Fire Department

SBStat Post Meeting Notes

Urgent Issues Review During Meeting

• There were no urgent issues

Decisions and Key Takeaways

Project Updates

- Recruiting
 - Successful strategies: Committee approach, training center job fair
 - Research on best practices for diverse recruitment
- Water Rescue
 - Indiana Association of Water Professionals held in South Bend for 4 years
 - Indiana Task Force 1 seeking Center of Excellence in water rescue training
- · Community Paramedicine Pilot
 - Goal: Connect patients in need of non-urgent care to the appropriate resources
 - New collaboration with MHIN and Anthem
 - Upcoming pilot with specially trained paramedic to be funded by partners

Main Topic: Smoke Alarm Outreach

- History of Installs and Outreach at SBFD
 - Total outreach and engine company involvement increased over time
 - Alarm distribution demand-driven, reactive in response to fires
 - General pattern of outreach hotspots matches up with fire hotspots
- Analysis
 - Use of American Housing Survey, American Community Survey, and SBFD data
 - Questions: Who is least likely to have a smoke alarm? Where are residents at highest risk of a fire fatality?
 - Identify the relative risk score of each block group for these factors, combined
- Next Steps
 - Pilot alarm outreach in two high priority areas
 - Complete data collection for pilots
 - Define and measure success

Potential Topics to Discuss Next Meeting

- Follow up on Targeted Outreach
 - Define and measure success
 - Report on pilot progress and outcomes
- Community Paramedicine
 - Analyze stakeholder costs and potential savings (city, hospital, insurance companies)

Other Topics Discussed

- Collaboration opportunities with lead abatement
- Potential for collaboration on rental inspections
- Increased diversity among applicants and recruits
- Baseline survey results