



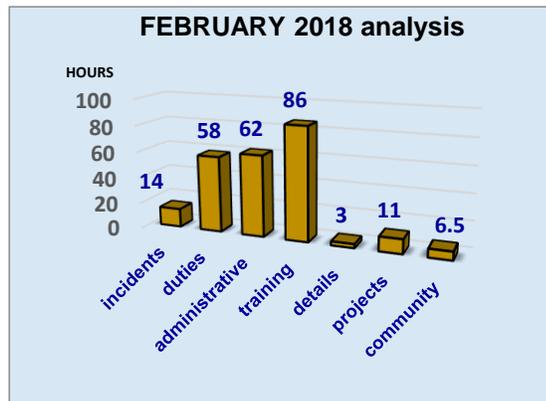
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 Fire & Rescue / Emergency Management

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**Department Incidents** (2018 total incidents: 67)

FEBRUARY 2018: 27 incidents

- **EMS – 13**
  - AMR transports – 7
  - CHFD transports – 0
  - Patient Refusal/Cancel -5
  - Air/Medivac – 0
  - Deaths – 1
  - Other - 0
- **Fire – 3**
  - Structure/residential – 2
  - Structure/commercial – 0
  - Structure/outbuilding – 1
  - Woods/Grass – 1
  - Fire Alarm – 0
  - Smoke investigation – 0
  - Vehicle – 1
  - Sprinkler system – 0
  - Illegal burn – 0
  - Other - 0



AUTOMATIC aid .....	1 (Palmetto)
MUTUAL aid .....	0

- **Service – 6**
  - Trees down - 3
  - Wires down – 1
  - Lockout – 0
  - Invalid Assist – 0
  - Wellness check – 0
  - Water leak – 0
  - Gas leak – 1
  - Public Service – 0
  - Other – 1
- **Vehicle Accidents – 2**
  - Extrication – 0
- **HAZMAT – 0**
- **Rescue/Search – 1**
- **Other - 0**

**Fire Operations**

- Sometimes Fire rescue operations include animals such as a recent cow rescue. Other animal rescue incidents within the past five years include: dogs rescued from a burning structure, pony down, horse struck by vehicle, donkeys struck by vehicle, cow stuck in mud, and a cat in a tree (of course).



- Motor vehicle collisions often require specialized techniques using hydraulic equipment to extricate a patient. This recent accident (pictured left) on Hwy 154 involved Fire personnel from three departments with CHFD handling the extrication of the driver/patient in record time.



- Golf carts are a convenient mode of travel around home and property, but golf cart fires are a very real danger. The fires burn very large and hot and typically obliterate the cart (pictured right). The fire can quickly involve a home/structure if the cart is being charged in a storage or garage area.



- CHFD personnel are engaged in daily/weekly training on EMS and fire operations. New training requirements begun in 2018 include: transport determination, LifePak (cardiac monitor), National Incident Management System (NIMS 100, 200, 700). CHFD will conduct drafting/shuttle operations training in April when other nearby departments will attend to observe/train first-hand with CHFD personnel.

- Fire/EMS personnel total four (4) persons per 24-hour shift. Two Paramedic/Firefighters and two EMT/Firefighters are always on duty at Station 51. **Citizens are always welcome to visit and can request blood pressure checks, as needed.**

## EMS Operations

- **Region 3/South Fulton Zone Patient Transport (contract) Negotiations**

Region 3 (State of Georgia) offices and Fulton County continue to review methodology for receiving bids for the south zone beginning April 26, 2018. Fulton County Emergency Communications has held exploratory meetings with other providers to determine their capability to deliver transport services and interest in bidding for the south Fulton zone. Mayors have been involved with Fire Chiefs for all south Fulton jurisdictions including Chattahoochee Hills, City of South Fulton, College Park, Eastpoint, Fairburn, Hapeville, Palmetto, and Union City.

- **AMR Operation Changes**

AMR regional management have proposed changes to relieve stress on the network of units available to operate within the south Fulton zone. Changes may include: (1) delivery of Alpha-level patients to alternate care facilities, ie “urgent care” versus hospital, (2) implementation of support mechanisms for “Community Paramedicine” program within south Fulton jurisdictions, (3) addition of AMR personnel inside hospital ERs to reduce “wall time” during patient transfers by AMR.

## Fire Chief’s Office

- “March 1 marked the start of my fifth year as Fire Chief. I am amazed at how quickly time has passed and, as always, grateful for the opportunity to serve my community. Thank you for your continuing support—we have a ways to go still to reach the level of services our citizens deserve.” –Greg Brett
- Review of event applications, event site inspections, and new construction plan/site review takes more time than most may realize. The Fire Chief and Fire Marshal work weekly with the City Planning Office to review construction, fire and life safety (code) requirements.
- Phone calls and emails by homeowners and insurance agents continue weekly to punctuate the need for fire service enhancements to improve the “protective class rating” in the very northern and the south/southwest areas of Chattahoochee Hills. “Automatic aid” with the City of South Fulton Fire Department would resolve matters in the north; a second fire station in the south/southwest area, and located near the junction of Rico/Hutcheson Ferry/Atlanta-Newnan roads would positively affect the most people up to five (5) miles.
- Fire Chief attended week-long class (“Command and General Staff for Expanding Incidents”, GPSTC) for further qualification to serve in the role of Emergency Management coordinator for the city and to participate in a command/support role with GEMA during disaster events occurring elsewhere in Georgia.

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



CodeRED sign-up forms have been updated and placed on city website—printed versions are available outside the Clerk’s office window at City Hall. Recent loss of data resulted in some persons not receiving alerts during February—this matter has been resolved. Encourage others to register for this FREE alert service—severe weather season is already here.

## **HURRICANE IRMA Expense Recovery**

The September 2017 arrival of Hurricane IRMA left behind more than trees and damaged roadways. The process of recovering an estimated \$48,000 in equipment, labor and materials expense has become a weekly, if not daily, focus/effort with FEMA and GEMA representatives. Some interesting statistics gleaned from this process include:

- Fire, Police, Public Works, and Emergency Management personnel were coordinated through a central “Emergency Operations Center” (EOC) within the City Hall ... 454 city employee man-hours were recorded during the 36-hour event window
- Operations included a 50-person shelter with medical, sleeping, showering and feeding resources
- Shelter operations were manned by Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT) volunteers who worked a total of 72 hours
- 14 vehicles and various equipment were utilized during the event window
- 671,122 lbs of vegetative debris was removed from roadways
- 267,680 lbs of vegetative debris was chipped into useable mulch