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Fire & Rescue / Emergency Management

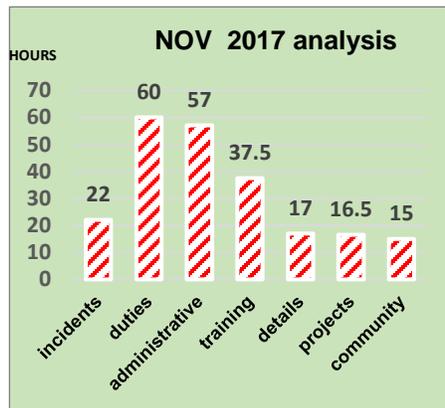
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Fire Rescue

**Incidents** (2017 total incidents to-date: 523)

NOVEMBER 2017: 38 incident calls ... 22 hours

- EMS – 29
  - AMR transports – 13
  - CHFD transports – 0
  - Patient Refusal - 14
  - POV transports - 0
  - Air/Medivac – 0
  - Deaths – 0
  - Cancellations - 2
  - Other - 0
- Fire – 7
  - Structure/residential – 1
  - Structure/commercial – 0
  - Structure/outbuilding – 0
  - Woods/Grass – 1
  - Fire Alarm – 2
  - Smoke investigation – 0
  - Vehicle – 0
  - Sprinkler system – 0
  - Illegal burn - 1
  - Other - 3



- Service – 5
  - Trees down - 1
  - Wires down – 0
  - Lockout – 1
  - Invalid Assist – 1
  - Wellness check – 1
  - Water leak – 0
  - Gas leak – 0
  - Public Service – 0
  - Other – 2
- Vehicle Accidents – 6
  - Extrication – 1
- HAZMAT – 1
- Rescue/Search – 0
- Other - 0

**Fire Operations/Training/Personnel**

- “Operation Sav-A-Life” initiated annually by Kidde, Home Depot and WSB-TV2 is underway (watch for TV public service announcements) ... CHFD has free smoke detectors for households with no or old detectors ... we’re happy to install for you, if needed.



- Contaminated diesel fuel caused problems recently with the 1994 Pierce fire engine and fuel storage at Station 51. Fire engine was temporarily out of service for fuel pump, lines and filter replacements. Simultaneously, the fuel storage tank (interior) was refurbished and received new filters and hoses.

- LifePak 15 cardiac monitor has been received and placed in service. All personnel have received training on the unit AND are undergoing training on new protocols related to the soon-to-be “transport capable medical response unit” (vehicle).



- Annual fire hose testing, hydrant servicing, and business fire safety inspections are nearly complete. Repairs at Station 51 include the replacement of lighting and ceiling tiles in the engine bay and construction of a storage building.



## Fire Chief's Office - Notables

### Patient Transport

Investigations underway by the GA EMS Region III Council to define the level of need and services provided (by AMR) in the south Fulton area. Region Council will report in January 2018. Fulton County has drafted a "Request for Proposal" to solicit new contractor bids immediately after the Council's determination.

"Transport capable medical response unit" (new MED51) delivery expected at any time. New protocols in place for operation of unit and possible patient transport.



### Fire Services Delivery

1. Fire Chief has received 33 inquiries during 2017 about "protective class rating" (PCR) as it relates to insurance renewal or increases in premiums. Most concerns pertain to an average 300% increase in cost for annual homeowner's insurance. This is due to several factors:
  - A. National insurance database has been updated and now indicates fire services are provided by Chattahoochee Hills and not Fulton County ... Fulton PCR: 4/9 (old value) ... Chattahoochee Hills PCR: 4/4Y (new value)
  - B. As policies renew careful attention is given to understanding the home/property's location to departments providing services, distance to fire stations and presence of municipal water (hydrants), THUS many policies are renewed at higher rates. Some insurers have canceled policies.



Summarily, residents living beyond five miles of a CHFD station have seen their PCR go from 4 to 10. The solution in the southwest area of Chattahoochee Hills is the development of a second fire station—the most immediate solution in the northern area is the development of an "automatic aid" agreement with Renaissance.

*(Vehicle fires are more common in Chattahoochee Hills than you may believe. Often, stolen vehicles are driven down the South Fulton Parkway, stripped of valuables, then set on fire to eliminate fingerprints or evidence)*

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

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- Our winter season preparations were sufficiently tested with the recent snow event. Earlier communications and planning with Greystone Power, Georgia Power, GEMA and AFCEMA were helpful for December's unexpected storm.
- Hurricane IRMA "public assistance" process continues with potential for \$14,000 to be recovered. Site visit by FEMA to occur in December of January.



*(Recent icy conditions caused a vehicle to crash into a home porch and living room)*