

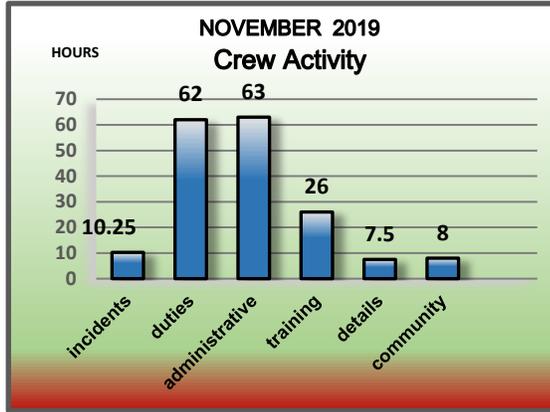


Gregory C. Brett, Chief  
**Fire & Rescue / Emergency Management**  
 Regular City Council meeting • DECEMBER 3, 2019

**November Incidents: 25**

(November 2018 = 35)

- **EMS – 14**
  - Grady transports – 5
  - CHFHD transports – 0
  - Patient Refusal - 1
  - Air/Medivac – 0
  - Deaths – 1
  - Other – 8 (Cx)
- **Fire – 3**
  - Structure-residential – 0
  - Structure-commercial – 0
  - Structure-outbuilding – 0
  - Woods/Grass – 0
  - Alarm – 1
  - Smoke investigation – 0
  - Vehicle – 0
  - Sprinkler system – 0
  - Illegal burn – 1
  - Other - 1



2019 incidents to-date: **493**  
 2018 to-date comparison: **436**

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

**Fire & EMS Operations**



- Welcome to part-time Firefighter/EMT Amy Barnes. FF Barnes has been employed full-time with Fairburn Fire Department since 2010.
- Fire/EMS personnel were engaged recently in “Hostile event” tactics training (event) held with Chattahoochee Hills’ Police department personnel. Training included tactical response based on several scenarios and post-action review. Community volunteers participated as victim role-players and safety observers. This was Fire Department personnel’s first training event using tactical equipment including ballistic vests, helmets and specialized trauma care packs. Additional training in early 2020 will include other nearby departments and support agencies.



- Most structure fires similar to the one at left are particularly challenging in Chattahoochee Hills since many roadways and homes do not have fire hydrant (water) available for uninterrupted fire suppression. “Water shuttle” operations utilizing fire apparatus from Palmetto, Coweta County and other fire departments are often necessary.
- Collisions involving two moving vehicles typically do not have good outcomes. A recent incident on Waterworks Rd included a motorcycle and Cadillac Seville—the collision

force was so great a front wheel of the car was sheared off (photo right) and the motorcycle operator later deceased from injuries. The car driver reported the motorcycle suddenly veered into his path. **NOTE: All of us must drive AWARE and DEFENSIVELY ... accidents happen when/where you do not expect them.**



- Ambulance/Transport response times (beginning from dispatch until a Grady ambulance arrives on-scene) average 15:49 minutes; CHFHD’s own medical response time averages 09:21 minutes. CHFHD’s MED51 is an “advanced life-saving” transport-capable unit staffed with Paramedics who can initiate transport when Grady units are not readily available.

## Office of the Fire Chief

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Recent efforts of south Fulton Fire Chiefs to improve upon the rules and regulations applied by the Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH) for patient transport providers (with special regard for the south Fulton County zone) was not particularly fruitful. None of the recommendations by the Fire Chiefs were approved as submitted, but the Region 3 Emergency Services Director emphasizes there is a strong, continuing DPH initiative to correct deficiencies including representation of fire services on the regional councils making decisions about transport providers. Presently, the Fire Chiefs are considering developing a “service level agreement” which would increase the number of ambulance/transport units “posted” within south Fulton.

The “automatic aid” agreement project between the City of South Fulton and Chattahoochee Hills is still evolving. A recent development is the improved perspective applied to define how all south Fulton fire departments can be integrated into one overreaching agreement.

Our department is in need of an automatic chest decompression unit to manage CPR while handling difficult cardiac incidents or during advanced care transports. The preferred unit is a *Lucas 3* device manufactured by Stryker Corporation—its price tag is \$19,580.60. The Brickworks Community Foundation has offered to match donations up to \$10,000. If you would like to help acquire this vital piece of equipment, call or visit me and I will gladly tell you more about the *Lucas 3* and connect you with a member of the Brickworks Board of Directors.



**We don't always get the opportunity to say *Thank You* for how you support us in our service to the communities and guests of Chattahoochee Hills.**

***Thank You ... we wish for each of you a safe and happy holiday season!***

### Chattahoochee Hills Emergency Management Agency ([CHEMA@chatthillsga.us](mailto:CHEMA@chatthillsga.us))

#### Get your heating system needs a check-up!

Most of us (97% of homeowners) don't check our heating systems before beginning cold weather operations. So much (bad) can happen including house fires, carbon monoxide poisoning and high heating bills. When your system gets a cold weather check-up ...



1. Degraded metal, ducting and mechanical parts are checked and fire risks are detected.
2. Air flow is improved when filters are replaced or system leaks are repaired. Air flow means efficiently moving warm air throughout the house (and lower heating bills), BUT good air flow also helps prevent heat-exchangers from overheating and potentially causing a fire.
3. Wiring, thermostats, blower motors and all other electrical parts are checked thus reducing risk of fire AND making sure the system is going to operate dependably when you need it. ...

**CHEMA is always working for you!**

 **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 by downloading the WeatherBug app on their mobile phone or visiting the City's website—go to [www.weatherbug.com](http://www.weatherbug.com) (choose *Chattahoochee Hills*)