



# Fire & Rescue / Emergency Management

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### June Incidents: 36 (year-to-date: 251)

#### EMS – 26

- Grady transports – 20
- CHFD transports – 0
- Patient Refusal -3
- Air/Medivac – 0
- Deaths – 0
- COVID-19 - 3
- Other – 3 (Cx)

#### Fire – 1

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

#### Service – 8

- Trees down - 5
- Wires down – 0
- Lockout – 0
- Invalid Assist – 2
- Wellness check – 0
- Water leak – 0
- Gas leak – 0
- Public Service – 0
- Other – 0

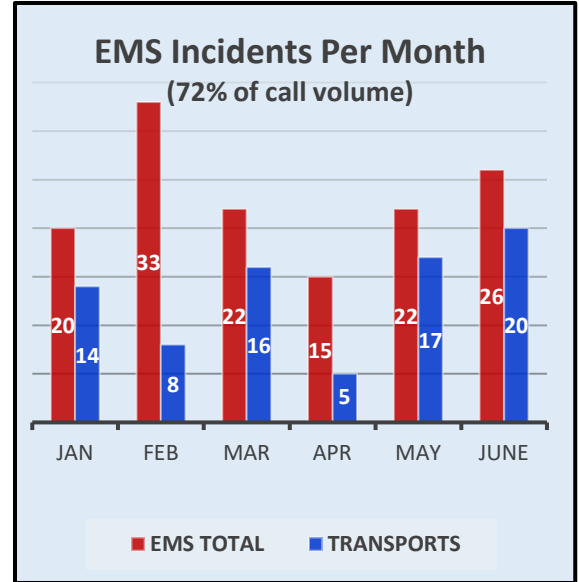
#### Vehicle Accidents – 1

- Extrication – 0

#### HAZMAT – 0

#### Rescue/Search – 4

#### Other - 0



### Department Operations & Response



Medical incidents comprise the largest percentage of our response. The COVID-19 pandemic makes all response particularly challenging since the virus may be communicated to first responders at any location by anyone. Presently, CHFD has experienced a total of 7 possible exposures (since March) with just one firefighter confirmed “COVID-19 positive.”

CHFD personnel are engaged in water rescue planning and training for “flat” and “swift water” incidents to support increased Chattahoochee River activity on our (18.5 miles) western boundary. Agreements with Peachtree City and Douglas County are being developed for rescue and recovery team response to supplement CHFD efforts.

Park rescues have increased relative to higher usage of Cochran Mill Park. CHFD has averaged two per month (four in June alone) since March 2020. “Lost hikers” comprise the majority of responses with “injured hiker” taking second place. Every rescue operation begins with the challenge of locating the person lost or injured, CHFD’s response time from notification to physical contact with a lost or injured park visitor is 45 minutes. Extraction times may be short for persons close to the park entrance, or first responders may need to hike 8-10 miles before the rescue operation is ended.

Atlanta Water Management (AWM) supplies potable water via a municipal water main network to approximately 720 residences and businesses in Chattahoochee Hills. Regular “flushing” of the system is critical to public health. Occasionally, you may notice a red box attached to a fire hydrant (some are green, mushroom-shaped units installed protruding from the ground) flowing a lot of water. These units are “flushing” the system of mineral deposits and potential bacteria buildup as required of AWM by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the “Safe Drinking Water Act” (1974). Contact the City to report water hazards or property degradation resulting from flushing. There are 360 fire hydrants in Chattahoochee Hills.



# EMERGENCY OPERATIONS



COVID-19 continues to pose challenges to citizens, businesses and the City's ongoing operations.

Georgia and Fulton public health statistics are monitored daily. COVID-19 cases in Chattahoochee Hills have been trending upward since late June. Neighboring cities are experiencing sharp increases, also. Recently, several CHFD firefighters were quarantined after testing positive as a result of exposure at another employer.



CHEMA is working with Fulton County Board of Health to develop a local "drive-through" testing site where any resident may receive free testing and results during July and August. Location, dates and times will be provided as soon as possible through various means.

COVID-19 Cases					
	6-July	5-July	24 hr change	1-week ago	1-week change
<b>Fulton Cases</b>	<b>8,883</b>	8,652	231	6,648	2,235
<b>Fulton Deaths</b>	<b>316</b>	314	2	312	4
<b>GA Cases</b>	<b>97,064</b>	95,516	1,548	79,417	17,647
<b>GA Deaths</b>	<b>2,878</b>	2,860	18	2,784	94
<b>US Cases</b>	<b>3,005,356</b>	2,980,983	24,373	2,681,312	324,044
<b>US Deaths</b>	<b>132,684</b>	132,552	132	128,772	3,912

## What do you know about COVID-19 and its effects?

- COVID-19 virus can live on fabric, paper and some surfaces for as long as 96 hours if temperature is just right. Virus can live the longest on your skin, which means it can be passed along to others or introduced into your own respiratory system easily.
- Once exposed (infected) it may take up to five days for symptoms to appear ... AND, symptoms may never be very noticeable although you are spreading active virus to others.
- There is more than one (genome) COVID-19 virus. The various types of virus affect individuals differently, and because of its profound ability to mutate, researchers expect vaccinations will not impart permanent immunity as is the case for vaccines for mumps, measles-rubella or polio.
- The virus can spread through the air up to 18 feet from a simple conversation and remain in the air for up to eight minutes.
- Testing will confirm if you have the COVID-19 virus, of course, so you can plan accordingly for your care and the safety of family and friends. But, testing also assists government and health officials to map the spread of the disease in certain areas, project resources needed, expand care options and so much more. TESTING IS ABOUT MORE THAN PERSONAL PREFERENCE.

"Residents and visitors are encouraged to wear face coverings in public, except when eating, drinking, or exercising outdoors. Sanitation activities should be practiced in accordance with the guidelines published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)."

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