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Fire Chief's Report for Borough Council

4/4/2023

Trafford Borough Officials,

The following is a brief summary of Trafford Emergency Services activities for 1st QTR 2023, and our projected activity for next few months; also included are specific Public Safety concerns and other information you should be aware of.

Fire Department: Responded to <u>39</u> alarms in the 1st QTR of 2023; attached you will find a complete breakdown of these incidents and other important statistics.

EMS Division: Provided 296 Non-Emergency Medical Transports in the 1st QTR of 2023.

The Men and Women of Your "all Volunteer" fire department logged **942 hours** serving the citizens of Trafford in the 1st QTR of 2023; a breakdown of those hours is listed below:

Incident Response: 104

Details: 127

Company Drills: 44

Duty Shifts: 460

Fund Raising: 56

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Meetings: 73

Smoke Alarm – Fire Prevention Details: 6

Formal Training: 72

Coming in 2023:

Easter Egg Hunt with Rec. Board Race Nite Fundraiser

Memorial Day Parade Annual Pump Testing J

Westmoreland Co. Fire School Hoagie Sale

Annual Hose Testing
Fire Prevention Week
Halloween Safety Detail
200 Club Fundraiser
Holiday Happenings

April 1st May 6th May 29th

June July – August

September (TBD) September 16th

October 8th – 14th October 31st November 11th

December 2nd

Fire & Life Safety:

For more than 3 years now (since September of 2019), I have been including the following statement with my Fire Chief's report.

"Trafford has numerous structures and groups of buildings that are uninspected (or under inspected) and are operating virtually unregulated. Many of the processes and products used in these buildings 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, protect our citizens, and the environment. The <u>revenue</u> related to the Permits and Processes included within 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 (and again in July 2022) regarding the Operational Permits that are 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 happing in our Borough. The increased level of protection and overall safety of our citizens and first responders should be YOUR first priority". [BL]

Vacant & Dangerous Structures:

I have previously reported to Borough Officials that vacant or dangerous structures continue to present a hazard to neighboring properties and the general public; however, for more than 3 years, there has been no meeting or conversation between the Fire Chief and Public Officials to address these concerns. The following structures continue to be in dangerous condition and present a special hazard to firefighters:

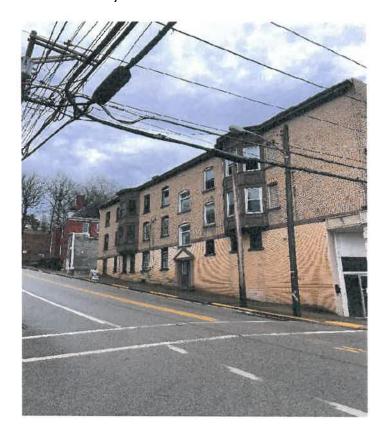
 213 Cavitt Ave – 1 story Commercial - Former Dry Cleaners – Roof/Floor Damage – Vacant over 15 Years



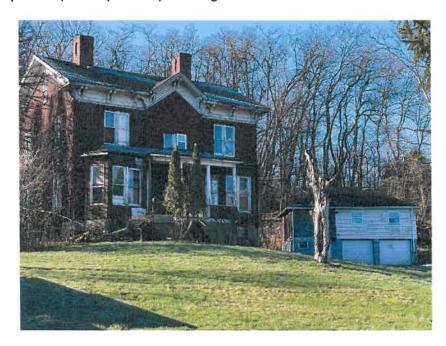
• 235 Cavitt Ave – 2 Story Multi-Occupancy Commercial Building – High Pile Storage, inadequate emergency egress lighting, exits, and exit access, electrical safety concerns. Significant Life Safety Risk during live performances with audiences of over 100 in attendance.



• **438 Cavitt Ave** – 3 story Residential over Commercial building – Fire Escapes removed, significant interior alterations, many of them unfinished. Open to weather through the roof and missing windows – Vacant over 10 years.



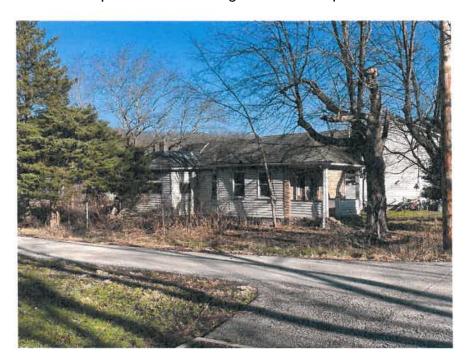
• **90 First Street** – 2 story Residential with an accessory structure – vacant over 20 years Open to weather through the roof and missing windows. Apartment constructed over garage without permits (no fire partition). Building is unsecure.



• **8 Forbes Rd** – 2 story Residential with accessory structures - vacant over 15 years – possibly unlawfully occupied and a dog locked inside – also being used to store building materials and other combustible debris.



• **106 Shady Lane** – 1 story Residence – damaged by flooding – Vacant over 10 years Building is unsecure and open to weather through the roof and open windows.



 1 Stewart Station Drive – 150,000 Sq Ft Former Westinghouse Printing Division factory & office spaces – Building is unsecure and open to weather through the roof and open windows. Vacant over 20 years



• 1000 Commerce Circle – 1,000,000 Sq Ft Warehouse and Industrial Complex. The Fire Suppression (Sprinkler) System is significantly degraded; numerous alarms and system failures over the last several months. Many risers, exits, and other fire safety components are blocked. High pile storage with significant quantities of PVC (Polyvinyl chloride) and other hazardous commodities stored indoors without fire partitions. Painting, Welding and other "hot-work" processes in progress daily without regulation.



Fighting Fires is inherently dangerous in <u>any</u> 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." [BL]

I have included the list of Operational Permits that could be used to address and mitigate many of these hazards should Trafford Borough Council adopt the International Fire Code.

Yours in fire safety,

Brian Lindbloom – Chief Trafford Emergency Services

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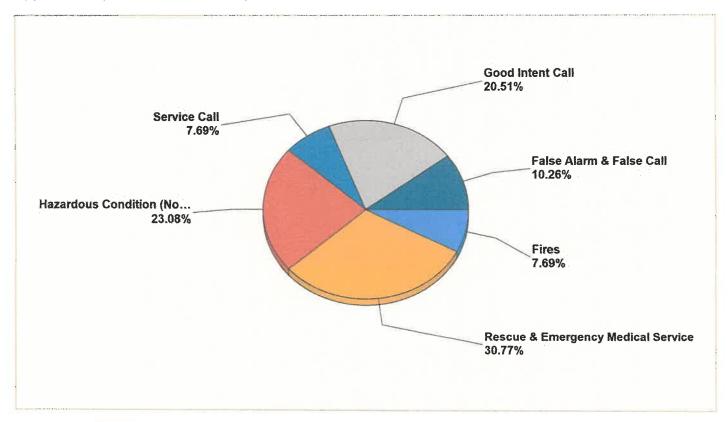
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Breakdown by Major Incident Types for Date Range

Zone(s): All Zones | Start Date: 01/01/2023 | End Date: 03/31/2023



MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Fires The Control of	3	7.69%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	12	30.77%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	9	23.08%
Service Call	3 1 2 4 1 1	7.69%
Good Intent Call	8	20.51%
False Alarm & False Call	4	10.26%
TOTAL	39	100%

Medical Transports: 296



INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
111 - Building fire	Participal manifestant 1 to 2000 and 2 to 20	2.56%
113 - Cooking fire, confined to container	and the same that the largest the	2.56%
132 - Road freight or transport vehicle fire		2.56%
311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew		17.95%
321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	2	5.13%
322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	and the street of the street o	2.56%
352 - Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle		2.56%
356 - High-angle rescue		2.56%
412 - Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	7	17.95%
444 - Power line down	2	5.13%
500 - Service Call, other		2.56%
531 - Smoke or odor removal	1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 -	2.56%
553 - Public service		2.56%
611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	81.4	20.51%
731 - Sprinkler activation due to malfunction	And New Constitution (1986)	2.56%
743 - Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional		5.13%
745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional		2.56%
TOTAL IN	CIDENTS: 39	100%



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Incident Statistics

Zone(s): All Zones | Start Date: 01/01/2023 | End Date: 03/31/2023

	INCIDI	ENT COUNT		
INCIDI	ENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS		
EMS		12		
	FIRE	27	27	
T	OTAL	39		
	TOTAL TRANS	SPORTS (N2 and N3)		
APPARATUS	# of APPARATUS TRANSPORTS	# of PATIENT TRANSPORTS	TOTAL # of PATIENT CONTACTS	
TOTAL				
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		CHECKS		
T	OTAL			
	MUTUAL A	ID		
	d Туре	Total		
Aid Given		5		
Aid Received		7		
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International Fire Code Required Operational Permits

IFC Code Reference	Activity or Operation	Permit Required
105.1.1	Permits required	Any property owner or authorized agent who intends to conduct an operation or business, or install or modify systems and equipment which is regulated by this code, or to cause any such work to be done, shall first make application to the fire code official and obtain the required permit. Permit fees, if any, may be required to be paid prior to issuance of the permit. Failure to pay the required permit fee may result in cancellation of the permit.
105.6.1	Aerosol products	An operational permit is required to manufacture, store or handle an aggregate quantity of Level 2 or Level 3 aerosol products in excess of 500 pounds (227 kg) net weight.
105.6.2	Amusement buildings	An operational permit is required to operate a special amusement building.
105.6.3	Aviation facilities	An operational permit is required to use a Group H or Group S occupancy for aircraft servicing or repair and aircraft fuel-servicing vehicles. Additional permits required by other sections of this code include, but are not limited to, hot work, hazardous materials and flammable or combustible finishes.
105.6.4 (Amended)	Carbon dioxide systems	An operational permit is required for carbon dioxide systems having more than 100 pounds of carbon dioxide.
105.6.5	Carnivals and fairs	An operational permit is required to conduct a carnival or fair.
105.6.6	Cellulose nitrate film	An operational permit is required to store, handle or use cellulose nitrate film in a Group A occupancy.
105.6.7	Combustible dust-producing operations	An operational permit is required to operate a grain elevator, flour starch mill, feed mill, or a plant pulverizing aluminum, coal, cocoa, magnesium, spices or sugar, or other operations producing combustible dusts as defined in Chapter 2.
105.6.8	Combustible fibers	An operational permit is required for the storage and handling of combustible fibers in quantities greater than 100 cubic feet (2.8 m3). Exception: A permit is not required for agricultural storage.

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105.6.9	Compressed	Type of Gas Corrosive Flammable Highly Toxic Inert and simple asphyxiant	ure (NTP) of compress.05.6.8. or and using compress. ble 105.6.8 Amount (6	sed gases in excess ssed gas as a fuel Cu. Ft. at NTP) 200 200 Amount 5,000
		Oxidizing (including oxygen)		504
		Pyrophoric		Amount
		Toxic	Any	Amount
105.6.10	Covered and open mall buildings	 An operational permit is required for: The placement of retail fixtures and displays, concession equipmedisplays of highly combustible goods and similar items in the mall. The display of liquid- or gas-fired equipment in the mall. The use of open-flame or flame-producing equipment in the mall. 		
105.6.11	Cryogenic fluids	An operational permit is required to produce, store, transport on use, handle or dispense cryogenic fluids in excess of the amounts in Table 105.6.10. Table 105.6.10		
		Type of Cryogenic Fluid	Inside Building	Outside Building
			(gallons)	(gallons)
		Flammable	More than 1	60
		Inert	60	500
		Oxidizing (includes oxygen)	10	50
		Physical or health hazard not indicated above	Any Amount	Any Amount
105.6.12	Cutting and welding	An operational permit is required to conduct cutting or welding operations within the jurisdiction.		
105.6.13	Dry cleaning plants	An operational permit is required to engage in the business of dry cleaning or to change to a more hazardous cleaning solvent used in existing dry cleaning equipment.		
105.6.14	Exhibits and trade shows	An operational permit is requi	red to operate exhib	its and trade shows.
105.6.15	Explosives	An operational permit is requinately handling, sale or use of any que fireworks or pyrotechnic spec	uantity of explosives,	explosive materials,

		Exception: Storage in Group R-3 occupancies of smokeless propellant, black powder and small arms primers for personal use, not for resale and in accordance with Section 5606.
105.6.16	Fire hydrants and valves	An operational permit is required to use or operate fire hydrants or valves intended for fire suppression purposes which are installed on water systems and accessible to a fire apparatus access road that is open to or generally used by the public.
		Exception: A permit is not required for authorized employees of the water company that supplies the system or the fire department to use or operate fire hydrants or valves.
105.6.17	Flammable and	An operational permit is required:
(Amended)	combustible liquids	1. To use or operate a pipeline for the transportation within facilities of flammable or combustible liquids. This requirement shall not apply to the off-site transportation in pipelines regulated by the Department of Transportation (DOTn) nor does it apply to piping systems.
		2. To store, handle or use Class I liquids in excess of 5 gallons (19 L) in a building or in excess of 10 gallons (37.9 L) outside of a building, except that a permit is not required for the following:
		2.1. The storage or use of Class I liquids in the fuel tank of a motor vehicle, aircraft, motorboat, mobile power plant or mobile heating plant, unless such storage, in the opinion of the code official, would cause an unsafe condition.
		2.2. The storage or use of paints, oils, varnishes or similar flammable mixtures when such liquids are stored for maintenance, painting or similar purposes for a period of not more than 30 days.
		3. To store, handle or use Class II or Class IIIA liquids in excess of 25 gallons (95 L) in a building or in excess of 60 gallons (227 L) outside a building, except for fuel oil used in connection with oil-burning equipment.
		4. To store, handle or use Class IIIB liquids in tanks or portable tanks for fueling motor vehicles at motor fuel-dispensing facilities or where connected to fuel-burning equipment.
		Exception: Fuel oil and used motor oil used for space heating or water heating.
		5. To remove Class I or II liquids from an underground storage tank used for fueling motor vehicles by any means other than the approved, stationary on-site pumps normally used for dispensing purposes.

105.6.17 (Amended) (Continued)	Flammable and combustible liquids (Continued)	 To operate tank vehicles, equipment, tanks, plants, terminals, wells, fuel-dispensing stations, refineries, distilleries and similar facilities where flammable and combustible liquids are produced, processed, transported, stored, dispensed or used. To place temporarily out of service (for more than 90 days) an underground, protected above-ground or above-ground flammable or combustible liquid tank. To change the type of contents stored in a flammable or combustible liquid tank to a material that poses a greater hazard than that for which the tank was designed and constructed. To manufacture, process, blend or refine flammable or combustible liquids. To engage in the dispensing of liquid fuels into the fuel tanks of motor vehicles at commercial, industrial, governmental or manufacturing establishments. To utilize a site for the dispensing of liquid fuels from tank vehicles into the fuel tanks of motor vehicles, marine craft and other special equipment at commercial, industrial, governmental or manufacturing establishments. To engage in the business of removing, abandoning or otherwise disposing of residential heating oil tanks.
105.6.18	Floor finishing	An operational permit is required for floor finishing or surfacing operations exceeding 350 square feet (33 m2) using Class I or Class II liquids.
105.6.19	Fruit and crop ripening	An operational permit is required to operate a fruit- or crop-ripening facility or conduct a fruit-ripening process using ethylene gas.
105.6.20	Fumigation and insecticidal fogging	An operational permit is required to operate a business of fumigation or insecticidal fogging and to maintain a room, vault or chamber in which a toxic or flammable fumigant is used.

105.6.21 Hazardous materials

An operational permit is required to store, transport on site, dispense, use or handle hazardous materials in excess of the amounts listed in Table 105.6.20.

Table 105.6.20

Type of Material	Amount
Combustible liquids	See Section 105.6.16
Corrosive materials	See Section 103.0.16
Gases	See Section 105.6.8
Liquids	55 gallons
Solids	1000 pounds
Explosive materials	See Section 105.6.14
Flammable materials	See Section 105.0.14
Gases	See Section 105.6.8
Liquids	See Section 105.6.16
Solids	
Highly toxic materials	100 pounds
Gases	See Section 105.6.8
Liquids	
Solids	Any Amount
	Any Amount
Oxidizing materials Gases	Confine der co
Liquids	See Section 105.6.8
Class 4	B B
Class 3	Any Amount
Class 2	1 gallon
Class 1	10 gallons
Solids	55 gallons
Class 4	A
Class 3	Any Amount
Class 2	10 pounds
Class 1	100 pounds
	500 pounds
Organic peroxides	
Liquids Class I	A mars A man a comb
Class I	Any Amount
Class II	Any Amount
Class IV	1 gallon
Class V	2 gallons
Solids	No permit required
Class I	American American
Class II	Any Amount
Class III	Any Amount
Class IV	10 pounds
	20 pounds
Class V	No permit required
Pyrophoric materials	
Gases	Any Amount
Liquids	Any Amount

105.6.21	Hazardous	Solids	Any Amount
(Continued)	materials	Solids	Ally Alloult
(continued)	(Continued)	Toxic materials	
	10011011000	Gases	See Section 105.6.8
		Liquids	10 gallons
		Solids	100 pounds
		Unstable (reactive) materials	100 pourius
	,	Liquids	
		Class 4	Any Amount
		Class 3	Any Amount
		Class 2	5 gallons
	′	Class 1	10 gallons
		Solids	10 8011013
		Class 4	Any Amount
	1	Class 3	Any Amount
		Class 2	50 pounds
		Class 1	100 pounds
		Water-reactive materials	
		Liquids	
		Class 3	Any Amount
		Class 2	5 gallons
		Class 1	55 gallons
		Solids	
		Class 3	Any Amount
		Class 2	50 pounds
400.400	1100000	Class 1	500 pounds
105.6.22	HPM facilities	An operational permit is required t	o store, handle or use hazardous
		production materials.	
105.6.23	High-piled	An operational permit is required t	ouse a building or portion thereof
	storage	An operational permit is required to use a building or portion thereof as a high-piled storage area exceeding 500 square feet (46 m ₂).	
105.6.24	Het work	An operational permit is required f	or hot work including, but not
	operations	limited to:	
		1. Public exhibitions and demonstr	ations where hot work is conducted.
		2. Use of portable hot work equipr	
		Exception: Work that is conducte	d under a construction permit.
		3. Fixed-site hot work equipment s	uch as welding booths.
		4. Hot work conducted within a wi	ldfire risk area.
		5. Application of roof coverings with	th the use of an open-flame device.
		6. When approved, the fire code o	fficial shall issue a permit to carry
			ram allows approved personnel to

105.6.24	Hot work	regulate their facility's hot work operations. The approved personnel
(Continued)	operations (Continued)	shall be trained in the fire safety aspects denoted in this chapter and shall be responsible for issuing permits requiring compliance with the requirements found in Chapter 35. These permits shall be issued only to their employees or hot work operations under their supervision.
105.6.25	Industrial ovens	An operational permit is required for operation of industrial ovens.
105.6.26	Lumber yards and woodworking plants	An operational permit is required for the storage or processing of lumber exceeding 100,000 board feet (8,333 ft3) (236 m3).
105.6.27	Liquid- or gas- fueled vehicles or equipment in assembly buildings	An operational permit is required to display, operate or demonstrate liquid- or gas-fueled vehicles or equipment in assembly buildings.
105.6.28	LP-gas	An operational permit is required for:
		1. Storage and use of LP-gas.
		Exception: A permit is not required for individual containers with a 500-gallon (1893 L) water capacity or less or multiple container systems having an aggregate quantity not exceeding 500 gallons (1893 L), serving occupancies in Group R-3.
		2. Operation of cargo tankers that transport LP-gas.
105.6.29	Magnesium	An operational permit is required to melt, cast, heat treat or grind more than 10 pounds (4.54 kg) of magnesium.
105.6.30	Miscellaneous combustible storage	An operational permit is required to store in any building or upon any premises in excess of 2,500 cubic feet (71 m3) gross volume of combustible empty packing cases, boxes, barrels or similar containers, rubber tires, rubber, cork or similar combustible material.
105.6.31	Motor fuel- dispensing facilities	An operational permit is required for the operation of automotive, marine, and fleet motor fuel-dispensing facilities.
105.6.32	Open burning	An operational permit is required for the kindling or maintaining of an open fire or a fire on any public street, alley, road, or other public or private ground. Instructions and stipulations of the permit shall be adhered to. Exception: Recreational fires.
105.6.33	Open flames and torches	An operational permit is required to remove paint with a torch; or to use a torch or open-flame device in a wildfire risk area.
105.6.34	Open flames and candles	An operational permit is required to use open flames or candles in connection with assembly areas, dining areas of restaurants or drinking establishments.

105.6.35	Organic coatings	An operational permit is required for any organic-coating manufacturing operation producing more than 1 gallon (4 L) of an organic coating in one day.
105.6.36	Places of assembly	An operational permit is required to operate a place of assembly.
105.6.37	Private fire hydrants	An operational permit is required for the removal from service, use or operation of private fire hydrants.
		Exception: A permit is not required for private industry with trained maintenance personnel, private fire brigade or fire departments to maintain test and use private hydrants.
105.6.38	Pyrotechnic special effects material	An operational permit is required for use and handling of pyrotechnic special effects material.
105.6.39	Pyroxylin plastics	An operational permit is required for storage or handling of more than 25 pounds (11 kg) of cellulose nitrate (pyroxylin) plastics and for the assembly or manufacture of articles involving pyroxylin plastics.
105.6.40	Refrigeration equipment	An operational permit is required to operate a mechanical refrigeration unit or system.
105.6.41	Repair garages and motor fuel- dispensing facilities	An operational permit is required for operation of repair garages.
105.6.42	Rooftop heliports	An operational permit is required for the operation of a rooftop heliport.
105.6.43	Spraying or dipping	An operational permit is required to conduct a spraying or dipping operation utilizing flammable or combustible liquids or the application of combustible powders regulated by Chapter 24.
105.6.44	Storage of scrap tires and tire byproducts	An operational permit is required to establish, conduct or maintain storage of scrap tires and tire byproducts that exceeds 2,500 cubic feet (71 m3) of total volume of scrap tires and for indoor storage of tires and tire byproducts. (20' x 20' x 6' H19H) = 2,400 cuft.

105.6.45	Temporary membrane structures and tents	An operational permit is required to operate an air-supported temporary membrane structure or a tent having an area in excess of 400 square feet (37 m2). 20 × 20 = 400 Sq f = Exceptions: 1. Tents used exclusively for recreational camping purposes. 2. Tents open on all sides, which comply with all of the following: 2.1. Individual tents having a maximum size of 700 square feet (65 m2). 2.2. The aggregate area of multiple tents placed side by side without a fire break clearance of not less than 12 feet (3658 mm) shall not exceed 700 square feet (65 m2) total. 2.3. A minimum clearance of 12 feet (3658 mm) to structures and other tents shall be provided.
105.6.46	Tire-rebuilding plants	An operational permit is required for the operation and maintenance of a tire-rebuilding plant.
105.6.47	Waste handling	An operational permit is required for the operation of wrecking yards, junk yards and waste material-handling facilities.
105.6.48	Wood products	An operational permit is required to store chips, hogged material, lumber or plywood in excess of 200 cubic feet (6 m ₃).
105.6.49 (Amended)	Marijuana extraction systems	An operational permit is required to use a marijuana / cannabis extraction system regulated under WAC 314-55-104.
105.6.50 (Amended)	Emergency Responder Radio Coverage	An operational permit is required to operate an Emergency Responder Radio Coverage System
105.6.51 (Amended)	Positive Alarm Sequence	An operational permit is required to operate a PAS (Positive Alarm Sequence) Account as prescribed in NFPA 72.