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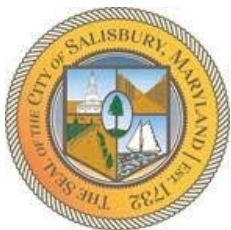
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# Salisbury Fire Department Newsletter

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## From the Desk of the Chief

### “Our Future is Bright and the Line is Straight and True”

In our department, a small group of colleagues have affectionately coined the phrase, “On the Back Nine” relating to their tenure with the department and their proximity to retirement. In my current situation, I can accurately be referred to as “Putting from the Eighteenth Green”! From this enviable position I have been asked if I am getting excited about retirement. To this I say yes and no. Here’s why.



Let’s start by jumping into the no response. The fact is that the closer I get to retirement, the sadder I become. I am now realizing that I am drawing nearer to the end of a career that I can honestly say that I have loved for the last 32 years. I realize how fortunate I have been to be able to come to work every day to a job that I love and be surrounded by some of the finest people I know that share my passion for what we do. I have also been able to spend the last few years of my career as the leader of this great department and have been able to see many great and awe-inspiring things come to pass, that have helped us arrive at this point in our history. I have tried to reflect on the many accomplishments that we have been able to achieve, but I often come up short in listing all of them because the list is too long. However, one of the things that I always remember is the plan for leading our department into the future by creating leaders that will usher in the next great things in the evolution of the SFD.

The reason that I say ‘yes’ is found in the planning that started so many years ago to build our supervisor and management teams into a group that is second to none. I was fortunate enough to be able to start our discussions and develop our plan for building leaders, way back in 2000. Since then, we have continually focused on leader development and have made constant adjustments on how to accomplish our stated goals of achieving “Promotional Equity” and “Tactical Equality”. There have been many hurdles along the way (there will be more to come) and we have succeeded in clearing each one with renewed focus. What I can honestly say is that I have never seen a more prepared, focused, and ready leadership team in the SFD. This includes those members that are in the ready reserve or on the bench waiting for their turn to be promoted. My ability to say ‘yes’ is founded in the efforts we have spent in succession planning as well. I am leaving an organization and team that has been prepared to take the helm without a stoppage of forward momentum. The leadership team is prepared to move the department forward to its next destination and onto even higher professional plateaus.

## From the Desk of the Chief (continued)

It is true that I am in the waning part of my career, but my love for and commitment to the SFD has never been greater. So, I can, without equivocation, state that I am confident that the future of the SFD is bright. I am proud of what we have accomplished and the foundation that has been laid for moving forward into that bright future. I am happy to have been a part of this organization. I realize that I am now putting on the 18<sup>th</sup> Green. I have made it in regulation and putting for birdie. My line is straight, and my stroke is true. Here's to hearing it hit the bottom of the cup!

As always, I leave you with this...the men and women of the Salisbury Fire Department are proud to provide a tradition of excellent public safety service to the residents of the Salisbury Fire District. On behalf of the citizens we are sworn to protect, I thank them for their continued support and want them to know that their service is valued and much appreciated. As we look forward to another great year, we will continue to remain focused on the mission, core values, and vision for our department. I look forward, with great confidence that we will ultimately be a truly integrated combination fire service that provides the very best in public safety.

Respectfully Yours in Service,

*Richard A. Hoppes*

Richard A. Hoppes, BS, Chief of the Department



# Emergency Medical Services

Lieutenant Chris Truitt

## Summer Safety Tips

With summer right around the corner, here are some tips to help make your summer a safer and more enjoyable time.

- Stay hydrated- if you feel thirsty, you are already a bit dehydrated. Take plenty of water breaks and avoid alcohol and sugary drinks.
- Limit your outdoor activity between 10am and 4pm when the sun is at its highest intensity. If you do have to work outside, apply sunscreen 30 minutes prior to going out and re-apply every few hours.
- If you start to feel tired/weak/faint seek either shade or air conditioning and drink cool (not cold) fluids, preferably water or a sports drink.
- Never leave a child or animal unattended in a vehicle, they can become dangerously hot in a matter of minutes. (<http://www.miemss.org/home/emsc/cps>)
- Always stay with children in any type of pool or other body of water.
- Make sure your outdoor pets have access to shade and water.
- Lastly, check on any elderly friends or family you have, especially on hot days, to make sure they are staying cool and hydrated.

For more information, check out the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ([www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)) for specific information for extreme heat, boat and water safety, and many other areas. If you should need EMS, Salisbury FD will be ready to assist you and get you the care you need. We hope you have a terrific summer!





# Hot Shots



## Statistics - January through March 2018

Fire Incident Type	1st Qtr.	YTD	% of Quarter
Structure Fires	7	7	1%
Cooking fire	7	7	1%
Vehicle Fires	3	3	0%
Natural Cover/Brush	9	9	1%
Trash/Dumpster	10	10	1%
Fire, Other	4	4	0%
Medical	352	352	42%
Vehicle Accidents	109	109	13%
Rescue Calls	8	8	1%
Hazardous Conditions	55	55	7%
Service Calls	83	83	10%
Good Intent Calls	75	75	9%
False Alarms	119	119	14%
Other Incident Type	4	4	0%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>845</b>	<b>845</b>	

Workers Compensation Summary	1st Qtr.	YTD
1-hand, 1- knee, 1-needle stick	3	3
Hours lost due to Injuries	0	0

Fire Incidents by Fire Station	1st Qtr.	YTD	% of Quarter
Station 1	295	295	35%
Station 2	134	134	16%
Station 16	416	416	49%

Fire Loss Data	1st Qtr.	YTD	% of Quarter
Property Value	\$11,420,573	\$11,420,573	N/A
Property Destroyed	\$381,937	\$381,937	3%
Property Saved	\$11,038,636	\$11,038,636	97%

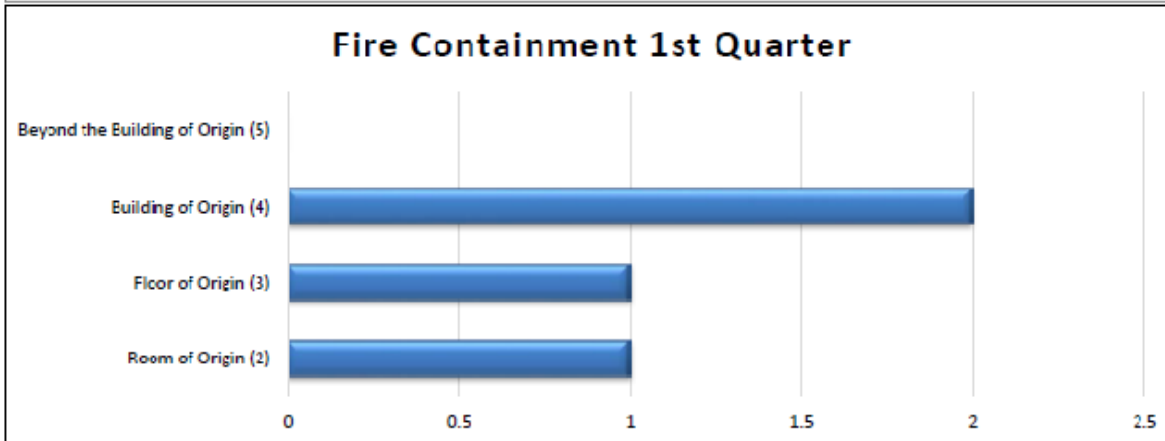
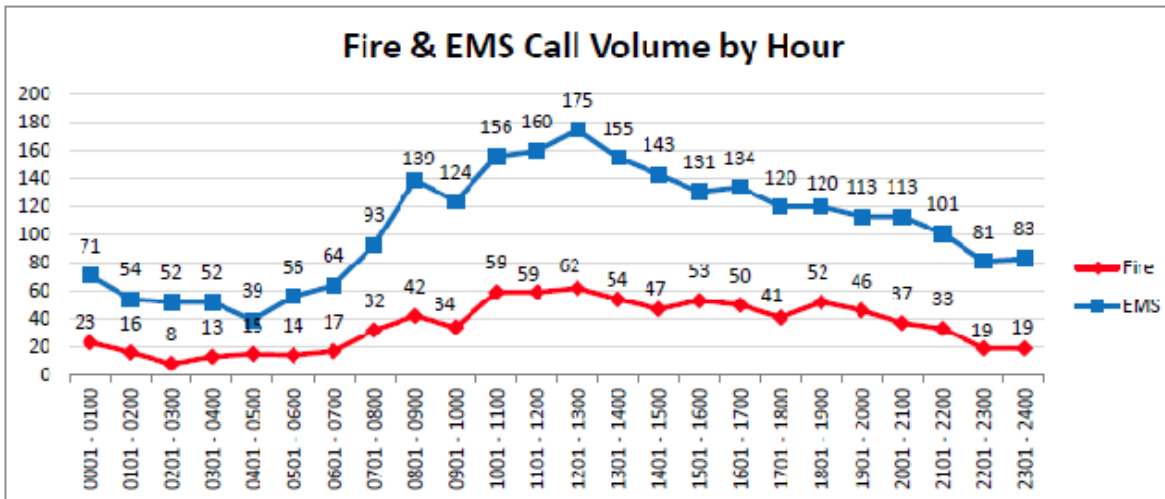
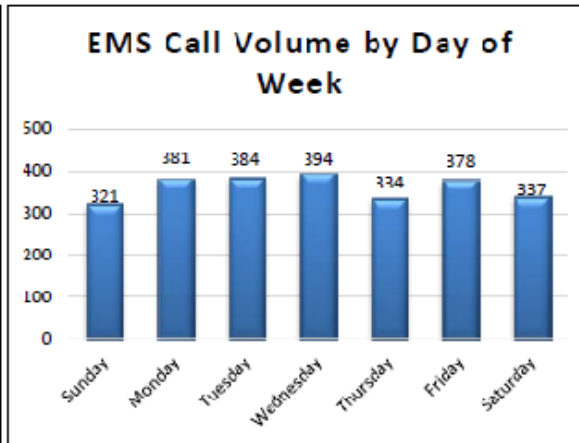
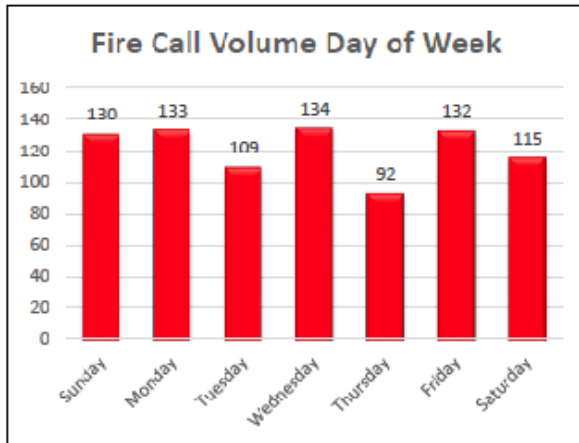
Fire Prevention Summary	1st Qtr.	YTD
Fire Inspections/Preplans	77	77
Plan Reviews	29	29
Smoke Alarms Distributed	44	44
Smoke Alarms Installed	5	5
Public Education Events		
a. Adults in Attendance	700	700
b. Children in Attendance	1904	1904

Medical Chief Complaints	1st Qtr.	YTD	% of Quarter
Abdominal Pain/GI Problem	121	121	4.78%
Allergic Reaction/Bites/Stings	12	12	0.47%
Altered Level of Consciousness	52	52	2.06%
Behavioral/Psychiatric	43	43	1.70%
Breathing Problem	55	55	2.17%
Burns/Smoke Inhalation	4	4	0.16%
Cardiac/Respiratory Arrest/DOA	48	48	1.90%
Cardiac Problems	158	158	6.25%
Choking/Airway Obstruction	3	3	0.12%
Diabetic Problem	51	51	2.02%
Drug/Alcohol	72	72	2.85%
Nausea/Vomiting	32	32	1.27%
No Apparent Injury	130	130	5.14%
OB/GYN/Pregnancy/Childbirth	14	14	0.55%
Other	958	958	37.88%
Respiratory Distress	120	120	4.74%
Seizure/Convulsions	77	77	3.04%
Sick Person/Flu-like	200	200	7.91%
Stroke/CVA/TIA	36	36	1.42%
Syncope/Fainting	43	43	1.70%
Traumatic Injury	127	127	5.02%
Unconscious	21	21	0.83%
Weakness	152	152	6.01%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2529</b>	<b>2529</b>	

Training	Classes	Attendees	Hours
Administrative	0	0	0
Engine Co. Ops	0	0	0
EMS	0	0	0
Driver Operator	0	0	0
General	0	0	0
Incident Command	0	0	0
Rescue Company Ops	0	0	0
Special Ops	0	0	0
Truck Company Ops	0	0	0
<b>Totals - 1st Quarter</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>YTD Totals</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>1227</b>	<b>2988.22</b>

Department Aid Summary	1st Qtr.	YTD
Mutual Aid Given	16	16
Mutual Aid Received	21	21

# Statistics - January through March 2018



# Correspondence from the Community



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January 19, 2018

Mr. Darrin Scott  
City of Salisbury Fire Department  
325 Cypress St.  
Salisbury, MD 21801

Dear Darrin,

Thanks to generous supporters like you, we are delighted to share our 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Ball was truly "The 2017 Event of the Year!"

Without question, your support of the Holiday Ball's "Perfect Present" silent auction helped ensure an unforgettable and record-breaking event, raising \$228,700 for our United Way and providing hope and help for our neighbors. City of Salisbury Fire Department's donation of "The Fire Truck Ride Experience," with a value of "priceless" was showcased to a record crowd of over 500 attendees and created wonderful gift giving for our guests.

May the year ahead find you blessed with great success both personally and professionally as you have so generously helped us fight for the Education, Financial Stability and Health of everyone in our community!

Most Gratefully,




Kacey Decker  
Special Projects Manager

P.S. Save the date for our 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Ball on December 1, 2018!

Thank you so much  
for your thoughtfulness.

Thank you so much  
for rescuing my cat from  
a tree. I was embarrassed,  
but thankful for your kind help.



Sincerely  
Barbara Hendry



Thank each of you for your service  
The 911 operator and the crew of Firehouse One did an outstanding job!

Enjoy the cupcakes  
Neither was made with milk  
One is made with fresh squeezed OJ, orange zest and  
the other is carrot cake, I grated the carrots, used pineapple  
and pineapple juice, walnuts and raisins. (in case anyone is allergic)  
Both are frosted with homemade cream cheese frosting.

Ginny Vitello  
618 Cottontail Drive  
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January 19, 2018

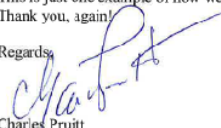
Richard Hoppes  
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Dear Chief Hoppes:

I am writing this letter to thank your department for the recent donation of 172 smoke alarms to our department. A change in Maryland law made the alarms obsolete and so Fire Marshal Eric Cramer and Lieutenant Bryan Lewis approached Tyler Watkinson about giving them to us. Tyler arranged for the transport of the alarms to our office.

We have already found a home for 20 of the alarms. A local summer camp had alarms in their cabins that were well over 10 years old. The rest will be distributed as needed, likely in cooperation with the American Red Cross, with whom we have had a partnership in distributing smoke alarms through their home fire campaign.

This is just one example of how we can serve our communities better by working together.  
Thank you, again!

Regards,  
  
Charles Pruitt  
Director

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