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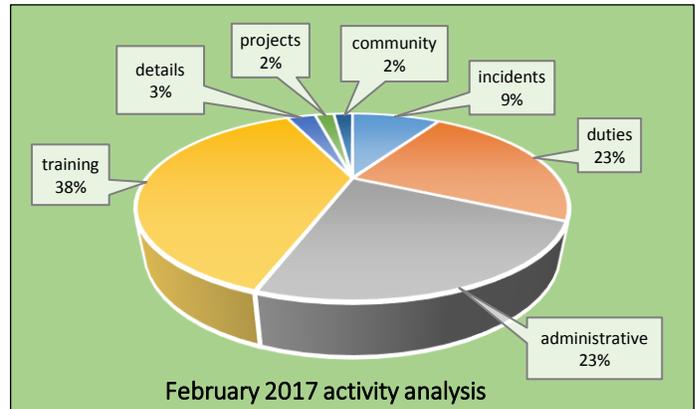
Regular City Council meeting • March 7, 2017

Fire Department

Incidents (2017 total incidents to date: 106)

FEBRUARY 2017: 30 incident calls ... 18.65 hours

- **EMS – 14**
- **Fire – 7**
 - Structure – 2
 - Woods/Grass – 2
 - Fire Alarm – 0
 - Smoke investigation – 0
 - Vehicle – 0
 - Other 3
- **Service – 10**
 - Trees down - 1
 - Wires down – 1
 - Lockout – 0
 - Invalid Assist – 1
 - Gas leak - 1
 - Water leak – 1
 - Wellness check – 1
 - Public Service – 4



- **Motor Vehicle Accidents – 5**
- **Rescue – 0**
- **HAZMAT – 1**
- **Other - 0**

Operations

- College Park Fire Department to donate 15 Scott SCBA air packs with cylinders (gift value: \$40,000+)
- Hydrant servicing/painting and annual “Business Fire Safety Inspections” continue

Personnel

- CHFD “station manpower” is 3 persons each 24 hour shift (always includes 1 Paramedic). The Fire Chief responds on all fire calls, multiple vehicle incidents, profound medical cases and deaths.
- We regret Jason Terry, Firefighter/Paramedic, will be leaving our department. Jason was recently promoted to Battalion Chief for College Park Fire Department. “Thank you” for your service, Jason!

Fire Services Delivery

- ISO/Verisk has updated its national database to reflect updated “protective class ratings” (PCR) for all municipalities (Chattahoochee Hills’ PCR is 4/4Y). Contact your insurance provider to determine if you can save money on your homeowner’s coverage.

Emergency Services delivery

- Expense and operations model for Fire Department to purchase/utilize a Type I response/transport-capable unit finalized and recommended for incorporation into FY2018 budget
- “Mutual Aid” agreement (DRAFT) received of Coweta County (Fire Department)



In Memoriam

We are saddened by the death of **LT Michael Norton**, 17 year veteran of the Coweta County Fire Department. LT Norton suffered a “line of duty” death following a structure fire response on Wednesday, March 1. Our prayers go out to his wife and family.

Emergency/Disaster Management

Communications

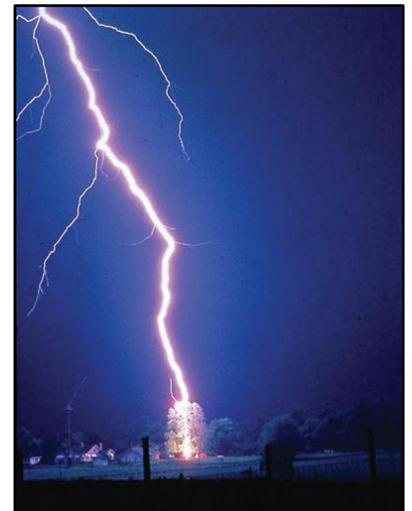
- CodeRed is a notification system ... City Public Safety does not use the system to speculate on weather forecast, rather it is used only when an emergency is confirmed and eminent. Overuse of the system may cause some citizens to ignore alerts when they are most important.
- CodeRED community enrollment blitz continues into Spring months ... enrollment forms at City Hall
 1. Enroll yourself ... Has your contact information changed during the last year?
 2. Enroll family and friends ... Their awareness might prove vital to you.

Weather Awareness

You can tell how close you are to a lightning strike by counting the seconds between seeing the flash and hearing the thunder. For every five seconds you count, the lightning is one mile away. If you see a flash and instantly hear the thunder, the lightning strike is very close.

Lightning Facts

- ⚡ There is no safe place outdoors when a thunderstorm is close.
- ⚡ The vast majority of lightning victims were going to a safe place but waited too long before seeking safe shelter.
- ⚡ More than 80% of lightning fatality victims are **male**, typically between the ages of 15 and 40.
- ⚡ Lightning fatalities are most common during summer afternoons and evenings.
- ⚡ The energy from one lightning flash could light a 100-watt light bulb for more than 3 months.
- ⚡ Many wildfires in the United States are ignited by lightning.
- ⚡ The channel of air through which lightning passes can be heated to 50,000°F—*hotter than the surface of the sun!* The rapid heating and cooling of the air near the lightning channel causes a shock wave that results in the sound we know as **“thunder.”**



(source: National Weather Service, 2017)