



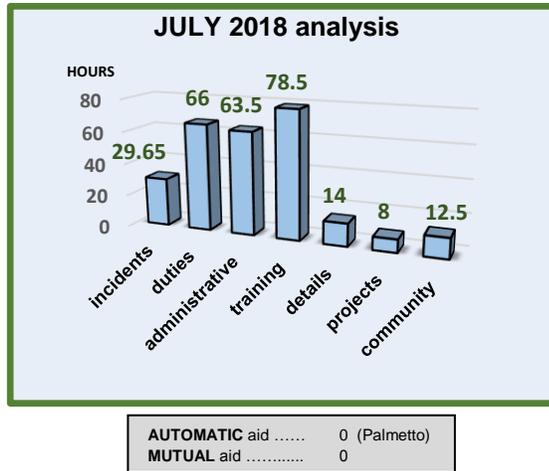
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## Department Incidents

JULY 2018: 51 (2018 total incidents: 286)

- **EMS – 30**
  - Grady transports – 27
  - CHFD transports – 0
  - Patient Refusal -3
  - Air/Medivac – 0
  - Deaths – 2
  - Other - 0
- **Fire – 12**
  - Structure/residential – 1
  - Structure/commercial – 0
  - Structure/outbuilding – 0
  - Woods/Grass – 2
  - Fire Alarm – 4
  - Smoke investigation – 0
  - Vehicle – 0
  - Sprinkler system – 0
  - Illegal burn – 0
  - Other - 0



- **Service – 8**
  - Trees down - 2
  - Wires down – 0
  - Lockout – 0
  - Invalid Assist – 4
  - Wellness check – 0
  - Water leak – 1
  - Gas leak – 0
  - Public Service – 0
  - Other – 1
- **Vehicle Accidents – 1**
  - Extrication – 0
- **HAZMAT – 0**
- **Rescue/Search – 1**
- **Other - 0**

## Fire Operations

- CHFD's two oldest fire engines (1985 and 1996, respectively, now out-of-service) will be sold to assist the City/Department with purchasing a newer fire engine
- Response (average) times for all calls by CHFD:
  - DISPATCH/TONE to ON-SCENE: 09:50 minutes
  - ON-SCENE HANDLING INCIDENT: 16:46 minutes
- The Active Shooter forum was well attended by every public safety entity in south Fulton County and then some
- Recent formal training included pipeline emergencies and infectious diseases



## EMS Services



- CHFD now operates both MED51 and Engine 51 as “advanced life-saving” (ALS) units with an ALS medication inventory, cardiac monitor and other equipment to support a Paramedic assigned to each unit.
- Grady ambulance postings at South Fulton fire stations 17 and 3, Palmetto Station 31 and Union City 41 have greatly enhanced response times and overall transport services for Chattahoochee Hills. Support by Grady Healthcare will be further improved as additional units/crews come on-line by Sept. 1. Other factors influencing response times include:
  - Grady provides more units dedicated to 911 services than previously allotted by AMR
  - More Grady ambulances are assigned to serving south Fulton areas than previously assigned by AMR
  - Posting and dispatching is now handled by Fulton Emergency Services thus no call transfers from a 911 Center to another entity or location
  - “Pre-alert” dispatches to Fire and EMS units allows units to go en route and receive incident or patient information once underway

## Office of the Fire Chief



Frequently, I encounter folks who remember the old days when you phoned the Fire Station to request help. In our rural communities it is often thought phoning the Fire Station, or even the Fire Chief, is the absolute best thing to do. But, my explanations are to the contrary and always include why it is SO necessary that everyone phone 911.

- **A call to 911 typically initiates a response by Fire/EMS or Police within seconds.**
- **An ambulance is started to your location until information is received to cancel it.**
- **Additional Law Enforcement units including CHPD and others from nearby jurisdictions are started as warranted, also.**
- **Your call (connection) can be maintained with a 911 Operator in case your situation changes and the Operator needs to offer additional assistance by phone or dispatch different/additional resources.**

Here's why it's NOT a good idea to phone the Fire Station or Police Department ...

- **Your emergency call may go unanswered since personnel may not be available for various reasons (out of quarters responding to another incident, on the phone, training, etc.).**
- **When you should phone either department with an emergency, we must contact 911 anyway to initiate documentation and start additional resources—those extra steps can cause us to lose valuable time.**

We never mind hearing from you, especially when you need assistance, but please phone 911 first and then phone us direct if you prefer.

## Other July activities of Fire Chief's Office

- Larger-scale event and movie production pre-planning and inspections included:
  - *Titanic* (until August 19, Serenbe Playhouse)
  - *Igloo* (August 25, Bouckaert Farms)
  - *Alchemy* (October 4, Bouckaert Farms)
  - *Raising Dion* (August 1 into 2019, Bouckaert Farms)
- Fire Station 51 kitchen renovation is complete



## **Chattahoochee Hills Emergency Management**

It's hurricane season. Forecasts in April indicated above average hurricane activity for 2018 with 14 hurricanes possibly influencing Georgia weather. Although hurricane activity may be spawned as late as November, activity is expected to peak in September (Hurricane Irma did considerable damage in Chattahoochee Hills last September).

With the arrival of late-summer heat, we all should consider two critical concerns for how weather might affect us ...

- **Hurricanes moving inland can yield damaging winds**
- **The combination of heat and moisture systems can produce extreme thunderstorms and rainfall**

Everyone should remain guarded and prepare for any eventuality. Here are a few suggestions for now and later ...

1. Remind everyone of safe places to shelter in homes and businesses
2. Double-check integrity of windows, doors and roofs
3. Remove aging or diseased trees that might damage homes or power lines
4. Double-check or prepare an "emergency kit" to include flashlights, batteries, basic first aid and communications
5. Determine and initiate appropriate alerting including CodeRed, weather radios, and media applications for mobile phones

