



BURN BAN - OFF

FIRE DANGER - LOW

# JUNE 2019

## CHIEF'S REPORT

### Fire Chief's Update

by Autumn Carlisle

## VOTE FOR 70 WEST - JULY 9

# VOTE

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# 70 WEST FIRE DIST

The Hot Spring County and Garland County Quorum Courts met on Monday, May 6 and finalized the process to put the Fire District Measure on the Ballot in a Special Election on July 9, 2019. We will be joining the Piney Fire Department in sharing the Election Date. This is the process to move the collection of fire department dues onto the property taxes. All of the county volunteer departments with the exception of Lonsdale which covers a small part of Garland County have either gone through the process via petition or election or are in the process of doing so. **70 West currently has 41 % of the residents paying dues in Garland County and 38% paying dues in Hot Spring County.** This measure should improve collections to approximately 92+%. Rather than raising dues on the minimal participants we have this will allow

us to pick up those not currently participating to improve our revenue and in turn improve our services to the community. By having more funds to improve equipment, training, and support more volunteers we can in turn lower your Insurance Services Office (ISO) Ratings even more! This means savings back in your pockets on your homeowners insurance premiums.

**VOTING "FOR" WILL HELP YOUR FIREFIGHTERS HELP YOU!**

### HOW, WHEN, & WHERE CAN I VOTE?

Absentee ballots will be available May 21, 2019. Information about Absentee Voting Procedures visit: <https://www.sos.arkansas.gov/elections/voter-information/absentee-voting>.

Early voting will be July 2,3,5, & 8, 2019 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Election Commission Headquarters on Ouachita Avenue or you may vote on the Day of Special Election July 9, 2019 from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. at either Piney Grove United Methodist Church at 2963 Airport Road, Hot Springs, AR or The Garland County Department of Emergency Management at 401 Mid America Boulevard, Hot Springs, Arkansas 71913

**Do you have questions?**

**Not sure what the vote is all about?**

Call us or visit our website at [www.70westfd.com](http://www.70westfd.com) and find details, Answers to Frequently Asked Questions and information about the upcoming election. Have a community group who would like more information? Contact us and we can schedule someone to visit your group and provide you more details.

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**RESPONSE STATS & MAY FINANCIALS**

WHAT DID 70 WEST DO DURING THE MONTH OF MAY?



### EVENTS & INFORMATION

- JUN 10 – FD TRAINING @ 6PM
- JUN 14 – FLAG DAY
- JUN 16 – HAPPY FATHER'S DAY
- JUN 24 – FD TRAINING @ 6PM

LIKE US ON @ 70 WEST FIRE RESCUE

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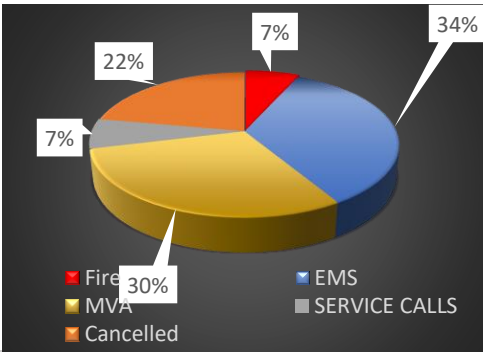


## FINANCIALS AT A GLANCE

### COVERING THE MONTH OF MAY

In May, 70 West took in a total of \$32,085.00 in membership dues, donations, sale of signs, and non-member fire fees. We received \$10,939.19 in Act 833 Funds which are restricted funds. Our expenses totaled \$19,642.55 leaving a net income at the close of the month 12,442.45. We have a total of \$11,850.00 in memberships that did not pay for the month of May.

## MAY RUN STATS 104



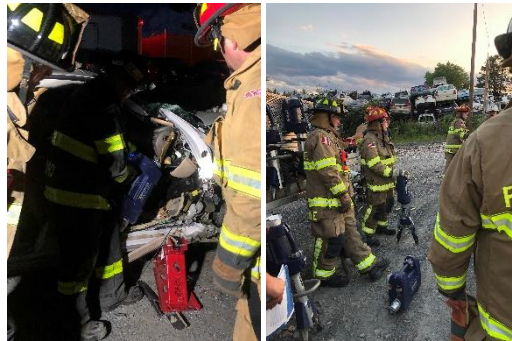
70 West responded to 104 calls in May.  
 Day/Work Hours Incidents (6AM-6PM) - 54  
 \*Evenings (6PM to 6AM) & Weekends - 50  
 \* When volunteer availability is at its highest.

## 70 WEST ASSISTS FALLEN OFFICER MEMORIAL



PICTURED ABOVE- 70 West Ladder 2 and crew assists with a flag raising ceremony at the Garland County Sheriffs Office Fallen Officer Memorial.

## EXTRICATION TRAINING & DEMONSTRATION



PICTURED ABOVE- Firefighters participate in an extrication training and demonstration with Rescue Product Specialist Danny Crawford and Sales Rep Rusty Long from Municipal Emergency Services. Firefighters used Hurst Edraulic (Battery Powered) Extrication tools. Thank you MES and also to Holcomb's Towing & Recovery for allowing us to practice/train at his wrecker yard.



## HELPING ONE OF OUR OWN

Firefighters at 70 West are reaching out to help one of our own firehouse families in need. GET WELL SOON TANNER SAMS'S We are cheering for you! We are #TanManTough!

Find out more details and updates on Tan-Man via his GoFundMe site.

We want to help support Tan-Man and his family so he can get well soon and be back to running around our firehouse and the community with his family and friends who love and care about him so much! Help us help this selfless volunteer firefighter family so they can spend the time they need with their son Tan-Man so far from home. Let's show Tanner and his family that our community is #TanManTough!

You can help Tan-Man and his family by donating through the Go Fund Me site [gf.me/u/snwa65](http://gf.me/u/snwa65) or visit any local Arvest Bank Branch and donate to the Tanner Sams Medical Fund. Let's rally around and help show this family some love and support!



I support Tanner Sams Medical Fund - Ask me how you can too!  
**GET WELL TANNER!!!**

## NEW COMMUNICATIONS CENTER & INCREASED CALL VOLUME

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
2019	72	57	82	95	104	*24						
2018	77	50	75	50	54	65	67	68	61	76	82	73
2017	67	54	68	59	55	68	44	56	71	81	69	58

70 West Fire Department started transitioning during the month of March over to a new dispatch center, the Garland County Communications Center, which now dispatches all of the County Volunteer Fire Departments and the Sheriff's Office. When this transition took place we have seen an increase in the call volume and look for it to continue to increase. The boxes in orange above reflect the months under new dispatch. The green box is the current call volume for June as of June 7, 2019. Some of the higher numbers documented in the previous years reflect high fire danger months or storm damage calls that increased the response numbers, not just generic call volume incidents. We've seen a large increase in Emergency Medical Runs and Motor Vehicle Collisions.

FIRE INCIDENTS (7) - 7%	
Good Intent Calls - Controlled Burns, Smoke Scare, Unauthorized Burning	5
Cooking Fire - confined to container	1
Tree/Brush/Grass Fires	1
EMERGENCY MEDICAL (36) - 34%	
EMS - Medical Assist, First Responder	36
VEHICLE & RESCUE INCIDENTS (31) - 30%	
MVA with Injury (Includes Extrication MVAs)	10
MVA with No Injury	21
FALSE ALARMS/CALLS, CANCELLED (23) - 22%	
Dispatched, Cancelled Enroute	11
Fire Alarm - False Alarm	7
Wrong Location, No Incident Found	5
SERVICE CALLS (7) - 7%	
Service Call	3
Gas Leak	1
Power Line Down	3