

Seneca fire dept presents annual report

**(KMZA)--The Seneca Volunteer Fire Department saw an increase in fire calls last year.**

**Outgoing Fire Chief Tom Scott presented the annual report to the Seneca City Council Wednesday evening.**

**Scott said the department responded to a total of 54 calls last year, up from 45 in 2017. That included 19 city calls, 33 rural calls and 2 mutual aid calls. He said an increase in home fires was the main reason for the increase.**

**In annual elections held last month, Darin Schmitz was elected as the new fire chief. Elected as 1st assistant chief was Brett Ohlsen and David Frehe as second assistant chief.**

**In other business, Seneca Police Chief Jordan Weaver informed the Council that a new municipal Court Clerk has been hired. Angel O'Neil, of Seneca, will begin the part-time position immediately.**

**Weaver also discussed with the Council a request from a local resident for the installation of a stop sign at 7th and Branch Streets. He said the resident made the request after an accident at the location.**

**Weaver said there has only been two accidents at the location in five years and didn't see a reason for installing a stop sign. The Council agreed.**

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