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Trafford Borough Officials,

The following is a brief summary of your Fire Departments activities for **September 2021**. Also, our projected activity for next few months, Public Safety concerns, and other information you should be aware of is included with this "Fire Chiefs Report to Borough Council."

Fire Department: Responded to **15** alarms last month; attached you will find a complete breakdown of the incidents and activity for this period.

EMS Division: Provided **130** Non-Emergency Medical Transports for Trafford and throughout the Greater Pittsburgh Area. The proceeds from these transports are used to support the essential services we provide to Trafford; this is your Fire Department's PRIMARY source of revenue.

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

- Pediatric Advanced Life Support Provider recertification
- Basic Life Support Provider (CPR) recertification
- Advanced Cardiac Life Support Provider recertification
- Blood Borne Pathogens Annual Refresher training
- Continuing Education for Asthma & Stroke Emergencies
- Emergency Vehicle Operator Certification - Pumper

Fundraising:

- The "200 Club Dinner" is progressing nicely, ticket sales have been brisk. November 13th at the Trafford American Legion.

General:

- Members participated in 9/11 Memorial events for the 20-year anniversary; recognition for our 4 members who responded to NY on 9/12 to support rescue operations – Kevin Beam, Mathew Foust, Chris Hykes, and Scott Lutz.
- Engine 86 participated in the Fall Festival Parade in Penn Township of September 18th.
- Workers Compensation Audit for EMS Division completed on September 22nd.
- Annual Fire Hose Testing was completed on September 25th; over 8000 feet of fire hose tested.
- Annual inspection of Station Fire Extinguishers and Emergency Lighting was completed on September 30th.

Next month(s)

- Halloween Parade and related Events – TBD?
- “200 Club Dinner” fundraiser (November 13th) – Doors open at 5PM.
- Holiday Happenings Parade and related Events (December 4th) – Details to follow

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 significantly offset the costs associated with inspections and enforcement. May I remind you that I included several pages with my July 2020 report (over 2 years ago) regarding the Operational Permits available to us should we adopt the International Fire Code.

Trafford may not have ALL of these types of activity in progress today... however; you would be shocked to know just how many of these potentially hazardous processes are already happening in our Borough. The increased level of protection and overall safety of our citizens and first responders should be YOUR 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 Borough Officials that vacant or dangerous structures continue to present a hazard to neighboring properties and the general public; however, to date there has been no meeting or conversation between the Fire Chief and Public Officials to address these concerns. 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.
- The fire department has experienced a significant increase in the number of “tree down over a roadway” alarms this Summer. One obvious contributing factor is the general overgrowth of trees and tree limbs that are extending well into the road right of way. I urge Borough Council to make the cutting of tree limbs back from the roadway a priority. It is only a matter of time before one of these tree related incidents severely injures or kills a motorist.

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

Personnel Status:

1. One Volunteer was confirmed positive for Covid in September; 1 other adult family member in his home is also confirmed positive; both suffered from non-life-threatening symptoms.
2. Our Staff member who was off work since late August has returned; however, her adult family member remains hospitalized and has improved to “stable” condition.

The **COVID-19 Exclusion Area status continues** for all Fire Department areas of the first and third floors – the “**NO VISITOR**” policy is in effect. Advance notice is requested should Public Works or any other personnel require access to these areas. All personnel should be made aware that the TFC1/TEMS Crews working inside these areas are regularly exposed to the corona virus – contact tracing is required by PADOH. We Sanitize ALL areas inside our facility daily; however, there is still a risk of exposure. Appropriate face masks are required for all visitors.

Operations:

Our EMS Units transported 130 patients in **September 2021**; Eleven of these patients were suspected or 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	April 2021 – 3 of 169
May 2020 - 16 of 166	November 2020 – 4 of 145	May 2021 – 2 of 155
June 2020 - 6 of 173	December – 14 of 159	June 2021 – 0 of 153
July 2020 - 7 of 192	January 2021 – 11 of 156	July 2021 – 0 of 117
August 2020 – 1 of 141	February 2021 – 11 of 151	August 2021 – 0 of 100
September 2020 – 1 of 188	March 2021 – 1 of 157	September - 11 of 130

Vehicles / Apparatus:

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

1 Advanced Life Support Quick Response Unit 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.

Decontamination of the Fire Station, our vehicles & equipment, and our personnel during the Covid 19 Pandemic continues. The Coronavirus will obviously impact **Fire/EMS Operations** for the foreseeable future. We have sufficient N95 masks and personal protective equipment for the next several months.

Critical COVID 19 Related Needs:

None expected in the next operational period.

Yours in fire safety,



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Trafford Fire Co. No. 1

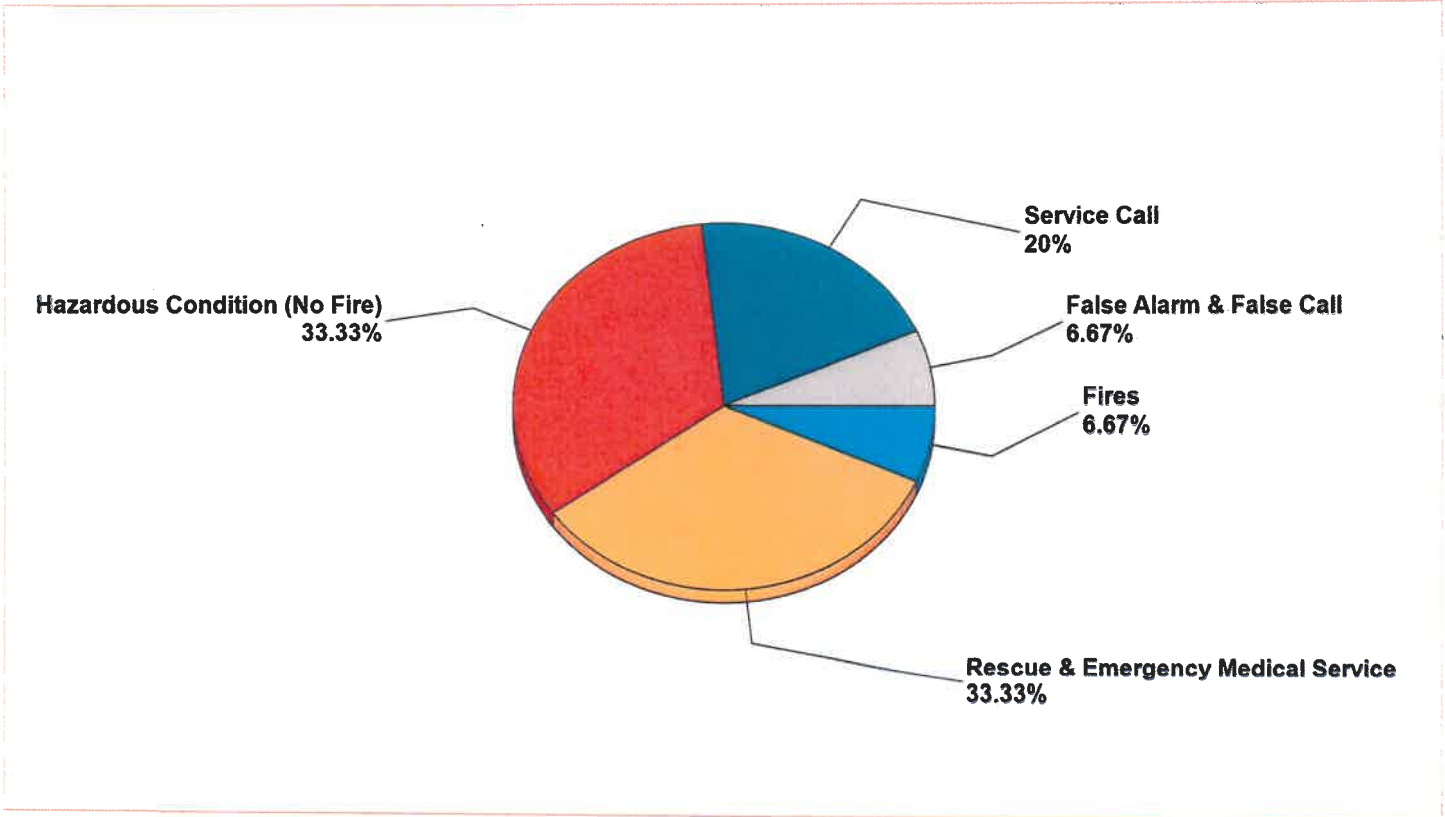
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Breakdown by Major Incident Types for Date Range

Zone(s): All Zones | Start Date: 09/01/2021 | End Date: 09/30/2021



MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Fires	1	6.67%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	5	33.33%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	5	33.33%
Service Call	3	20%
False Alarm & False Call	1	6.67%
TOTAL	15	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.



Detailed Breakdown by Incident Type

INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
111 - Building fire	1	6.67%
311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew	2	13.33%
324 - Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.	1	6.67%
350 - Extrication, rescue, other	1	6.67%
352 - Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle	1	6.67%
412 - Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	2	13.33%
444 - Power line down	1	6.67%
445 - Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	2	13.33%
511 - Lock-out	1	6.67%
550 - Public service assistance, other	1	6.67%
553 - Public service	1	6.67%
733 - Smoke detector activation due to malfunction	1	6.67%
TOTAL INCIDENTS:	15	100%

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Trafford Fire Co. No. 1

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Incident Statistics

Zone(s): All Zones | Start Date: 09/01/2021 | End Date: 09/30/2021

INCIDENT COUNT			
INCIDENT TYPE		# INCIDENTS	
EMS		5	
FIRE		10	
TOTAL		15	
TOTAL TRANSPORTS (N2 and N3)			
APPARATUS	# of APPARATUS TRANSPORTS	# of PATIENT TRANSPORTS	TOTAL # of PATIENT CONTACTS
TOTAL			
PRE-INCIDENT VALUE		LOSSES	
\$170,000.00		\$2,000.00	
CO CHECKS			
TOTAL			
MUTUAL AID			
Aid Type		Total	
Aid Given		2	
Aid Received		2	
OVERLAPPING CALLS			
# OVERLAPPING		% OVERLAPPING	
3		20	
LIGHTS AND SIREN - AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME (Dispatch to Arrival)			
Station	EMS	FIRE	
Trafford Fire Co. No. 1 (Headquarters)	0:04:40	0:05:00	
AVERAGE FOR ALL CALLS		0:04:51	
LIGHTS AND SIREN - AVERAGE TURNOUT TIME (Dispatch to Enroute)			
Station	EMS	FIRE	
Trafford Fire Co. No. 1 (Headquarters)	0:00:40	0:01:36	
AVERAGE FOR ALL CALLS		0:01:04	
AGENCY	AVERAGE TIME ON SCENE (MM:SS)		
Trafford Fire Co. No. 1	52:14		

Only Reviewed Incidents included. EMS for Incident counts includes only 300 to 399 Incident Types. All other incident types are counted as FIRE. CO Checks only includes Incident Types: 424, 736 and 734. # Apparatus Transports = # of incidents where apparatus transported. # Patient Transports = All patients transported by EMS. # Patient Contacts = # of PCR contacted by apparatus. This report now returns both NEMSIS 2 & 3 data as appropriate. For overlapping calls that span over multiple days, total per month will not equal Total count for year.