 10 calls

Maple Plain – 12 calls

Three Rivers Parks – 1

Mutual Aid Given – 1 Call to assist under mutual aid

Mutual Aid Received – 1 call

Training Update

In July we did some training with our confined space / rescue ropes, worked on emergency buddy breathing with our air packs, and did some mayday scenario training.

Community Events

In July, we had trucks in the Delano 4th of July parade, assisted Long Lake Fire with their 5K run providing a truck to hold the American flag at the finish line. We sent crews over to help West Suburban Fire set up for the Hamel Rodeo and we also provided a truck and crew to do stand by for Long Lake Fire on a Monday night while their crews were at an off-site training facility. We covered calls for them while they were away.

Merger with West Suburban Fire District

We did not have any official meetings with the WSFD but did discuss the consolidation at the Fire Commission meeting on the 8th. We also discussed the consolidation at the city council workshop on July 28th where we heard from Independence City Administrator Mark Kaltsas as he presented information regarding a budget proposal from Chief Leuer. Our transition meetings will start back up in August and we are still moving forward towards completion of this consolidation on December 31st, 2025.

Fire Station

We had an overhead station door that was damaged earlier this summer and that has now been replaced. It will get painted yet this summer when we paint the entire building. We also had our garage door company check the operation of our other doors as a matter of routine maintenance. They replaced 1 cable on a door and a safety sensor.

Calls of interest

On 7-10-2025 in the 2200 block of CO 92N in Independence, we responded to a house fire. The fire started outside the residence near a window. A resident was burning weeds and some hot embers got up underneath the siding, starting it on fire. We were able to quickly extinguish the fire with minimal damage to the rest of the house.

On 7-12-2025 myself and an engine crew responded to a call for mutual aid to Mound fire on an apartment fire at Presbyterian Homes in Spring Park. There were a couple of injuries to residents, but the fire was quickly extinguished. Our crew helped with extinguishment and overhaul.