

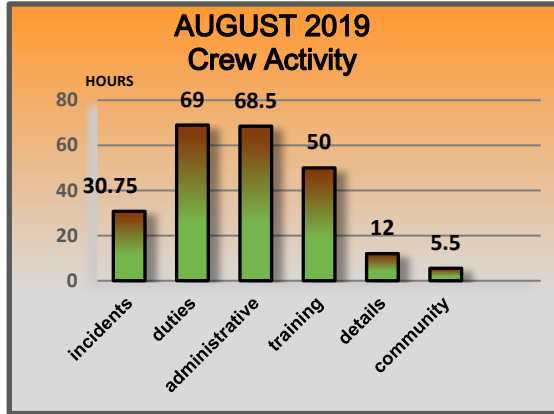


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 Fire & Rescue / Emergency Management

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August 2019 Incidents: 55
 (August 2018 = 38)

- EMS – 27
 - Grady transports – 26
 - CHFD transports – 0
 - Patient Refusal -0
 - Air/Medivac – 0
 - Deaths – 0
 - Other – 4 (Grady cx)
- Fire – 7
 - Structure-residential – 1
 - Structure-commercial – 0
 - Structure-outbuilding – 0
 - Woods/Grass – 0
 - Alarm – 4
 - Smoke investigation – 0
 - Vehicle – 0
 - Sprinkler system – 0
 - Illegal burn – 1
 - Other - 1



AUTOMATIC aid	1
MUTUAL aid	0
2019 incidents to-date:	381
2018 to-date comparison:	325

- Service – 11
 - Trees down - 2
 - Wires down – 1
 - Lockout – 0
 - Invalid Assist – 0
 - Wellness check – 2
 - Water leak – 2
 - Gas leak – 0
 - Public Service – 0
 - Other – 4
- Vehicle Accidents – 8
 - Extrication – 0
- HAZMAT – 0
- Rescue/Search – 2
- Other - 0

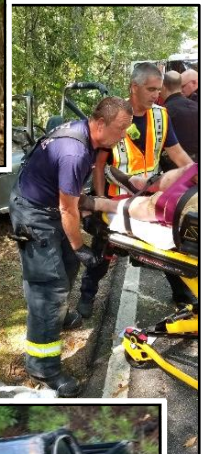
Fire & EMS Operations

- Typically, 60-70% of all department response each month are medical in nature. Motor vehicle accidents (MVA) account for 30% of incidents; 94% of MVA patients require transport to a hospital.

Locations with the highest frequency of vehicle accidents* are as follows:

- Campbellton-Redwine Rd / Hwy 70 (south)
- South Fulton Pkwy
- Hwy 92 / Hwy 154 intersection
- Cochran Mill Rd / South Fulton Pkwy intersection
- Rivertown Rd / Cedar Grove Rd intersection

* According to Fire Dept response data; some MVA are handled by law enforcement only and do not require Fire/EMS support



- CHFD averages one search or rescue incident per month related to Cochran Mill Park (excluding winter months). On August 4th at 9:12 PM, Fire and Police units were dispatched to the park to locate four adult hikers. Search and rescue operations were quickly effective because of a joint effort by Fire and Police personnel. A special commendation goes to Police Officer Chad Blackmon for exceptional effort locating/extracting the hikers.

- CHFD is enrolling citizens in its community paramedicine program providing “wellness checks” for persons who qualify. Enrollment information is available at City Hall, Fire Station 51 and on-line at www.chatthillsga.us



Office of the Fire Chief

Greg Brett, Fire Chief

Recent media attention on Grady Healthcare and its patient transport services have prompted questions by some of you. Generally, CHFD is pleased with Grady but like other Fire Chiefs in south, I continue to insist Grady dedicated an adequate number of 911 ambulances as promised in 2018. A high volume of incidents occurring simultaneously within south Fulton jurisdictions too frequently forces longer response times or inadequate ALS staffing by Grady.



Congratulations to Firefighter/Paramedic Brad Wilson for achieving Fire Officer II certification through the Georgia Fire Standards & Training Council. Brad joined the department in 2017.

Hurricane Dorian did not significantly impact the Georgia coastline and the 21 counties placed under a "state of emergency." No deployment of GEMA's "All Hazards Incident Management Team (IMT)" was necessary (and I am grateful ... I was slated for deployment to the coast as an Operations Section Chief in an EOC).

Note: GEMA's All-Hazards IMT is comprised of Fire, EMS and EMA professionals from Georgia whose employer endorses their involvement in regional disaster response management. Team members are required to earn federal and state credentials to work in GEMA roles in incident command, planning, logistics, operations, finance, safety and liaison.



Emergency Management (CHEMA@chatthillsga.us)


Severe weather preparations


The northern areas of Georgia including greater metropolitan Atlanta may seem completely safe from the extremes of hurricanes or their far-flung weather effects. Recent history (Hurricane Irma, Sept 2017) proved hurricane outer bands can reach our area with very profound effects.

While hurricanes can move across land and deliver significant rain and gusting winds, we are grateful to be spared the associated discomforts. Everyone knows that typically a majority of power crews are busy elsewhere at such times so extended wait times are likely. The same can be true for cold weather with freezing conditions.

Consider or initiate these preliminaries that work to your advantage for ANY weather ...

1. Make sure you have staples such as water, canned foods, prescription medications, batteries, fuel, etc. to last 7-10 days.
2. Portable generators are great helpmates during warm or cold weather power outages. Don't forget an adequate supply of fuel and heavy-duty power cords.
3. Pruning or eliminating trees near homes or critical structures should take place while there is decent weather and time. Last minute requests don't always pan out or can be more expensive.
4. Keep vehicles fueled ahead of impending bad weather in the event of evacuation or other emergencies.
5. Check flashlights and lanterns for reliable operation.
6. Discuss preparations, safety plans and potential risks with family members and friends to improve awareness and the possibility of sheltering together.
7. Place documents and valuables in secure places for quick retrieval or safe storage if your home should be damaged.
8. Purchase rechargeable (external) batteries for cell phones.
9. Download cell applications or set phone features that warn of weather conditions in your immediate locale.
10. Curtains and/or blinds protect from shattering windows, insulate against cold and hot temperatures, and provide security for your home.

 **CodeRED** is CHEMA's means for local alerting for inclement weather and other emergency notifications... it's a FREE service to anyone. Visit the City website or 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 the City's website or: www.weatherbug.com (choose *Chattahoochee Hills*)