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Press Release

After a 3-hour department training on technical rescue operations the Pontiac Fire Department responded to 12 emergency incidents within a 24-hour period starting on Sunday September 20th to Monday September 21st. The emergencies included 2 structure fires, 1 fire alarm, and 9 medicals.

The first structure fire came in at 11:01 am on Sunday at 528 E. Livingston St. The fire was contained to a bathroom and out upon arrival. Fire personnel checked for fire extension and then conducted a fire investigation.

The second structure fire came in at 5:32 pm on Sunday at 2500 W. Reynolds St. The fire was located at OSF Saint James – John W. Albrecht Medical Center’s maintenance shed. The fire was contained to the building of origin and the Pontiac Fire Department Investigation Unit conducted the fire investigation.

As a result of the size of the fire the Pontiac Fire Department required assistance from Fairbury, Flanagan, and Saunemin Fire Departments on the scene. Duffy Ambulance provided rehabilitation for firefighters at the fire while Cullom Fire Protection District responded to other emergencies in the district. The Pontiac Fire Department cleared the scene and turned the building back over to the hospital at 7:54 pm.

At the time of the press release both fire investigations were still under cause and origin investigation and there were no reports of injuries.