



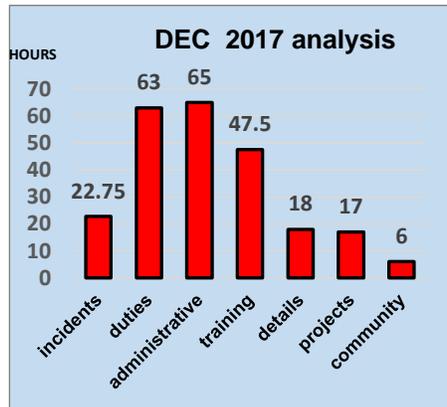
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Fire & Rescue / Emergency Management

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**Incidents** (2017 total incidents: 543)

DECEMBER 2017: 36 incidents ... 22.75 hours

- **EMS – 14**
  - AMR transports – 9
  - CHF D transports – 0
  - Patient Refusal - 4
  - POV transports - 0
  - Air/Medivac – 0
  - Deaths – 0
  - Cancellations - 0
  - Other - 1
- **Fire – 4**
  - Structure/residential – 3
  - Structure/commercial – 0
  - Structure/outbuilding – 0
  - Woods/Grass – 1
  - Fire Alarm – 2
  - Smoke investigation – 0
  - Vehicle – 0
  - Sprinkler system – 0
  - Illegal burn - 0
  - Other - 0



- **Service – 13**
  - Trees down - 7
  - Wires down – 1
  - Lockout – 0
  - Invalid Assist – 5
  - Wellness check – 0
  - Water leak – 0
  - Gas leak – 0
  - Public Service – 0
  - Other – 0
- **Vehicle Accidents – 5**
  - Extrication – 0
- **HAZMAT – 0**
- **Rescue/Search – 0**
- **Other - 0**

**Fire and EMS Operations/Training/Personnel**

- CHF D has free smoke detectors for homes with no or old detectors ... fire personnel can install, if needed.
- CAUTION: The practice of starting and warming vehicles before you depart can be very dangerous. A vehicle fire inside a garage or close to your home may result in a structure fire, also (photo at right).
- The alternate power generator at Station 51 has failed—assessment for repairs is underway. The unit was installed in 1982 when the station was constructed by Fulton County.



- Training is underway for all Fire/EMS personnel to be familiar with operations, patient transport determination and new policies related to the (new) medical response unit.
- Increased traffic and development within and outside Chattahoochee Hills can result in accidents with very unique elements. A wreck such as pictured on the left can include contaminants and various other hazards that require road closure, removal of waste and specialized investigation.

## **Fire Chief's Office - Notables**

### "Transport capable medical response unit" – MED51

The new medical response unit has been delivered and is being readied for service. Radio installation and several other improvements will take place during the next few weeks for the unit to begin operating before February.



### Fire Services Delivery

1. Increased cost for homeowners insurance is being tracked by the Fire Chief. If you have experienced a significant increase or cancellation, contact Chief Brett (770-463-1592 or [greg.brett@chatthillsga.us](mailto:greg.brett@chatthillsga.us)) to inquire about your "protective class rating."
2. Don't forget our burn ordinance—regulations are posted on the City website or available at Fire Station 51. Your "permit" (no fee) may be obtained by simply phoning Station 51 (770-463-8177) and speaking to fireman on duty.

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

### **Cold Weather No Joke**

DON'T DRIVE WHEN THERE'S ICE OR SNOW. Only an emergency should send you out on icy roads where an accident or worse can happen.

Cold temps cause pipes to burst—leave indoor and outside faucets dripping.

Cold weather can have severe effects on your body, too. Remaining outdoors too long such that your body temperature is lowered to 95°F (from 98.6) will result in hypothermia. At this point your body will continue to lose heat faster than it can generate heat—this is a TRUE medical emergency. Hypothermia can result in impaired judgment, irregular heart rhythm and frostbite. Combine these effects on a weakened immune system (which you may or may not know is struggling against a head cold or influenza virus), and the sudden onset of flu or pneumonia can be life-threatening.



### **Tips for cold weather and flu season:**

- Dress in layers when you must be outdoors very long.
- Protect your head (40% of body heat is lost through the scalp).
- Shaking hands is a polite gesture ... but germs and viruses are transferred during handshakes.
- Wash your hands regularly AND don't touch your face or mouth often (that virus your friend has may be transferred during your handshake). Just keeping your hands away from your face improves exponentially your chance of warding off many sicknesses.
- Hydrate, hydrate, hydrate. Your body can lose fluid during cold weather the same as during hot weather. A well-hydrated body typically means a much stronger immune system.

