



Fire & Rescue / Emergency Management

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November Incidents: 44 (year-to-date: 527)

EMS – 24

- Grady transports – 16
- CHFD transports – 0
- Patient Refusal - 5
- Air/Medivac – 0
- Deaths – 0
- COVID – 2 (confirmed/suspected)
- Other – 3 (Cx)

Fire – x

- Structure/residential – 0
- Structure/commercial – 0
- Structure/outbuilding – 0
- Woods/Grass – 1
- Fire Alarm – 9
- Smoke investigation – 1
- Vehicle – 0
- Sprinkler system – 1
- Illegal burn – 0
- Other – 0

Service – 8

- Trees down - 1
- Wires down – 0
- Lockout – 0
- Invalid Assist – 5
- Wellness check – 1
- Water leak – 0
- Gas leak – 0
- Public Service – 0
- Other – 1

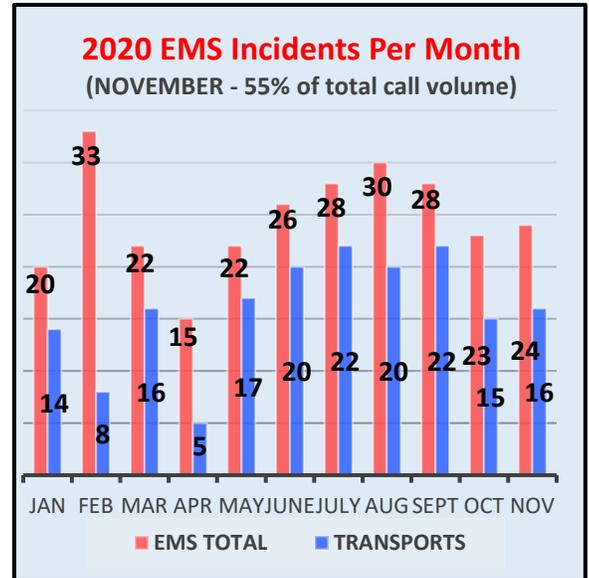
Vehicle Accidents – 4

- Extrication – 0

HAZMAT – 0

Rescue/Search – 1

Other - x



Department Operations

New Pumper/Tanker “Rolled In” and Operational

Tanker 51 was “rolled in” and formally placed in service on November 10th. Fire personnel from Palmetto, Coweta, Fairburn, Milton were on-hand to inaugurate Tanker 51 with citizens and City Council Members. A tanker/pumper is perhaps THE most important fire suppression apparatus to Chattahoochee Hills.



Fulton County E911 “Tower” Project

Fulton’s radio tower project is now in the “request for proposals” (RFP) phase. Construction of the 400 ft, \$1.1 million public safety communications tower to be located at the corner of Hwy 70 and South Fulton Pkwy, a parcel owned by Fulton County, is expected to begin in 2021.



Ambulance Response Time to Chatt Hills Needs Improvement

Discussions with Grady Healthcare and Fulton County Dispatch continue among south Fulton Fire Chiefs to improve ambulance dispatch-to-scene response times. Media interest in these issues has elevated with Atlanta Fire Department recently joining the argument to hold Grady accountable. Read these 2020 stories about ambulance response:

- <https://www.fox5atlanta.com/news/atlanta-looks-to-fill-ambulance-need-in-city>
- <https://www.ajc.com/news/state--regional/state-wants-truth-check-ambulance-response-times/tOTZtWyyaYzvSsijbIXXvN/>



“Water Rescue 51” Boat in Service

CHFD now has a 17 ft jon boat for water rescue incidents. Outfitted primarily for “static” water operations, the boat could get limited use on the Chattahoochee River. The boat, motor and trailer was donated by a resident.

Vehicle Accidents Trending UP Over Long-term

CHFD responds to vehicle accidents each month, MVCs such as this one (right) occurring on Hwy 154. Not every MVC requires patient care, but CHFD units do respond on 90% of incidents. CHFD has seen a 35% increase in MVC response over the past five years.





	GEORGIA	FULTON	CHATT HILLS
CASES	424,929	37,784	66
HOSPITAL	35,063	2,886	15
DEATHS	8,798	670	2

Daily we hear speculation about when COVID vaccinations will be available, and who will get them first. Some of these issues (questions) are moving targets without answers just yet.

Below is information to improve your perspective on how the COVID-19 vaccine(s) might influence Chattahoochee Hills citizens ...

- **When will vaccinations be available?**
 - Vaccines have not received final FDA approvals for use, however, at least three pharmaceutical companies have already “staged” vaccine within the U.S. to allow for immediate distribution. CDC has projected vaccinations could begin for some persons/groups as early as week 3 of December.
- **Who will receive vaccinations first?**
 - Top priorities will include vaccination of persons with underlying medical conditions (regardless of age), residents of long-term care facilities, individuals over age 65 and workers affiliated to “critical infrastructure” with preference to first responders in the healthcare field.
- **Should you or your family members get a vaccination?**
 - You must answer that question for yourself. You cannot be forced to receive the vaccination. Do you or any family members have an underlying medical condition that increases your risk of major sickness, even death, if you get sick with COVID? The risk might outweigh concerns for the vaccine. Children and/or persons under age 18 may not be eligible initially, except when an underlying medical condition exists.
- **How can residents of Chattahoochee Hills receive a COVID-19 vaccination?**
 - Chattahoochee Hills’ Emergency Management is working with Fulton County Board of Health to provide vaccinations locally. Vaccination sites will be established within the City to provide a regionalized and more controlled vaccination opportunity. Your personal physician, pharmacies and other public healthcare facilities are options, as well. Presently, Georgia does not anticipate a charge for anyone who wishes to receive a vaccination, however, some providers may charge an “administration fee.”
- **Is the vaccine harmful?**
 - Vaccine developers can demonstrate with a very high degree of certainty one effect is virus immunity, if only temporary. Regarding side-effects, one person may experience little or no problems, while another may experience something very different—that is the nature of our individual body’s metabolism. Even so, FDA has stringent criteria each developer must meet; the CDC guarantees those criteria have not been compromised and vaccines are safe for the public. Consult your physician and determine if there is risk for you ... and if the risks outweigh the benefits.

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