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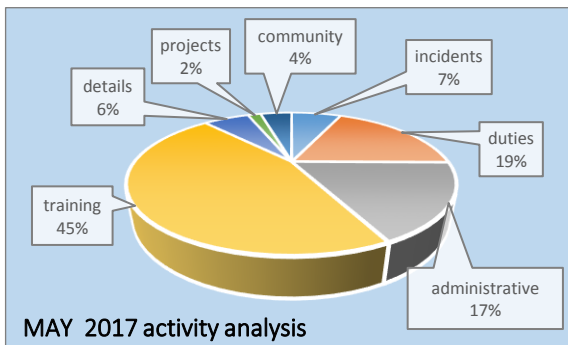
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Fire Department

**Incidents** (2017 total incidents to date: 254)

MAY 2017: 51 incident calls ... 23 hours

- **EMS – 25**
  - AMR transports – 20
  - CHFD transports – 0
  - Air/Medivac – 0
  - Deaths – 0
  - Refusal - 5
- **Fire – 6 (AA = 1, MA = 0)**
  - Structure/residential – 2
  - Structure/commercial – 0
  - Structure/outbuilding – 0
  - Woods/Grass – 2
  - Fire Alarm – 2
  - Smoke investigation – 1
  - Vehicle – 0
  - Other - 0
- **Rescue/Search – 0**



- **Service – 13**
  - Trees down - 10
  - Wires down – 0
  - Lockout – 1
  - Invalid Assist – 0
  - Wellness check – 0
  - Water leak – 0
  - Gas leak – 1
  - Public Service – 6
  - Other – 1
- **Vehicle Accidents – 7**
  - Extrication – 0
- **HAZMAT – 0**
- **Other - 0**

**Department/Operations/Training**

- Ladder/Service Company training was conducted with Palmetto Fire Department during first week of May. Both departments are coordinating the development of a ladder/service company to respond, as needed, in the two jurisdictions.
- A-shift Fire Officer-Lieutenant interviews to be held later in June.
- Hydrant servicing/painting nearly completed.
- Self-contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) packs received from College Park Fire Department have been serviced by MES, a licensed service agent, and have been placed in service on Fire apparatus. Packs are much newer (NFPA 2007 compliance specifications) that previously used by CHFD.



**Fire Services Delivery**

- “Outdoor Burning” ordinance” includes:
  - (excerpts) 1. NO charge for permitting residential burning of vegetation ... approvals issued by phone daily when burning is allowed
  - 2. Residential debris piles and bonfires up to 10x10x10 to be allowed ... cooking fires are allowed year-round ... “extinguishment” includes (either/or) positive water source, farm implement or grading equipment
  - 3. Commercial clearing-burning includes \$300 fee and compliance with EPD specifications
  - 4. Agricultural burning allowed year-round as defined/approved by GA Forestry and CHFD

NOTE: “Open burning” and “regulated burning” requirements will be published in a public brochure following adoption of the ordinance

- All vehicles represent the possibility for an electrical fire that can evolve into a structure fire. Be especially careful to check battery chargers or connections on electrical golf carts, electric cars, diesel vehicles, hybrid vehicles, etc.

## Emergency Medical Services Delivery

- Patient transport concerns within Chattahoochee Hills are being met through the following improvements:
  - Negotiation of a new service-level agreement” with American Medical Response (AMR) to provide additional ambulance units dedicated to south Fulton County region
  - CHFD is preparing to place in service a new medical response unit that could transport a patient when “crisis” circumstances should occur ([ask Chief Brett for more details on “exigent” criteria and Georgia law directing contractor transports](#))
  - Additional personnel added to enhance level of care and transport capabilities
- Blood pressure checks can be done anytime at Station 51 (6615 Rico Rd).
- FREE CPR classes are available at CHFD—contact Chief Brett ([Greg.Brett@chatthillsga.us](mailto:Greg.Brett@chatthillsga.us)) to learn more.

## Fire Chief’s Office - Notables

- Fire and life safety criteria have been developed (2016-2017) for review of safe practices required at public events (venues) and movie production sites ... these requirements are reviewed with all external and internal entities before city applications/permits are approved.
- Events/inspections have included:
  - “MaryLou” film production (Bouckaert properties)
  - “The Darkest Minds” film production (Chattahoochee Hills roadways)
  - “The Pact” film production (Chattahoochee Hills roadways)
  - “Robin Hood” (Serenbe Playhouse)
  - “Stan Against Evil” film production (Cochran Road area)
  - May Day (Serenbe)
- Free child car seats are available through an agreement with Union City Fire Department. Contact Chief Greg Brett to learn more and/or schedule installation of a car seat.

## **Chattahoochee Hills Emergency Management Agency (CHEMA)**

### Communications

- More CodeRed enrollments are needed—every citizen/household should be enrolled. Please check our enrollment roster to confirm you have listed your cell service provider (this identity is required to facilitate priority notifications).
- CHEMA’s CodeRed notification criteria (doc) is available for those who want to know when to anticipate alerts.

## Weather Aware ... “ME” Aware



Everyone has already experienced how hot weather brings thunderstorms that might include lightning and hail. Seek shelter quick! But, don’t forget how the heat and humidity can threaten your body, also.

“Heat exhaustion” is that thing that includes sweating, fatigue and just feeling too hot. Stop! Get in the shade or cooler indoors. Hydrate. “Heat stroke” is similar but very serious. Confusion, hot/dry skin, headache and nausea signal a true life-threatening emergency. You must seek help immediately!

Here’s a rule of thumb for daily hydration ... **13 cups (3 liters) for men, 9 cups (2.2 liters) for women**. However, you should increase fluid intake relative to increasing activity above your norm.

**HERE’S THE BIGGY:** you MUST be hydrating regularly—you CANNOT start hydrating today and expect your body to catch up before you start your work today. Yesterday’s daily requirement is what you are using today.

(reference: Mayo Foundation for Medical Education and Research, 2017)

