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Trafford Borough Officials,

The following is a brief summary of Trafford Fire Departments activities for **March 2021**. Our projected activity for next month, Public Safety concerns, and other information you should be aware of is also included.

Fire Department: Responded to **19** alarms; attached you will find a complete breakdown of the incidents and activity for this period included with this letter.

EMS Division: Provided **157** Non-Emergency Medical Transports throughout the greater Pittsburgh area. The proceeds from these transports are used to support the Fire, Medical, and other essential services we provide to Trafford; this is your Fire Department's PRIMARY source of income.

Training: Members participated or completed training last month for the following:

- Drill; Water Supply for Trafford Commerce Center
- National Registry Paramedic Recertification

Fundraising:

- No Fund Raising scheduled other than the Medical Transport Division.

General:

- Recertification as American Heart Association Basic Life Support, Heartsaver CPR, First Aid, and AED Instructor(s)
- Recertification as PA Dept. of Health Continuing Education Training Site

Next month(s)

- 2021 Fund Drive preparations have begun; we anticipate our first mailing to go out mid-May.
- The Coronavirus will obviously impact **Fire/EMS Operations** for the next several months. We have purchased sufficient N95 masks and personal protective equipment for the next several months.

Fire & Life Safety Concerns:

- Policymakers play a critical role in reducing the risk of fire, electrical, and other life safety hazards for citizens. Actions like enacting and enforcing building codes and carrying out fire inspections are examples of government efforts that have contributed to the reduction in fires and associated losses, particularly in the U.S. I urge Trafford Council to consider adopting

Nationally Recognized Codes such as the International Fire Code: The purpose of building and fire codes is to ensure the quality and safety of commercial and residential building structures. These codes set the minimum requirements to safeguard the occupants of a building, and to protect the building structure from various threats and exposures. Trafford has numerous buildings and groups of buildings that are uninspected or under inspected and operate virtually unregulated. Many of the processes and products used are hazardous to life and the environment. The International Fire Code (IFC) and Life Safety Code (NFPA 101) offer guidance and regulations authored by industry experts; if adopted and enforced, these tools can help create a safer workplace and protect our citizen and our environment. The revenue related to the Permits and Processes included with these texts can offset the costs associated with inspections and enforcement. May I remind you that I included several pages with my July 2020 report regarding the Operational Permits available to us should we adopt the International Fire Code. While Trafford does not have every one of these types of activity in progress today... you would be shocked to know just how many of these potentially hazardous processes are already happening in our Borough. The fee's associated with these permits and inspection could generate thousands in revenue for the Borough; however, the increased level of protection and overall safety of our citizens and first responders would be our first priority. I continue to offer my assistance and to present these Codes and Programs to Council as they apply to specific hazards in several occupancies in Trafford TODAY, and urge we move swiftly to mitigate some of these hazards.

- For more than a year, I have reported to Council and the Mayor that vacant or dangerous structures continue to present a hazard to neighboring properties and the general public. Fighting Fires is inherently dangerous in any structure. These dangers are significantly increased when dealing with structures that have sat vacant for several years and may contain weakened structural components. **I continue to offer to work with Council and Code Enforcement to identify and placard these structures to warn Firefighters and the general public. I am again requesting a meeting with the Borough Council decision makers as soon as possible to expedite this process.**
- The fence erected over a year ago (September 2019) on the corner of Third Street & Cavitt Ave is still blocking fire department access to the fire hydrant located in front of this structure.

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COVID-19 Situation Report (SITREP) for: March 2021

The “COVID-19 State of Emergency” is likely to continue throughout 2021. The anticipated “operations tempo” for Trafford Fire & EMS is considered “**manageable**” for our current level of staffing and funding. We have identified our long range Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) requirements for the department and we continue to work with FEMA, PEMA, and other sources to acquire these items.

Personnel Status:

No staff or volunteer member “Positive” test results for this period.

VACCINE: Trafford’s participation in the “Mass Vaccination process for the general public” is yet to be determined.

2 bunkrooms with 4 Beds are prepared and ready in the Fire Station Residence for staff quarantine; we also have the ability to flex up to 7 beds with the use of cots if needed: None of these beds are in use at this time.

- COVID-19 Exclusion Area status continues for all Fire Department areas of the first and third floors – the “NO VISITOR” policy remains in effect. Advance notice is requested should Public Works require access to these areas. DPW personnel should be made aware that the personnel working inside these areas may have been exposed to the corona virus – contact tracing is required by PADOH. We also need to sanitize after DPW departs, as we cannot confirm their status prior to their visit.

Operations:

Our EMS Units transported 157 patients in February, 1 of these patients were confirmed to be Positive for COVID-19 prior to transport.

Breakdown of the total confirmed positive COVID-19 patients transported:

April 2020 - 4 of 148	October 2020 – 1 of 164	
May 2020 - 16 of 166	November 2020 – 4 of 145	
June 2020 - 6 of 173	December – 14 of 159	
July 2020 - 7 of 192	January 2021 – 11 of 156	
August 2020 – 1 of 141	February 2021 – 11 of 151	
September 2020 – 1 of 188	March 2021 – 1 of 157	

Vehicles / Apparatus:

2 Ambulances are in service (primarily in use for UPMC Transports) – Both ambulances are available to surge into local emergency use if requested by Borough Council or Penn Township EMS – No flex to emergency service is expected in next operational period (**April 2021**).

1 Advanced Life Support Quick Response Unit (ASL-QRS) is in service **24/7 for 911 Dispatch Emergencies**. This unit currently responds to serious medical emergencies and vehicle accidents within the Borough of Trafford.

3 other Fire Department Vehicles are in service and available.

Logistics:

Total TFC1 funds related to COVID-19 PPE expended this period: **\$0.00**

Total funds expended to date for COVID-19 PPE to protect our First Responders: **\$8,330.28**

Critical Needs:

None expected in the next operational period.

Other Needs:

None

Statistics:

Source: CDC & PA Dept. of Health

	March 2 nd , 2021		April 6 th , 2021		Trending (last 29 days)	
	Cases*	Deaths	Cases*	Deaths	New Cases*	Deaths
World	114,563,395	2,541,319	131,967,439	2,863,045	17,404,044	321,726
United States	28,665,195	514,662	30,787,596	555,638	2,122,401	40,976
Pennsylvania	803,009	24,024	891,908	25,237	88,899	1,213
Allegheny Co.	60,137	1,720	67,944	1,824	7,807	104
Westmoreland Co.	18,963	672	20,631	709	1,668	37
15085	402	NR	451	NR	49	NR

*=Confirmed Positive

NR=Not Reported

Please note that the number of "Confirmed Positive" cases in PA increased by 75% in March over February. The increase of positive cases for Allegheny County increased by 63%, and 65% for Westmoreland County. Reports for the 15085 Zip Code increased by 227%. Be aware and continue to take appropriate precautions.



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Trafford Fire Co. No. 1

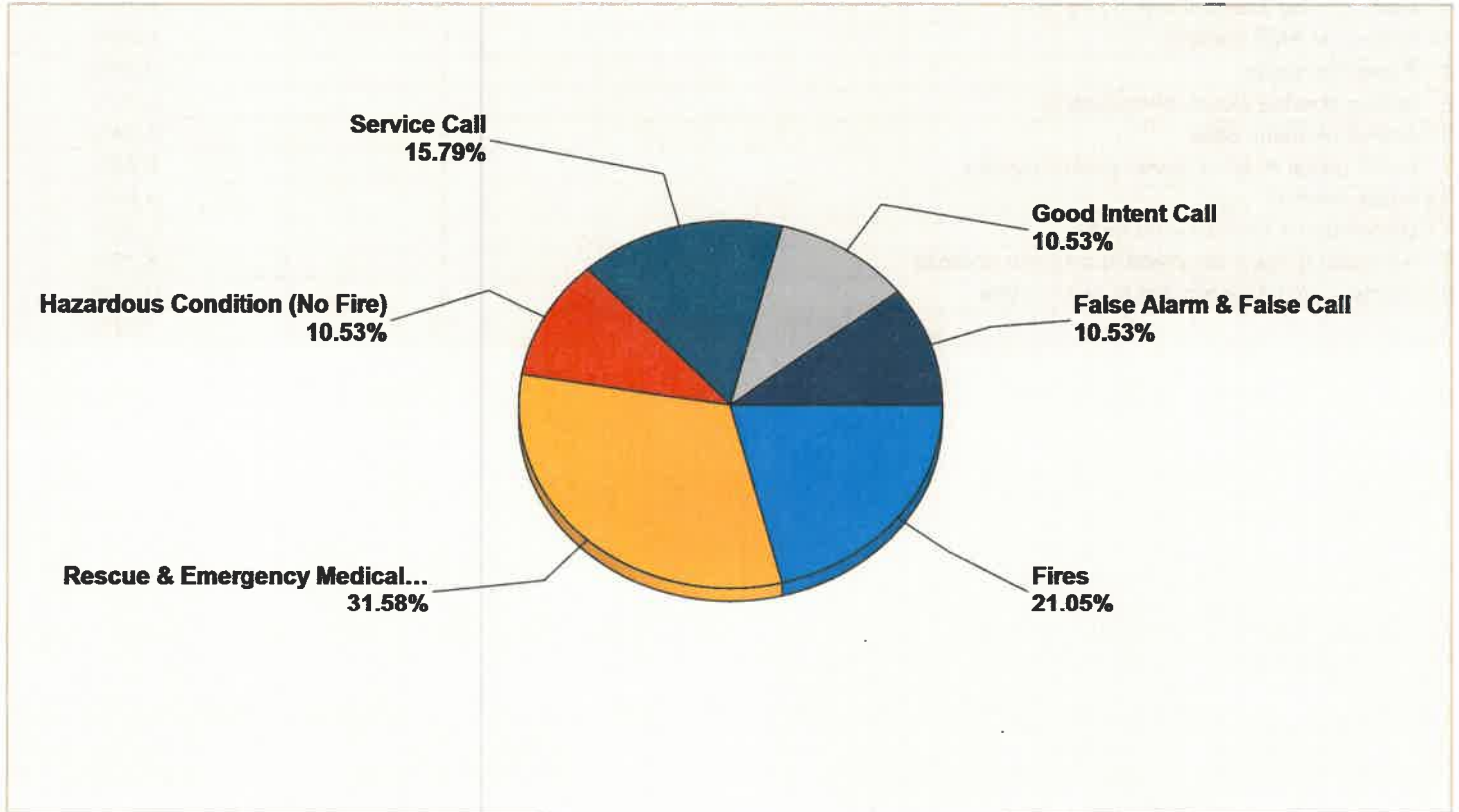
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Breakdown by Major Incident Types for Date Range

Zone(s): All Zones | Start Date: 03/01/2021 | End Date: 03/31/2021



MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Fires	4	21.05%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	6	31.58%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	2	10.53%
Service Call	3	15.79%
Good Intent Call	2	10.53%
False Alarm & False Call	2	10.53%
TOTAL	19	100%

Only REVIEWED and/or LOCKED IMPORTED incidents are included. Summary results for a major incident type are not displayed if the count is zero.



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Detailed Breakdown by Incident Type

INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
118 - Trash or rubbish fire, contained	1	5.26%
141 - Forest, woods or wildland fire	1	5.26%
142 - Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire	2	10.53%
311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew	4	21.05%
324 - Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.	1	5.26%
381 - Rescue or EMS standby	1	5.26%
444 - Power line down	1	5.26%
445 - Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	1	5.26%
540 - Animal problem, other	1	5.26%
551 - Assist police or other governmental agency	1	5.26%
553 - Public service	1	5.26%
611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	1	5.26%
622 - No incident found on arrival at dispatch address	1	5.26%
740 - Unintentional transmission of alarm, other	2	10.53%
TOTAL INCIDENTS:	19	100%

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Trafford Fire Co. No. 1

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Hours Spent per Activity Code for Date Range

Start Time: 00:00 | End Time: 23:00 | Start Date: 03/01/2021 | End Date: 03/31/2021

ACTIVITY CODE	# OF ITEMS	TIME SPENT	% TOTAL TIME
Detail - Fire Dept related activity - other	5	12:30	3.80
Drill - Proficiency Drills	9	31:00	9.42
Duty Shift - Duty Shift - Duty Responder	1	40:00	12.16
Meeting - Attend meeting, conference, or committee	9	25:30	7.75
On Duty - On duty in station - Available for calls	22	220:00	66.87
Totals	46	329:00	100%

Displays total time spent (HH:MM) by all Personnel on current ACTIVITY CODES. % TOTAL TIME is calculated by dividing the total TIME SPENT for all activities in to the TIME SPENT for an individual activity within the DATE RANGE provided. Note: this only includes time for activities where personnel have been associated to it.



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