

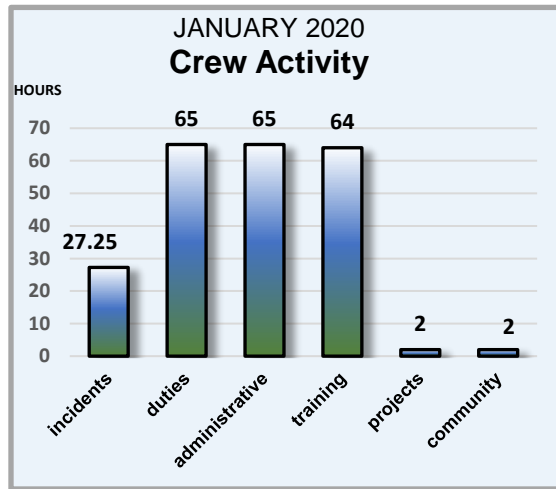


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 Fire & Rescue / Emergency Management

Regular City Council meeting • FEBRUARY 04, 2020

January Incidents: 50

- **EMS – 20**
 - Grady transports – 14
 - CHFD transports – 0
 - Patient Refusal -2
 - Air/Medivac – 0
 - Deaths – 1
 - Other - 3
- **Fire – 7**
 - Structure/residential – 3
 - Structure/commercial – 0
 - Structure/outbuilding – 0
 - Woods/Grass – 0
 - Fire Alarm – 4
 - Smoke investigation – 0
 - Vehicle – 0
 - Sprinkler system – 0
 - Illegal burn – 0
 - Other - 0



- **Service – 19**
 - Trees down - 12
 - Wires down – 0
 - Lockout – 0
 - Invalid Assist – 6
 - Wellness check – 0
 - Water leak – 1
 - Gas leak – 0
 - Public Service – 0
 - Other – 1
- **Vehicle Accidents – 4**
 - Mechanical Extrication – 0
- **HAZMAT – 0**
- **Rescue/Search – 0**
- **Other - 0**

Fire & EMS Operations

- CHFD successfully passed the 2020 annual audit with Georgia Fire Standards & Training. This particular audit guarantees your fire department is conducting “above board” practices in overall readiness, training, emergency vehicle service, equipment inventory, maintenance and more.
- Pictured right is the terrible aftermath of a home interior after a structure fire. This incident occurred on Anna Ave in Palmetto as a result of burglary and arson.



- The MVA pictured left involved 17 persons with one school van, one school bus and a personal vehicle colliding at Rivertown Rd and Cascade-Palmetto Hwy. Fire and Police units from three departments supported the incident. Pictured right is a roll-over incident on Wilkerson Mill Rd resulting from driving too fast for conditions.



- Station 51’s alternate power 30k generator is operational. The LP-fired unit automatically operates to provide full station power so all Fire, EMS, EMA functions and communications do not stop.
- **REMINDER:** When you experience an emergency, phone 9-1-1. If you phone Fire Station 51 or fire personnel your call may not be answered because we may be engaged elsewhere. By phoning 9-1-1 you guarantee help is coming from a service partner nearby and your particular need is carefully understood/communicated. When using a cellular/mobile phone, be sure to verify you are connected with Fulton County 911.

Office of the Fire Chief

"Coronavirus" is a broad classification of viruses that generally affect the respiratory system. "2019-nCoV" (coronavirus) is a new genetic strain--it is not the same as influenza. Although nCoV is a major, international concern, presently, we should be more concerned with the effects of influenza.

The 2019-2020 flu season has not yet reached its peak; it will last into April. Georgia has recorded 31 flu-related deaths; CDC currently estimates more than 10,000 nationally. Influenza-A and B viruses are equally contagious with B affecting 70% persons infected. Presently, 26 million cases of flu have been diagnosed in the U.S.

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) reports flu is most contagious 3–4 days after becoming infected. Symptoms develop two days after the illness starts, so a person will likely pass on the flu before they feel sick. Flu viruses are communicated by airborne droplets or indirectly on surfaces. Your best protection against flu includes the following:

- HIGHEST PRIORITY - **Limit physical contact**
- HIGH PRIORITY – **Immunize, vaccinations DO NOT cause flu** ... 2020 vaccines are highly effective for A, B viruses
- ONGOING PRIORITY – **Practice good health** ... diet, rest and hydration are paramount
- ONGOING PRIORITY - **Clean, sterilize, eliminate** ... wash hands regularly, clean surfaces, keep hands from face

Chattahoochee Hills Emergency Management (CHEMA)

February 3-7 is Severe Weather Awareness Week

WATCH means **BE PREPARED**

WARNING means **TAKE ACTION**



How will you respond to ...

- **Tornado** – seek innermost room or lowest point in house, away from windows; shield/cover person(s) with barriers such as furniture, blankets, mattress
- **Flood** – do not drive through flooding water, especially swift flow or when you cannot see the bottom
- **Power outage** – stay in place ... modern utility services alert the company when your power is out or lines are down; phone the utility companies' "outage" number
- **Lightning** – go indoors ... the window for the greatest potential for lightning strike is 50 miles ahead of a storm front and as the front moves across your area
- **Ice and snow** – travel only if you must ... there are more hazards than you realize such as other moving vehicles, power lines, trees, steep grades, curves, walkways
- **Severe storms at night** (What will wake you up before disaster strikes?) – alert notification is audible, flashlights on hand, radio available
- **Extreme heat/drought** – stay indoors ... overheating, air quality and dry landscape are dangers many overlook

SPECIAL NOTE: CodeRED alerting is transitioning to **EverBridge**, an even better service for Chattahoochee Hills citizens and friends.

No action is required for most subscribers—alerting has not been interrupted.

Watch for **CHATT HILLS ALERT** notifications in the future.