



BURN BAN - OFF

FIRE DANGER - LOW

FEB 2019

CHIEF'S REPORT

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Fire Chief's Update

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MORE THAN JUST PUTTING OUT FIRES



PICTURED ABOVE: FIREFIGHTERS CONDUCTED A FIRE PREVENTION PROGRAM FOR KIDS AT LAKE HAMILTON SCHOOL.

At 70 West Fire Department, it's more than just about putting out fires. We provide fire prevention services available to local businesses, educational facilities, and organizations. This is accomplished through pre-fire plans, inspections, safety presentations, fire extinguisher training, and much more. Pictured at the top of the newsletter, some of our volunteers set up recently for a Safety Day at Walmart Neighborhood Market. They talked fire safety with kids, showed them the truck and equipment, and handed out candy. They talked with community members about our department, our equipment, services we provide, and more. We have also done Safety Days over the last few months at

various locations including AutoZone/Dollar Tree Grand Opening.

We also have Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)/Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) Instructors on the department who can teach these courses to those interested or needing to recert. Our crews also train bi-weekly to stay up to date on their training and certifications.



PICTURED ABOVE: CAPTAIN JEREMY HILL, FIRE COPRS MEMBER LEANN HILL, AND THEIR SON BRYSON PARTICPATED IN CPR/AED TRAINING

Our responders also respond to calls other than Fire Related Emergencies. Most calls we respond to are Medical Emergencies, we respond also to Motor Vehicle Collisions, Weather related emergencies, Gas Leaks, Carbon Monoxide Responses, Hazardous Materials Incidents, and Service calls. Lastly, they are always working on projects to move our department forward with attempting to

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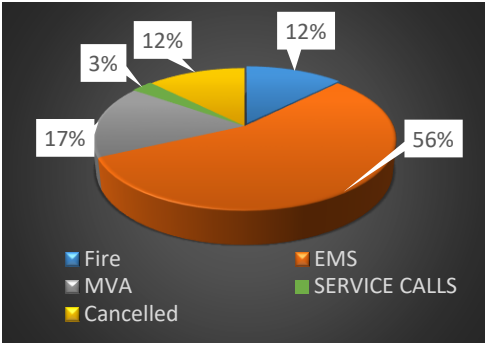
REMINDER OUR OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON FEBRUARY 18 FOR PRESIDENT'S DAY.
 FEB 12 - REGULAR BOARD MEETING @ 6 P.M.
 FEBRUARY FIRE TRAINING DATES
 FEB 4 & 18 AT 6:00 P.M.
 FIRST RESPONDER CLASS STARTING IN MARCH ON TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS



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JANUARY RUN STATS 72



70 West responders had a total of 72 incidents in January. 9 (12%) were Fire related, 40 (56%) were Emergency Medical, 12 (17%) Motor Vehicle Collisions, 9 (12%) were false alarms or units were cancelled while enroute; or arrived to find no incident, and 2 (3%) of the calls were Service Calls. A majority of the responses (39) fell during the weekdays from 6AM to 6PM. A total of (33) incidents occurred during the hours of 6PM to 6AM weekdays and on the weekends when our volunteer availability is much higher.

FIRE INCIDENTS (9)	
Arcing/Shorted Electrical Equip	1
Building/Structure Fires	2
Vehicle Fires- ATV, Passenger, RV, Equip.	2
Overheated Motor	1
Smoke Scare or Odor of Smoke	2
Cooking Fire, Confined to Container	1
EMERGENCY MEDICAL (40)	
EMS - Medical Assist, First Responder	40
VEHICLE COLLISIONS & RESCUE INCIDENTS (12)	
MVA with Injury (Includes Extrication MVAs)	8
MVA with No Injury	4
FALSE ALARMS, FALSE CALLS, CANCELLED (9)	
Dispatched, Cancelled Enroute	5
Fire Alarm - False Alarm	4
SERVICE CALLS (2)	
Service Call	2

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lower our Insurance Services Office (ISO) Rating making your homeowner's insurance lower during the next rating process.

Recently, 70 West volunteers have been working along side supportive community members circulating petitions to allow a vote to be held to allow the collection of the fire dues on property taxes. These men and women have volunteered countless hours beyond their volunteering for emergency responses and training to help us hopefully increase our collection rate of dues from at least 41% to approximately 80%. Increasing our collections will significantly improve our funding and make it easier for us to provide our responders with the equipment they need to better serve our community. Our volunteers and Staff are extremely loyal and dedicated to serving our members and residents. Our team works hard to carry out their mission of service to everyone that is entrusted to their care. Not having raised membership dues since 2001, we sincerely hope that an increase in participation can keep us offering protection at one of the lowest rates in the county for many years to come.



PICTURED ABOVE: FIREFIGHTER GIGI KERR PRACTICES NOZZLE TECHNIQUES & HANDLINE ADVANCEMENTS DURING TRAINING EXERCISE.



PICTURED ABOVE: CAPTAIN KEVIN CARLISLE RIGHT & FIREFIGHTER TYLER VINCENT LEFT ASSISTED WITH RESTORING A LARGE AMERICAN FLAG AFTER REPAIRS WERE MADE OUTSIDE A BUSINESS AT 1661 AIRPORT ROAD.

We would love to see our community rally and support us and help make this happen. If you are a registered voter living in our coverage area, you are eligible to sign and help us improve our funding and as a result, **help make a difference in the community by making it a safer place to live and work.** These petitions are available to for signing with many of our volunteers, or you can also sign at our main station located at 2900 Airport Road next to Memorial Gardens Cemetery during business hours Monday – Friday from 8AM to 4:30 PM unless the staff is out on an emergency call. We must gather approximately 500 signatures from Garland County and 30 signatures from Hot Spring County before the deadline in order to get this to a vote of the population of our area. **FIRST** we will need your signatures, **THEN** we will need your Vote! If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact us and/or check our website (www.70westfd.com) for any updates/additional information. If you have a community group or a Property Owners Association who may be interested in helping or hearing more information we can set up a visit from our Directors. We appreciate all your support.

FINANCIALS AT A GLANCE

COVERING THE MONTH OF JANUARY

In January, 70 West took in a total of \$21,400.00 in membership dues, donations, sale of signs, and non-member fire fees. Our expenses totaled \$25,262.07 leaving a net income at the close of the month of - \$3,862.07. Our largest expense was our \$8,956.00 down payment renewing our insurance on our Stations and Equipment.

