

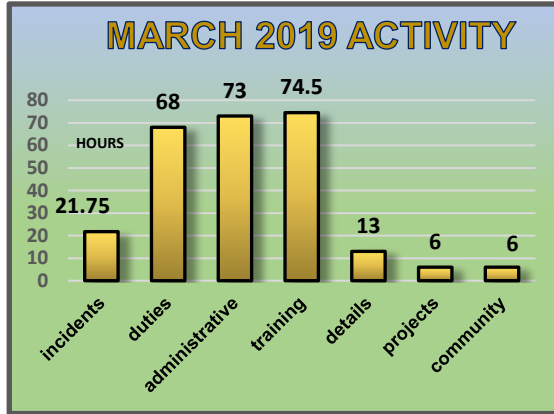


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 Fire & Rescue / Emergency Management

Regular City Council meeting • APRIL 9, 2019

March Incidents: 37

- **EMS – 18**
 - Grady transports – 8
 - CHFD transports – 0
 - Patient Refusal -1
 - Air/Medivac – 1
 - Deaths – 0
 - Other – 8 (cx)
- **Fire – 10**
 - Structure/residential – 1
 - Structure/commercial – 0
 - Structure/outbuilding – 0
 - Woods/Grass – 2
 - Fire Alarm – 0
 - Smoke investigation – 1
 - Vehicle – 3
 - Sprinkler system – 0
 - Illegal burn – 1
 - Other - 2



AUTOMATIC aid 1 Palmetto, 1 Fairburn
 MUTUAL aid 0
 2019 Incidents To-Date: 113

- **Service – 5**
 - Trees down - 0
 - Wires down – 0
 - Lockout – 1
 - Invalid Assist – 0
 - Wellness check – 0
 - Water leak – 1
 - Gas leak – 0
 - Public Service – 1
 - Other – 2
- **Vehicle Accidents – 4**
 - Extrication – 0
- **HAZMAT – 0**
- **Rescue/Search – 0**
- **Other - 0**

Fire & EMS Operations

- Notable fire/EMS responses in March include:
 - ◆ 3 (stolen) vehicle fires
 - ◆ 1 residential fire in Palmetto
 - ◆ 1 warehouse (contents) fire in Fairburn
 - ◆ 1 helicopter med-evac of person who fell from horse
 - ◆ 1 commercial excavator fire



- CHFD will host area fire departments for an annual “Draft & Shuttle” training exercise on April 23, 24, 25 beginning at 9 AM on Petersburg Rd. Anyone is welcome to view this impressive event that demonstrates how fire/water supply operations are managed in rural areas without hydrants.



- CHFD uses *KnoxBox* for providing key, code or card access at commercial and residential properties. Only CHFD and Palmetto personnel have keys for these lock boxes.
- Annual “Business Fire Safety Assessments” began April 1. Fifty-eight businesses or public occupancies are being contacted for a fire safety walkthrough by Fire Department representatives.

- MED51 conducted its first patient transport on April 2. A-Shift crew members Wilson and Jones transported a single patient suffering from an accidental poisoning to Piedmont-Newnan Hospital. All “exigent” criteria for transport has been confirmed.

Office of the Fire Chief

A Chattahoochee Hills resident donated a boat, trailer and motor (used, but in excellent condition) for Fire Dept water rescue operations. Fire personnel are making the boat "seaworthy" for immediate use (not for fishing, of course).

CHFD will host a community **CPR / Emergency First Aid class** on Saturday, April 13th, 8 AM at City Hall. Registration is limited to 20 persons. Register at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050D4AAEAF2DA0FA7-cprand>



Considerable effort goes into inspection and permitting venues and commercial facilities classified as a "public occupancy" or "mercantile" according to National Fire Protection Administration (NFPA) "Fire & Life Safety Codes" (as adopted by Georgia and Chattahoochee Hills). The Fire Chief acts as an "agent" of the State of Georgia Fire Marshal's Office to enforce required compliance with all codes. The following is a typical sequence of events applied to public events, venues and commercial construction sites/buildings by the Fire Chief:

- Meet with representative(s) and City Planner
- Review architectural/engineering plans
- Initial site visit
- Initial feedback defining fire and life safety code requirements
- Inspect site at 20% completion phase
- Inspect site at 80% completion phase
- Site-visit to verify any "system" operations
- Final inspection and correspondence leading to permit or "certificate of occupancy"

Emergency Management (CHEMA)

CHEMA has stockpiled 250 "meals-ready-to-eat" (MRE) for emergency/disaster use. *Brickworks* secured the MREs through their resources. MREs would be used at an emergency shelter or for community distribution following emergency/disaster events.

The Fire Chief is again engaged in the FEMA/GEMA five-year "Hazard Mitigation" process within Fulton County. Chattahoochee Hills is required to participate in the process and maintain a plan for improving the city's ability to (1) prevent, (2) withstand and (3) respond effectively to various disaster events. A documented plan is necessary to qualify for various federal grants or disaster reimbursements.




NWS EXTENDED 90-DAY FORECAST


(01APR2019 excerpt)

An El Nino weather pattern is expected to continue generating two weather effects for the southeastern US ...

- 1) low pressure, warm, "wet" air flows from the Gulf of Mexico
- 2) unstable fronts moving west-to-east ...

These combined effects will likely produce above-average rainfall and potentially dangerous storm activity including lightning, hail, damaging wind gusts or tornados.

 **CodeRED** is CHEMA's means for local alerting for inclement weather and other emergency notifications. CodeRED is a free service to anyone. Visit the City website or the City Hall for registration documents.

 **WeatherBug** is a localized "weather station" service mounted atop CHFD Fire Station 51 ... anyone can access real-time weather radar and data for Chattahoochee Hills at this website: www.weatherbug.com (choose *Chattahoochee Hills*)