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Fire & Rescue / Emergency Management

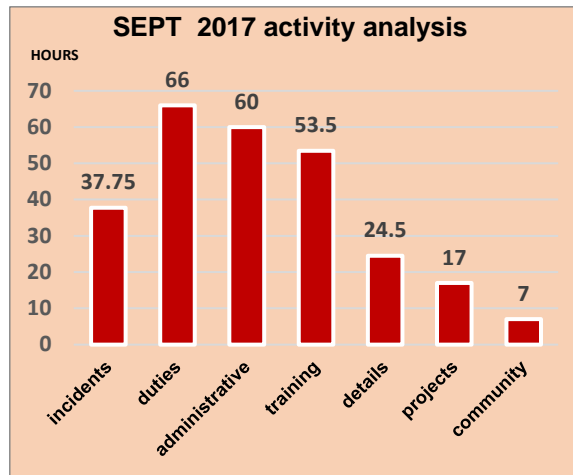
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## Fire Rescue Department

**Incidents** (2017 total incidents to date: 430)

SEPTEMBER 2017: 53 incident calls ... 37.75 hours

- EMS – 17
  - AMR transports – 12
  - CHFD transports – 0
  - POV transports – 0
  - Air/Medivac – 0
  - Deaths – 2
  - Other – 3
- Fire – 10
  - Structure/residential – 0
  - Structure/commercial – 0
  - Structure/outbuilding – 0
  - Woods/Grass – 0
  - Fire Alarm – 3
  - Smoke investigation – 0
  - Vehicle – 0
  - Sprinkler system – 0
  - Illegal burn – 3
  - Other – 1



- Service – 23
  - Trees down – 16
  - Wires down – 3
  - Lockout – 0
  - Invalid Assist – 2
  - Wellness check – 0
  - Water leak – 2
  - Gas leak – 1
  - Public Service – 0
  - Other – 0
- Vehicle Accidents – 3
  - Extrication – 0
- HAZMAT – 0
- Rescue/Search – 0
- Other – 0

### Fire Operations/Training/Personnel Fire Dept Operations and Personnel

- The burn ban was lifted 01OCT (new ordinance and enforcement information has been advanced to Fire and Police personnel) ... contact Fire Station 51 (770-463-8177) daily for burn permits ... resident guidelines are available on the City’s website or at City Hall and Fire Station 51
- Business Safety Inspections continue
- Physical Agility Training (course) occurring daily on each shift
- CHFD to provide Fire Engine for upcoming Fairburn and Palmetto fall festivals
- ENG51 (Pierce) has undergone extensive brake repair and front-end alignment

### Fire Chief’s Office - Notables

- Contract/Purchase process related to the medical transport unit is moving forward with Reliant ... a delivery date has not been determined yet.
- CHFD will host South Fulton Fire Chiefs’ for “working lunch” on 19OCT
- Chief’s Office pressing to make sure all public entities understand City ordinances and Fire Dept processes for advance planning, support and inspection of public venues and events



- Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) protocol developed/implemented via Fulton Emergency Communications ... includes all South Fulton fire departments
- AMR service level agreement has not stalled but it has slowed significantly due to Hurricane Harvey and IRMA response by AMR
- The final fire services mutual aid agreement between Chattahoochee Hills, College Park, Eastpoint, Fairburn, Fulton County, Hapeville, Palmetto and Union City is ready for approval. The “automatic aid” agreement already executed between Chattahoochee Hills, Palmetto and Fairburn supersedes the new agreement (“Automatic Aid” means depts are dispatched simultaneously to each other’s incidents; “Mutual Aid” means other depts. will respond, as possible, when requested by a senior Fire Officer once on-scene)
- CHFD “Standard Operating Procedures” update underway (extensive overhaul)
- Fire Dept’s “Community Risk Reduction” program being expanded (ISO requirement) ... now includes: “Fire Safety In The Home” class/materials, fire safety demos/classes at Charter School, community smoke detector blitz (free smoke detectors received through WSB/Operate Save A Life), CPR classes on request, Emergency First Aid classes on request, and car seat classes/installation including free car seat (provided by Gov’s Office of Highway Safety)
- *National Fire Prevention (Awareness) Week, October 8-14*

## Chattahoochee Hills Emergency Management Agency (CHEMA)

### General Information

- EMAIL: [CHEMA@chatthillsga.us](mailto:CHEMA@chatthillsga.us) (rolls into [Greg.Brett@chatthillsga.us](mailto:Greg.Brett@chatthillsga.us) INBOX)
- CHEMA/EOC PHONE: 678-466-7278 (VOICEMAIL rolls over to Fire Chief’s office phone voicemail)
- Preparation of documents for IRMA recovery continues—deadline for submittal is 31Oct ... City IRMA-related expenses at approximately \$15,000.00—recovery of funds not guaranteed
- AFCEMA is assisting our city with completion of formal documents to identify/integrate CHEMA, our EOC and area resources into the GEMA, FEMA and Red Cross network.

## Weather/Safety Aware: Your fire ...YOUR responsibility



Cool autumn days mean almost everyone enjoys burning leaves or limbs, and maybe roasting a hot dog or two. Weather conditions can make an outdoor fire fun ... and dangerous.

Every outdoor fire has to be carefully managed. Very dry, windy conditions usually means burning leaves, brush or vegetative debris piles is a bad idea. Georgia Forestry attributes 90% of forest wildfires to poor management of small fires.

Smoke can be a problem. Clear days are the best days to burn, and remember that wet materials generate more smoke. Also, evening fires generate smoke that lingers. Linger smoke that obscures visibility on a roadway or infiltrates neighbor’s homes will certainly mean your fire has to be extinguished.

### Keep these safe practices/requirements in mind:

1. It’s your responsibility to know the rules and abide by them. Contact Chattahoochee Hills Fire Dept (770-463-8177) to learn more and obtain a burn permit.
2. Keep fires well away from your home or other structures. Spray water on dry, grassy areas between the fire and buildings.
3. Never leave a fire unattended—a wind gust can change things in an instant.
4. Keep some form of extinguishment—water, rake, heavy equipment—close at hand.
5. It’s your fire, so it’s your smoke ... if someone complains you are responsible for resolving the problem.