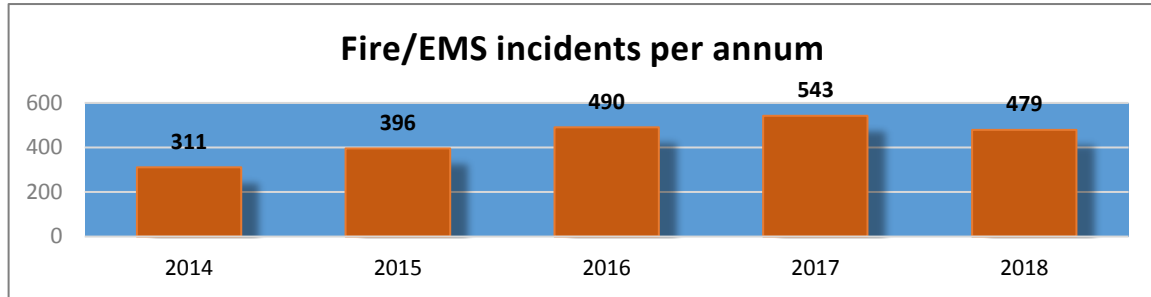




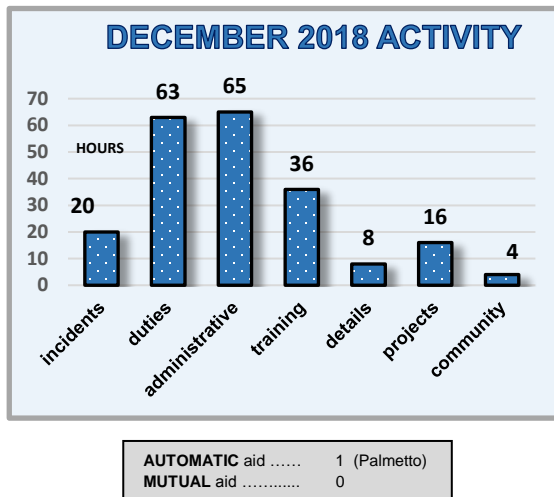
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December Incidents: 43

- **EMS – 30**
 - Grady transports – 29
 - CHF D transports – 0
 - Patient Refusal -2
 - Air/Medivac – 0
 - Deaths – 1
 - Other - 0
- **Fire – 3**
 - Structure/residential – 1
 - Structure/commercial – 0
 - Structure/outbuilding – 0
 - Woods/Grass – 0
 - Fire Alarm – 1
 - Smoke investigation – 0
 - Vehicle – 0
 - Sprinkler system – 0
 - Illegal burn – 0
 - Other - 1



- **Service – 5**
 - Trees down - 2
 - Wires down – 0
 - Lockout – 0
 - Invalid Assist – 1
 - Wellness chec1 – 0
 - Water leak – 1
 - Gas leak – 1
 - Public Service – 1
 - Other – 0
- **Vehicle Accidents – 3**
 - Extrication – 2
- **HAZMAT – 1**
- **Rescue/Search – 1**
- **Other - 0**

General

- CHFD has begun use of two remote software influencing all department operations.
 - **ImageTrend** is utilized for documentation of fire and EMS incidents and department operations management. Internet portal access is issued (required) by the Georgia Department of Public Health (via GEMSIS, Georgia Emergency Medical Services Information System) and FEMA/Homeland Security (via NFIRS, National Fire Incident Reporting System). Documentation and reporting of all medical and fire incidents is mandated by law.
 - **Freedom** is utilized for dispatching purposes and provides incident description, location, person(s) requesting assistance, units responding and a myriad of other elements key to fast, effective incident response. This application is provided by Fulton Emergency Services, our jurisdiction's 911 "public service answering point" (PSAP) and dispatcher.



Personnel access the applications using the newly purchased Panasonic laptop/terminals installed in MED51, ENG51 and the Chief's command vehicle.

- The 1996 International E-One and the 1985 Ford E-One fire engines previously approved by City Council for surplus sale have been listed on GovDeals.com for immediate sale.



Fire Operations

- Documents outlining “automatic aid” between Chattahoochee Hills and the City of South Fulton (CSF) have been reviewed/drafted by our City Attorney and submitted to the CSF Fire Chief’s Office. That city’s upcoming Council meetings are scheduled for JAN 28, FEB 26 and MAR 12—the Chattahoochee Hills Fire Chief will attend any meetings, as invited, to further this effort and return the agreement soon to the City Council for consideration/ratification.



EMS Services

- CHFHD continues to provide “advanced life-saving” (ALS) care on two, two-man units (MED51 and ENG51). Grady ambulance services are meeting expectations for scene response and quality of care.
- Motor vehicle collisions make up a large part of CHFHD’s call volume. Extrication of patients from damaged or overturned vehicles (as represented above) is common with a total of 22 hydraulic extrications occurring in 2018.
- Rescue of injured or lost persons in Cochran Mill Park, and other areas of Chattahoochee Hills, happens approximately 11 times per year. The rescue shown (right) took place on Christmas day 2018. CHFHD personnel are trained and outfitted with special gear for rescues in remote areas such as the parks.
- (REPRINTED) Recent review of Georgia Department of EMS protocol (statutes) regarding transport of patients to a preferred destination has yielded this important clarification for all system users:

Patient preference for transport to a hospital-of-choice will be considered and honored, when possible, however the transport provider may determine otherwise based on severity of patient condition, availability of care/resources at the preferred hospital, and distance to the preferred hospital. At such times, the patient shall be delivered to the closest, most appropriate medical facility.



Office of the Fire Chief

December and the start of 2019 were busy times for CHFHD. I am grateful to have such capable, dedicated people working around the clock. Firefighters always get teased about napping or watching TV, but often our schedules and work aren’t fully understood. Consider ...

- Firefighters/EMS respond at any hour, day or night, when most folks are going about their “normal” schedule
- Our shifts and incidents are anything but normal ... human injury, death, extremely dangerous environments or unexpected events can provide a jolt of reality any moment
- Incidents may last a few minutes or hours ... some require minimal effort while others are strenuous, fatiguing, uncomfortable and emotionally disturbing
- Regardless of weather conditions, we are working—rain, snow, ice, stormy, hot, cold—no matter, we go
- Meals, sleep, chores and other duties are interrupted frequently ... many meals get rewarmed or eaten cold



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Emergency Management



Firefighter/Paramedic Brad Wilson suffered a shoulder injury while working a structure fire in November. In spite of his medical leave, and post-surgery discomfort, Brad is enrolled in training classes while he is away (on his time and at his own expense!).

Yet, firefighters come back for more. Why? I believe that for most of us the job is a “calling,” an imprint on our souls calling us to serve others. We don’t hesitate, we don’t discriminate—we go, we serve.

Rest easy—we will be there. “We’ve got your back.”