



CHIEF'S REPORT

# Fire Chief's Update

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## TRAINING, DEDICATION, & COMMITMENT



PICTURED ABOVE: 70 West Firefighter John Hackney on Graduation Day at the Arkansas Fire Academy where he received his certificate for graduating the AFTA Firefighter Standards Course Class 2019 A. John is pictured to the Right with his team during a training session. (Top Row, Third from Left).

John Hackney started with 70 West as a volunteer recruit in January 2018. His excitement and love for volunteering and helping his community is contagious, he is always an eager participant in Training and responds to many calls for our community. He enjoyed his volunteering with 70 West so much that in late fall 2018 he made the decision to look into pursuing the Fire Service as a career. He signed up for the Standards Course at the Arkansas Fire Training Academy in Camden, Arkansas. It was exciting to watch his progress and his continuing to learn and grow as a firefighter; we appreciate all of the hard work and dedication he puts into his service here at 70 West Fire Department. He is now First Responder and Firefighter I & II certified. He is remaining at the Academy for another 2 weeks to complete Driver Operator Training; he then has plans to

start class for his Emergency Medical Technician (EMT). We are in hopes that he will be able to find a great career job close to home so he can continue his volunteer service with us. Congratulations 70 West 739 John Hackney we know you have worked very hard for this!



While John has wrapped up over 280 Hours of training alone over January and February at the Fire Training Academy, several of our other volunteers are just starting their journey. Our recruits will be working hard over the next several months completing over 88 Hours of new recruit training including a First Responder Course. Many of our firefighters have already put in over 40 hours of training since January 1 aside from this new recruit training. Since many of our volunteers are unable to take off work for six weeks, they work the training in around their normal work schedules; all while continuing to balance their family and responding to the emergency calls. These volunteers are very dedicated and we are blessed to have them serving our community.

BURN BAN - OFF

FIRE DANGER - LOW

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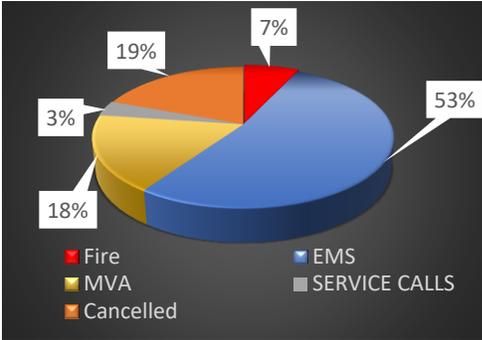
- MAR 4 - FD TRAINING @ 6 P.M.
- MAR 5 - FIRST RESPONDER COURSE STARTS
- MAR 12 - BOARD MEETING @ 6 P.M.
- MAR 18 - FD TRAINING @ 6 P.M.
- MAR 21 - MULTI CD- FD TRAINING @ T.B.A.
- \* VARIOUS EXTRA TRAININGS NOT LISTED SCHEDULED WITH RECRUITS.



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## FEBRUARY RUN STATS 57



70 West responders had a total of 72 incidents in February. 4 (7%) were Fire related, 30 (53%) were Emergency Medical, 10 (18%) Motor Vehicle Collisions, 11 (19%) were false alarms or units were cancelled while enroute; or arrived to find no incident, and 2 (3%) of the calls were Service Calls. Of the responses (28) fell during the weekdays from 6AM to 6PM. A total of (29) incidents occurred during the hours of 6PM to 6AM weekdays and on the weekends when our volunteer availability is much higher.

FIRE INCIDENTS (4)	
Building/Structure Fires	2
Vehicle Fires- ATV, Passenger, RV, Equip.	1
Dumpster Fire	1
EMERGENCY MEDICAL (30)	
EMS - Medical Assist, First Responder	30
VEHICLE COLLISIONS & RESCUE INCIDENTS (10)	
MVA with Injury (Includes Extrication MVAs)	8
MVA with No Injury	2
FALSE ALARMS, FALSE CALLS, CANCELLED (11)	
Dispatched, Cancelled Enroute	5
Fire Alarm - False Alarm	6
SERVICE CALLS (2)	
Lightning Strike (No Fire)	1
Gas Leak	1

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# FIRE SAFETY AT YOUR HOME AWAY FROM HOME

PEER TO PEER HOSPITALITY SERVICES, SUCH AS AIRBNB, VACATION RENTALS BY OWNER (VRBO), AND OTHER TYPES OF VACATION RENTALS ARE NOT REGULATED IN THE SAME WAY AS HOTELS. REQUIREMENTS VARY WIDELY ACROSS JURISDICTIONS. ACT AS YOUR OWN SAFETY ADVOCATE AND KNOW BEFORE YOU GO. BE SURE THE FOLLOWING SAFETY MEASURES ARE ADDRESSED AT YOUR HOME AWAY FROM HOME.

## KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Spring Break is fast approaching and families are already making travel plans for the summer. We wanted to cover a few safety tips to help keep you and your family safe at your favorite travel destination. Many families are choosing services such as Airbnb, VRBO, Home Away, and other type vacation rentals that are operated by individuals rather than hospitality services such as hotels and motels that fall under Fire Codes. Do your homework before making a reservation. Check online to see your travel destination's regulations for rental properties. Ask your host if the property meets the regulations. Discuss other safety concerns you may have. Check the forecast in case of storms that could cause power outages; assure the property has equipment (batteries, lanterns, etc.) in the event of a power outage.



## WINDOW & DOOR ALERT!

Be on the lookout for rooms with tiny windows. These are too small to serve as a means of escape. Security bars on doors and windows can trap people in a fire. Make sure any security bars have quick release devices. Tools, Keys, or special efforts should not be needed to open them.



## SAFETY TIPS

- ✓ Working smoke alarms are in every sleeping room. They are outside each separate sleeping area. They are on every level of the home.
- ✓ Working smoke alarms are interconnected, if possible. When one alarm sounds, they all sound.
- ✓ Portable Fire Extinguishers are in the home and are easy to reach.
- ✓ Working Carbon Monoxide Alarms are outside each separate sleeping area. They are on every level of the home and in other locations as required by laws, codes, or standards.
- ✓ The owner has a floor plan. It notes all escape routes and exits and provides emergency contact information.
- ✓ Everyone knows the address of the home.
- ✓ Everyone staying in the home has identified two ways out of every room and how to escape in an emergency.
- ✓ All doors and windows that lead outside are able to be opened.
- ✓ An outside meeting place has been chosen. It is a safe distance away from the home.
- ✓ Everyone knows how to call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number from a cell phone from outside. If smoking is allowed, a smoking area has been designated and is well away from the structure. Deep, sturdy ashtrays have been provided.
- ✓ All pathways are free and clear of tripping hazards.
- ✓ Electrical outlets are free from multiple cords and adaptors.
- ✓ The stovetop is clear. Anything that can catch fire is not near the stovetop, such as curtains and towels.

## FINANCIALS AT A GLANCE

**COVERING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY**  
 In January, 70 West took in a total of \$26,100.00 in membership dues, donations, sale of signs, and non-member fire fees. Our expenses totaled \$13,390.68 leaving a net income at the close of the month of 12,709.32. Most of our expenses for February revolved around Hydrotesting of our air cylinders, Utilities, and our normal operating expenses, recovering from the insurance renewal expense in January.