



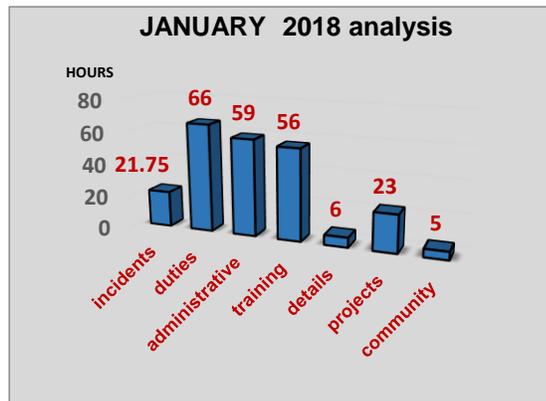
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 Fire & Rescue / Emergency Management

Regular City Council meeting • February 6, 2018

Incidents (2017 total incidents: 543)

JANUARY 2018: **40 incidents** ... 21.75 hours

- **EMS – 22**
 - AMR transports – 18
 - CHFD transports – 0
 - Refusals - 4
 - Air/Medivac – 0
 - Deaths – 0
 - Cancellations - 0
 - Other - 0
- **Fire – 5**
 - Structure/residential – 1
 - Structure/commercial – 0
 - Structure/outbuilding – 0
 - Woods/Grass – 1
 - Fire Alarm – 2
 - Smoke investigation – 0
 - Vehicle – 1
 - Sprinkler system – 0
 - Illegal burn – 0
 - Other - 0



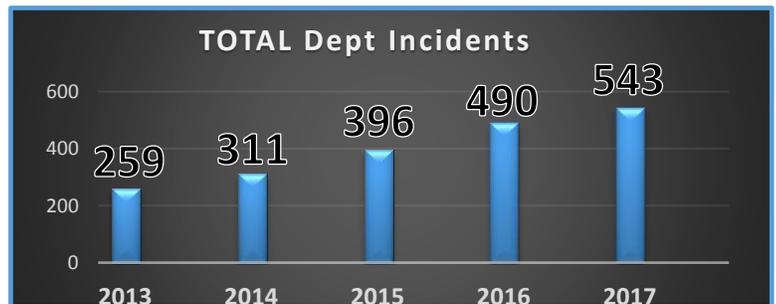
AUTOMATIC aid	2 (Palmetto)
MUTUAL aid	0

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

Fire and EMS Operations



- The “transport-capable medical response unit,” aka the new MED51, was placed into service on February 1, 2018 at 12 noon. B-shift personnel ran the unit’s first call on that day at 1:10 PM (no transport required).



- Increased costs for homeowner insurance is being tracked by the Fire Chief. Some citizens have reported increases in premiums and others report of policy cancellations.

Several reasons for these abrupt changes include ...

1. The “protective class rating” for a property/home was incorrectly recorded/verified reaching back to the time of when Fulton County provided fire services. This misrepresentation may have perpetuated until databases were updated or a policy/coverage was reviewed.
2. Insurers ARE conducting more routine review of policies and better assessing (a) types of coverage, (b) improvements to properties, (c) increases in home value, and (d) changes in contents.
3. Annexation of new areas into Chattahoochee Hills has changed boundaries placing a property/home under this city’s “protective class rating.”
4. New formulas for evaluating fire services are being applied by both Insurance Services Office (ISO) and risk managers within insurance companies thus changing how premiums are calculated.

(**“Homeowner insurance increases”** ... continued)

Solutions to address these increased costs include discussions about ...

- “Automatic aid” between our Fire Department and the City of South Fulton for properties/homes in northern Chattahoochee Hills
- The possibility of a new fire station in the southern or southwestern areas of the city

If you have experienced an increase or cancellation due to “protective” or “town” class rating, contact Chief Brett (770-463-1592 or greg.brett@chatthillsga.us).

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.

