



Fire & Rescue / Emergency Management

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October Incidents: 63 (year-to-date: 482)

EMS – 23

- Grady transports – 15
- CHFD transports – 0
- Patient Refusal - 4
- Air/Medivac – 0
- Deaths – 0
- COVID – 10 (confirmed/suspected)
- Other – 4 (Cx)

Fire – 4

- Structure/residential – 0
- Structure/commercial – 1
- Structure/outbuilding – 0
- Woods/Grass – 0
- Fire Alarm – 2
- Smoke investigation – 0
- Vehicle – 0
- Sprinkler system – 0
- Illegal burn – 0
- Other – 1

Service – 26

- Trees down - 16
- Wires down – 12
- Lockout – 0
- Invalid Assist – 10
- Wellness check – 0
- Water leak – 0
- Gas leak – 2
- Public Service – 0
- Other – 0

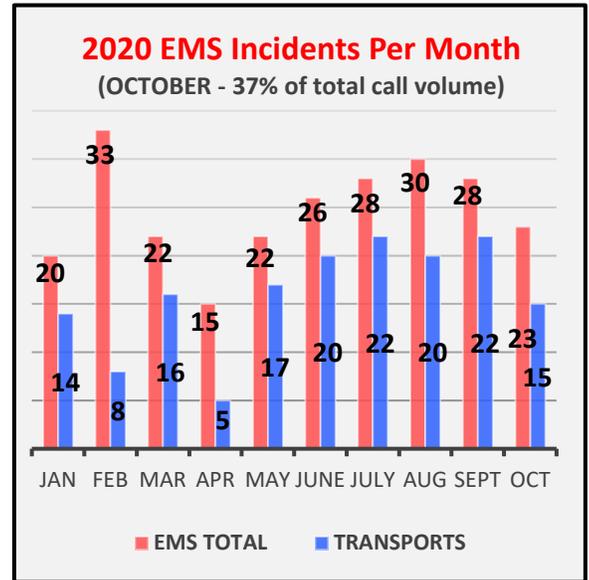
Vehicle Accidents – 4

- Extrication – 1

HAZMAT – 1

Rescue/Search – 0

Other - 5



Department Operations & Response



Vehicle VS vehicle accidents almost always cause injuries

Motor vehicle accidents can happen at any moment. The vehicle pictured left collided with a citizen’s car as (this) truck fled from Coweta Sheriff vehicles. Serious injuries resulted; three patients were transported from the scene. The resident, completely unaware, was returning home from her daughter’s house when this vehicle drove at high speed through a stop sign and collided broadside with her car.

According to the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration and the Georgia Office of Highway Safety, 70 persons are injured in vehicle accidents every hour.

Tanker 51 “In the house!”

CHFD’s new Fouts Pumper/Tender was received on Friday, November 6th. The new unit carries 3,000 gallons of water and can serve as a “front-line” fire engine thus earning the City and department additional credits for its ISO rating.



Fireworks law clarified

Georgia residents must request a permit any time fireworks of consumer or commercial grade are displayed “before a proximate audience.” This clarification comes from the Georgia Commissioner’s Office of Insurance and Safety Fire. Generally speaking, public firework exhibitions require permits and special approvals from Fulton County’s Probate Court and the City of Chattahoochee Hills. Contact the Office of the Fire Chief for more information.

Automatic Aid with City of South Fulton finally a reality

All automatic aid agreements between Chattahoochee Hills and City of South Fulton have been signed and recorded. Dispatching protocols for the two fire departments will be set in motion on January 1, 2021. For more information or a copy of these documents for insurance purposes, contact the Office of the Fire Chief (Greg.Brett@chatthillsga.us).



COVID-19 Report

| | GEORGIA | FULTON | CHATT HILLS |
|-----------------|---------|--------|-------------|
| CASES | 373,078 | 32,694 | 56 |
| HOSPITAL | 29,154 | 2,462 | 10 |
| DEATHS | 8,194 | 636 | 1 |

Disaster Management



Hurricane Zeta came through Chattahoochee Hills quickly and caused damage to power lines and roadways but generally spared us of significant structural damage. Public Safety crews including Fire, Public Works and Police responded to 36 incidents from 4 AM until 4 PM on October 29th.

Power outages were widespread across the city and lasted for three days in some areas. Greystone Power reported 50,000+ customers without power, although power was reinstated for most residents within 48 hours.



National Weather Service reports of 50 mph wind gusts were confirmed by CHEMA weather instruments. Rain-heavy tree canopies and strong winds brought many pines down as indicated by the photo at right showing just a small portion of trees removed from roadways and right-of-way by our Public Works.

We must strive!

Greg Brett
Chief of Fire, EMS, Emergency Management



It's so easy to settle into a rut or become complacent. Take ambulance service for example ... once upon a time Chattahoochee Hills' citizens could only rely on an average of 36 minutes for an ambulance to arrive on-scene. Occasionally, it could take more than an hour. Today, the average response time by Grady is 17 minutes (from dispatch to arrival). While this seems infinitely better (and it is!), the standard we strive for is under eight minutes. Why? Because if a patient receives skilled care in under eight minutes their chances of stabilization, resuscitation, in some case, and their projected outcome is truly better.

So, I ask you ... who arrives on-scene in eight minutes or less? ANSWER: Your Fire Department. The Paramedics and EMTs you employ as medical first responders, and Police Officers frequently fill this role, make the fastest, most telling difference in lives here in Chattahoochee Hills. Of course, rapid transport to a hospital for higher-care is vital, too. You can see why I am continually concerned our current ambulance services provider, Grady Healthcare, can and should do better. In the beginning of their support to south Fulton areas, they promised 11 units dedicated to 9-1-1 services; all south Fulton cities routinely get only five units posted or operating within our areas.

Local Fire Chiefs are presently requesting the Fulton County Commissioners nominate three Fire Chiefs to the Georgia EMS Region 3 Council for better representation of south Fulton citizen needs. You can help us by writing District 6 Commissioner Joe Cam or Commission Chair Rob Pitts at: 141 Pryor St, SW, Atlanta, GA 30303. Recommend their consideration of Fire Chief Henry Argo (Palmetto), Chief David Bloodworth (Hapeville) and Deputy Chief Ron Taylor (College Park). I trust these men's judgment and regularly discuss our needs with them.

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