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2018: DMFD Milestone Anniversaries & Unprecedented Calls for Service

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DES MOINES, IOWA – Friday, December 21, 2018 – As of today, the Des Moines Fire Department has handled 25,597 calls for service in 2018 which is an unprecedented number of requests for the organization. This number sets the pace for another 5% growth in total call volume. The year 2017 saw a similar increase in call volume (from 24,170 in 2016 to 25,329 in 2017). This year has been filled with milestones; together with the Des Moines Association of Professional Fire Fighters, Local 4, we celebrated the 100th Anniversary of the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) on February 28, 2018, and we celebrated the Des Moines Fire Department (DMFD) 135th Anniversary as a paid fire department, on March 1, 2018. In the next few days, we will cross another milestone as we respond to the 26,000th call for service this year.

The Des Moines Fire Department is committed to assisting the public in the protection of life and property by minimizing the impact of fire, medical emergencies, and potential disasters or events that affect the community and environment. We continue to strive to meet this mission in the midst of unprecedented demands for service.

For more information, contact the City of Des Moines Fire Department PIO at (515) 283-4948.

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