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From the Desk of the Chief

“Off to a Great Year!”

Wow.....what a **GREAT** three months it has been! The months of January through March have been busy and your Department continues to be extremely busy in the many facets of its operations and in activities throughout the community. Over this past quarter, your Department has been able to finally implement several new operational improvements that will certainly enhance our service delivery to our community. After countless processes, interviews and background checks, the Department was finally able to bring on our twelve (12) new firefighters hired under the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant. On behalf of the Department, I am pleased to announce that the following individuals have joined our Department:



Matthew Abbott
Kevin Bailey
Wyatt Bishop
Cameron Chance
Maxwell Ehrsam
Cor'Ray Heath
Joshua Joyner
Haley Lloyd
Matthew Munday
Lawrence Towles, Jr.
Sarah Trice
Jonathan Workman

With the addition of these twelve (12) positions and the implementation of our new Sergeants positions, the Department has been able to finally staff all three (3) of our fire stations with both Fire and EMS units for twenty-four (24) hours a day. Unfortunately, the Department said good-bye to one of our senior members – Firefighter/Paramedic Jason Stimis. We wish Jason the best in all his future endeavors! With this vacancy, the Department was able to welcomed aboard Walter (Tri) Townsend, III.

Another key change in the Department was the creation of the Volunteer Joint Personnel Board. An idea offered by the Corporate leadership at Fire Station #2, this board is working diligently to streamline the membership intake process allowing potential members to move quicker through the application process. This change along with the enrichment of our Cadet Program and several other initiatives are having a positive impact on our ability to recruit new volunteer members.

From the Desk of the Chief (continued)

In closing, I would like to personally congratulate a special member of the Department – Chaplain Tyrone Cooper. Chaplain Cooper spends countless hours checking on the well-fair of our members and has recently completed the Advanced Fire Chaplin Program offered through the Federation of Fire Chaplain's Institute. The completion of the program represents a considerable investment of time, energy, dedication and concentrated on areas such as Critical Incident Stress Management, Pastoral Crisis Intervention, Grief, and Disaster Chaplaincy.



Please remember that 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. To each member of the Department, thank you for your continued commitment and dedication to the organization. We are well on our way to ensuring that the community is protected by career and volunteer professionals who are dedicated to providing the most effective and efficient level of emergency services available on the Eastern Shore. Stay safe and keep up the great work that you are doing! To the general public, thank you for your continued support. Visit our website often to keep abreast of what's going on in your Fire Department. Please feel free to ask questions or offer suggestions. And, as always, if we can be of service to you in any manner please don't hesitate to contact us.

Respectfully Yours in Service,

John W. Tull

John W. Tull, BS - Chief of the Department

Cadet Corner

Captain Ben Waples

From our last newsletter, we are excited to announce that we have even more exciting news from our cadets. We have added two more cadets to the program which brings our number to 15. Our members continue to be extremely busy taking classes and going to training. Since our last newsletter, we had eight members complete Firefighter I, one complete Hazardous Materials – Operations Level, and six enroll in Emergency Medical Technician – Basic (EMT). Of the six enrolled in EMT, we had five complete the classwork and successfully pass their practical examination. The next steps are to take the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians test and finally take the Maryland Emergency Medical Protocols test.

Our new members are just as motivated and excited as our current members. Our new members have already enrolled in classes that will be starting in the fall and have been participating in our monthly training nights. We are very excited to have these new members!

Finally, we are extremely proud of what our members are doing, but the Department is proudest of our High School Senior Cadets. Over the next week or two, we will have nine (9) of our members graduating from high school. Seven of the cadets will be transitioning to regular volunteer members of the Department. The two members that are not staying with the Department are leaving the area to continue their Fire Service education in Oklahoma and one is moving to Florida for a better job. We wish both of these members the very best and thank you for dedication while you were members!

The Salisbury Fire Department Cadets would like to wish a happy and safe summer!



Hot Shots



Historical Corner

Assistant Chief Bryan W. Records

The Salisbury Standpipe

Located on the property of The John B. Parsons Home is a unique and often overlooked structure. Thousands of people pass by it every day, but have no idea what it is or how it came to be. This was the first water tower in the City of Salisbury and referred to as "The Standpipe." After suffering two devastating fires in 1860 and 1886 that destroyed the City; the need for adequate water supplies were recognized by the City Fathers. The site selected for this new water tower was then called Fireman's Park. It was the highest point in the city and its elevation made it the perfect site for the new gravity fed system. Fireman's Park was a large outdoor area across from the 1896 fire station on W. Church Street. Fire department and church groups would gather there for functions on hot summer days to beat the heat.



Historical Corner (continued)

Just two years after the Great Fire of 1886, J.A. Cloude and Co. of New York was contracted to build a public water system for the city. The Chief at the time was Fred Grier Sr. and his family business was selected to supply the steel for the new Standpipe. The structure was made of thick Swedish steel and was quite costly at the time. The completed Standpipe had a capacity of 90,000 gallons which was considered a huge amount at the time. The 165 foot structure turned on the water on September 15, 1888. By the early 1900's the city featured 24 fire hydrants on the system in the core of the city. The city operated what was known as Salisbury Water Works to supply the Standpipe and the city's water supply network. The brick structure sat at the end of Mill Street near Isabella Street. This structure featured modern pumps to supply water to the entire city and the Standpipe. Over the years the city's water supply system has evolved to a first class system with multiple wells sites throughout the city. Hydrants supply endless amounts of water without firefighters ever giving a thought to running out on even the biggest fires of today. Time has taken its toll on the steel structure which was abandoned by the City in the 1930's as a functional water supply appliance. Its rusty appearance over the years has been an eyesore to some, but a lasting tribute to a time gone by in the city's history. In recent years the Standpipe has received a fresh coat of paint and it features the city's new logo. Thousands of travelers can't help but notice the large 121 year old structure now as it stands as a bridge between the city's past and present.



Statistics - January Through March 2019

Emergency Medical Services

Disposition Incident Patient Disposition	Number of Runs	Percent of Total Runs
Treated, Transported by This Unit	1,836	74.45%
Assist, Public	249	10.10%
Cancelled en-route	64	2.60%
Operational Support Provided - No Patient Contact	55	2.23%
Assist, Agency	50	2.03%
Patient Assessed/Treated - Refused Transport	44	1.78%
Standby Only - No Patient Contacts	39	1.58%
Cancelled On Arrival - No Patient Found	31	1.26%
Patient Refused Assessment/Treatment - Not Transported	29	1.18%
Dead at Scene WITH Interventions (No Transport)	15	0.61%
Dead at Scene WITHOUT Interventions (No Transport)	11	0.45%
Other	9	0.36%
Cancelled Prior to Response	6	0.24%
Treated, Transferred Care to Other EMS Unit	6	0.24%
Cancelled On Arrival - By Other Unit	5	0.20%
No Treatment Required	4	0.16%
Patient Treated, Transported by Law Enforcement	3	0.12%
Upgrade Level of Care of the Transporting Unit	3	0.12%
Operational Support Provided - Patient Contact	2	0.08%
Patient Refused Care - Accepted Transport by this Unit	2	0.08%
Treated and Released Per Protocol	2	0.08%
Dead at Scene WITHOUT Interventions (Transport)	1	0.04%
	Total: 2,466	100%

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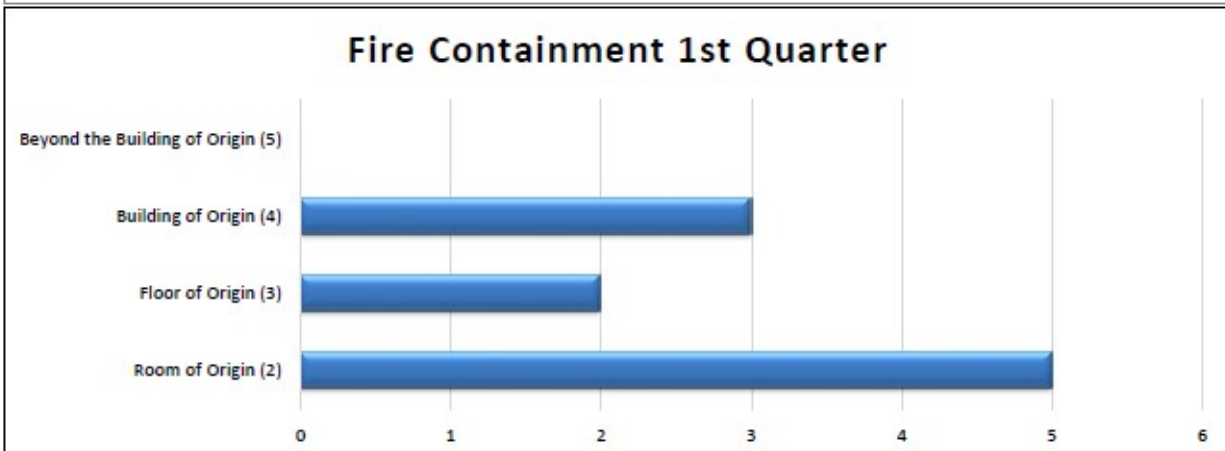
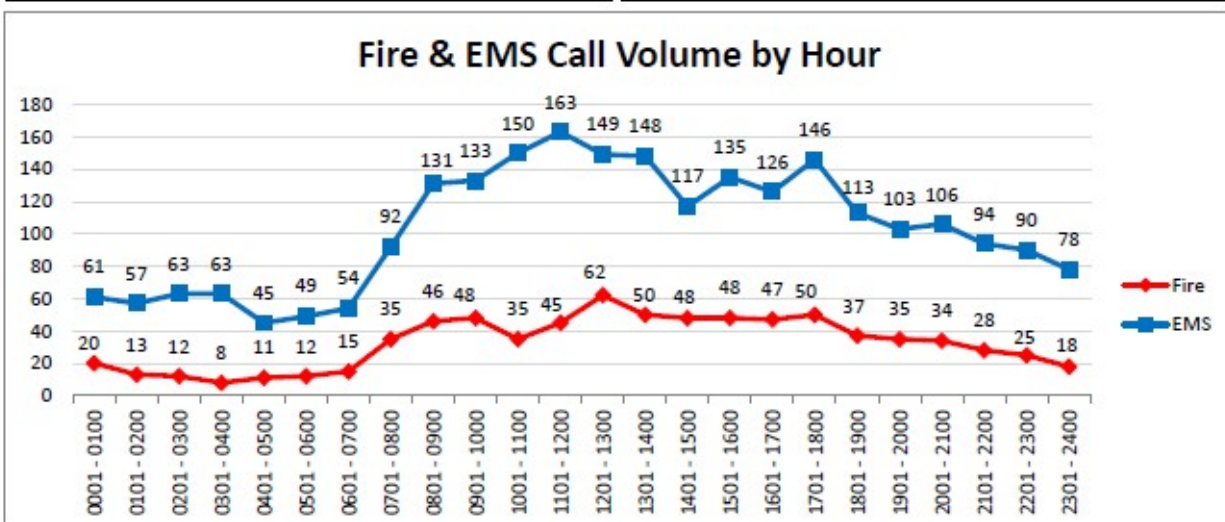
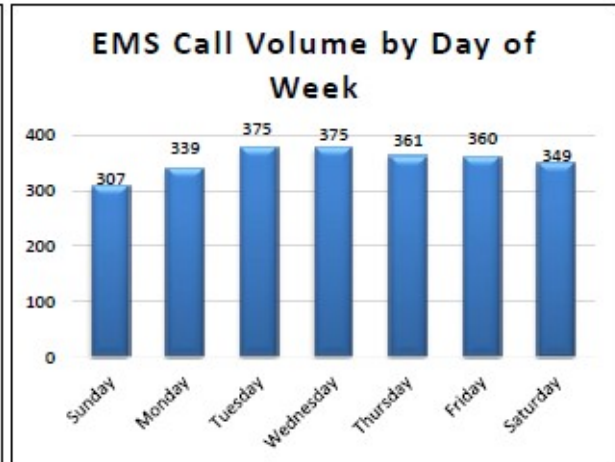
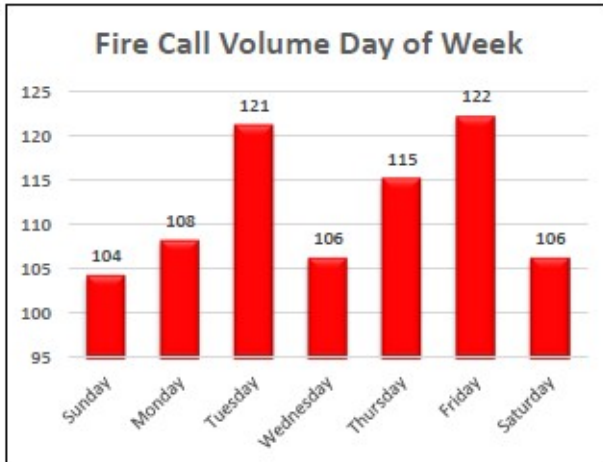
Emergency Medical Services

Top Situation Provider Primary Impression	Number of Runs
Pain (General) (R52)	211
Traumatic Injury (T14.90)	174
General Malaise/Sick (R53)	164
Respiratory Distress (R06.00)	120
Chest Pain/Discomfort (R07.9)	115
No Apparent Illness/Injury [Unknown] (Z00)	112
Abdominal Pain/Problems (R10.0)	99
Weakness (R53.1)	91
Altered Level of Consciousness (R41.82)	55
Syncope / Fainting (R55)	51
Nausea and vomiting (R11)	46
Cardiac Arrest (I46.9)	45

Cardiac Arrest Any Return Of Spontaneous Circulation List	Number of Runs	Percent of Total Runs
"No"	32	62.75%
"Not Applicable"	9	17.65%
"Yes, Prior to Arrival at the ED"	9	17.65%
"Yes, At Arrival at the ED"	1	1.96%
	Total: 51	100.00%

Response EMS Unit	Number of Runs	Percent of Total Runs EMS only)
A1	627	25.4%
A2	731	29.6%
A16	799	32.4%
B1	144	5.8%
B2	70	2.8%
B16	68	2.8%
Other Unit	27	1.1%
	Total: 2466	100.00%

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Fire Incident Type	1st Qtr.	YTD	% of Quarter
Structure Fires	16	16	2%
Cooking fire	12	12	2%
Vehicle Fires	5	5	1%
Natural Cover/Brush	16	16	2%
Trash/Dumpster	8	8	1%
Fire, Other	5	5	1%
Medical	341	341	44%
Vehicle Accidents	110	110	14%
Rescue Calls	11	11	1%
Hazardous Conditions	42	42	5%
Service Calls	44	44	6%
Good Intent Calls	63	63	8%
False Alarms	107	107	14%
Other Incident Type	2	2	0%
Totals	782	782	

Training	Classes	Attendees	Hours
Administrative	54	265	269.49
Engine Co. Ops	20	104	138
EMS	62	411	743
Driver Operator	59	187	231.75
General	90	412	850.35
Incident Command	2	10	20
Rescue Company Ops	29	157	433.75
Special Ops	22	179	645.5
Truck Company Ops	18	98	142
Totals - 1st Quarter	356	1823	3473.84
YTD Totals	356	1823	3473.84

Department Aid Summary	1st Qtr.	YTD
Mutual Aid Given	24	24
Mutual Aid Received	45	45

Workers Compensation Summary	1st Qtr.	YTD
1-finger, 1-ankle, 1-elbow, 1-knee	4	4
Hours lost due to Injuries	0	0

Fire Incidents by Fire Station	1st Qtr.	YTD	% of Quarter
Station 1	260	260	33%
Station 2	187	187	24%
Station 16	335	335	43%

Fire Loss Data	1st Qtr.	YTD	% of Quarter
Property Value	\$8,416,808	\$8,416,808	N/A
Property Destroyed	\$1,036,750	\$1,036,750	12%
Property Saved	\$7,380,058	\$7,380,058	88%

Fire Prevention Summary	1st Qtr.	YTD
Fire Inspections/Preplans	315	315
Plan Reviews	22	22
Smoke Alarms Distributed	60	60
Smoke Alarms Installed	24	24
Public Education Events		
a. Adults in Attendance	417	417
b. Children in Attendance	2054	2054

Training Corner

Lieutenant David L. Haines

From January 1st through March 31st the personnel of the Salisbury Fire Department have put in many hours of training. The training they do covers a variety of topics and includes classroom sessions as well as hands on training evolutions. There was a combined total of 358 individual training sessions which included 657.17 hours of training time. The total staffing hours for all personnel attending this training was 3,473.84 hours.

For the personnel of the SFD, this training is necessary to sustain and enhance existing skills, learn new skills and techniques, obtain new certifications and maintain existing certifications. All of this training is done in addition to responding to emergency calls, community service events and station and household duties. For the volunteer personnel, this is also done in addition to work and family commitments.

The Salisbury Fire Department maintains its readiness to serve you through regular, consistent training. We never know what the call may entail, but training in a variety of disciplines helps us be ready for anything. Keeping our personnel trained in this way ensures that when you call, we will be ready to respond.

A breakdown of the training topics is below.

Administrative	68.83
Emergency Medical Services	138.50
FADO/Driver's Training	88.25
Fire	184.84
Rescue	75.75
Special Operations	101.00
Total	657.17

Recertification Training

Topic	Hours	Personnel
SCBA Recertification	51.42	162
Confined Space	16	16
HazMat	16	28
Rope Rescue	6	8
Trench Rescue	8	12
Total	97.42	64

Fire Prevention & Public Education

Deputy Chief James E. Gladwell

The SFD continues its trend as one of the busiest entities within the city when referencing public education and community service. Programs such as the Mayor for the Day, Fire Chief for the Day, Blazing a Trail for Literacy, Read Across America, safety fairs, school tours, and a myriad of other too many to mention events keep the SFD as busy as ever. And the requests keep coming!

It is truly amazing when one reflects on what the SFD does in a given day. When one considers apparatus and equipment checks, required daily training, an average of nearly 40 calls for service each day, preplans, inspections, and general firehouse duties, it is anyone's guess how the members of the Department, volunteer and career, manage to handle the over 250 requests for community service and public education it receives annually. The answer is simple. It is because of the quality of personnel who pass through the doors of the Department each and every day. Without each of them stepping up, there is no way these events could ever be handled. The SFD, and the City, owes each of them a debt of gratitude for their dedication to duty and commitment to the citizens they serve. Thank you...

For the quarter inclusive of 1 January 2019 through 31 March 2019 and as documented in FH Software, the SFD handled 34 different public education/community service events (That's one event roughly every 2½ days!). 592.5 staff hours were expended to get the job done. One After the Fire program was completed and ten smoke alarms were installed. This represents approximately 2% of the total staff hours documented for the listed quarter (31,698 total documented staff hours listed for the quarter). It certainly feels like it should represent a much higher percentage based on the number of requests the SFD receives.

Thanks, again, for all the hard work you do each day. It does not go unnoticed. Stay Safe!

