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### **Branson Fire & Rescue Releases 2019 Performance Report**

BRANSON, Mo – Branson Fire & Rescue has released their annual performance report for 2019 documenting another successful year of relatively low fire losses and no civilian fire related injuries or deaths.

The most noted items for 2019 included the purchase of a new 107' Ladder Truck and the purchase of land for a new fire station thanks to the support of the new Public Safety Sales Tax.

In 2019, the fire department responded to 4,980 incidents including 81 working fires, 2,869 medical emergencies, 277 injury motor vehicle accidents and 1,753 non-emergency incidents including automatic fire alarms. The reported fire losses for the year totaled \$531,677. The average response time to emergency incidents was 4.09 minutes.

“Most of this fire loss occurred at a motel property and a single family residence,” said Branson Fire Rescue Chief Ted Martin. “Our firefighters kept fire losses to a minimum as the estimated property saved at all of the reported working fires topped 65 million dollars. Our goal is to keep fire losses under one million dollars each year based on the size and demographics of our community as well as an emergency response model under five minutes,” said Chief Martin.

Branson firefighters maintain an intensive training program to constantly sharpen existing fire and rescue skills as well as learning new programs to better enhance the department’s operations. Each career firefighter averaged 350 hours of training with a total of 13,651 hours accumulated.

The full report is available on Branson Fire Rescue’s website under “2019 Performance Report” at <http://www.bransonmo.gov/165/Fire>.

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