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Trafford Borough Officials,

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

Fire Department: Responded to **9** alarms last month; attached you will find a complete breakdown of the incidents and activity for this period.

EMS Division: Provided **169** 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 income.

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

- Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) use and maintenance Drills
- National Professional Board Certification as Fire Service Instructor II.

Fundraising:

- Annual Fund Drive letters should be mailed out in early May.
- No other fund-raising events were scheduled other than the Medical Transport Division.

General:

- 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 next several months. We have sufficient N95 masks and personal protective equipment for the next several months.

Next month(s)

- Members will participate in a National Professional Board Certification class for Airport Firefighter at Pittsburgh International Airport Training Center.
- Memorial Day Parade (May 31st @ 10:30 AM).

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; however, to date there has been no meeting or conversation 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.

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COVID-19 Situation Report (SITREP) for: April 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 169 patients in **April 2021**, 3 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	April 2021 – 3 of 169
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 Non-Emergency Medical 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 (**May 2021**).

1 Advanced Life Support Quick Response Unit (ALS-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.

Critical Needs:

None expected in the next operational period.

Other Needs:

None

COVID-19 Statistics:

Source: CDC & PA Dept. of Health

	April 6th, 2021		May 3rd, 2021		Trending (last 27 days)	
	Cases*	Deaths	Cases*	Deaths	New Cases*	Deaths
World	131,967,439	2,863,045	153,067,129	3,206,194	21,099,690	343,149
United States	30,787,596	555,638	32,445,034	577,314	1,657,438	21,676
Pennsylvania	891,908	25,237	975,044	26,276	83,136	1,039
Allegheny Co.	67,944	1,824	74,386	1,901	6,442	77
Westmoreland Co.	20,631	709	22,228	746	1,597	37
15085	451	NR	521	NR	70	NR

*=Confirmed Positive

NR=Not Reported

Please note that the number of “Confirmed Positive” cases in PA decreased by 6.5% in April over March. The number of positive cases for Allegheny County decreased by 17.5% and 4.3% for Westmoreland County. Though any decrease in the rate of new confirmed positive cases is cause for optimism, we should not let our guard down. Please be aware and continue to take appropriate precautions. On a negative note: Reports of new confirmed cases for the 15085 Zip Code increased by 70%.

Yours in fire safety,



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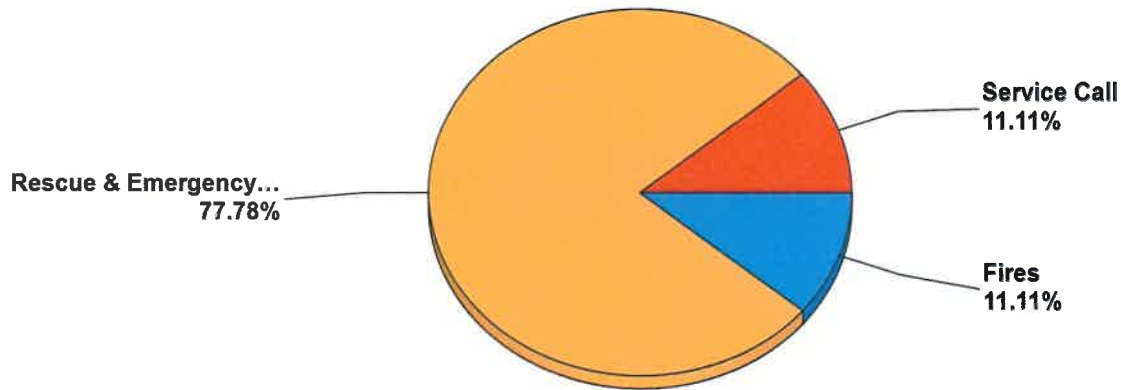
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Breakdown by Major Incident Types for Date Range

Zone(s): All Zones | Start Date: 04/01/2021 | End Date: 04/30/2021



MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Fires	1	11.11%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	7	77.78%
Service Call	1	11.11%
TOTAL	9	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
142 - Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire	1	11.11%
311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew	5	55.56%
321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	1	11.11%
322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	1	11.11%
571 - Cover assignment, standby, moveup	1	11.11%
TOTAL INCIDENTS:	9	100%

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Hours Spent per Activity Code for Date Range

Start Time: 00:00 | End Time: 23:00 | Start Date: 04/01/2021 | End Date: 04/30/2021

ACTIVITY CODE	# OF ITEMS	TIME SPENT	% TOTAL TIME
Detail - Fire Dept related activity - other	12	41:00	8.33
Drill - Proficiency Drills	4	14:00	2.85
Duty Shift - Duty Shift - Duty Responder	3	177:00	35.98
Meeting - Attend meeting, conference, or committee	8	26:00	5.28
On Duty - On duty in station - Available for calls	22	220:00	44.72
Training - Formal Fire Service Education or Certification Process	4	14:00	2.85
Totals	53	492:00	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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Apparatus Compliance Percentage for Turnout Time for Response Mode for Incident Type for Date Range for Apparatus for Zone

Response Mode: All | Apparatus: All Apparatus | Shift(s): All Shifts | Zone(s): All Zones | Incident Type(s): All Incident Types | Start Date: 04/01/2021 | End Date: 04/30/2021 | Compliance Time: 00:09:00

APPARATUS	# RESPONSES		% COMPLIANT for APPARATUS RESPONSE MODE
	COMPLIANT	NOT COMPLIANT	
86 AT	8	0	100.00%
86 EN	1	0	100.00%
TOTAL:	9	0	100.00%
TOTAL CALLS:	9		

Calculates difference for apparatus' Dispatch and Enroute times in comparison to the COMPLIANCE TIME, INCIDENT TYPE and RESPONSE MODE provided. Example, for RESPONSE TIME of 00:05:00, % COMPLIANT column displays % where apparatus' enroute times were less than or equal to 5 minutes. Only REVIEWED and NON-CANCELLED incidents included.



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Apparatus Compliance Percentage for Turnout Time for Response Mode for Incident Type for Date Range for Apparatus for Zone

Response Mode: All | Apparatus: All Apparatus | Shift(s): All Shifts | Zone(s): All Zones | Incident Type(s): All Incident Types | Start Date: 01/01/2021 | End Date: 12/31/2021 | Compliance Time: 00:09:00

APPARATUS	# RESPONSES		% COMPLIANT for APPARATUS RESPONSE MODE
	COMPLIANT	NOT COMPLIANT	
86 AT	18	0	100.00%
86 CH	16	0	100.00%
86 EN	10	0	100.00%
86 SQ	5	0	100.00%
86 WA	3	0	100.00%
M-221	1	0	100.00%
TOTAL:	53	0	100.00%
TOTAL CALLS:	53		

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