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Trafford Borough Officials,

The following is a brief summary of Trafford Fire Departments activities for **February 2021**. Projected activity for next month, Public Safety concerns, and other information you should be aware of is also included.

Fire Department: Responded to 7 alarms; attached you will find a complete breakdown of the incidents and activity for this period included with this letter.

EMS Division: Provided 151 Non-Emergency Medical Transports throughout the greater Pittsburgh area. The proceeds from these transports are used to support the Fire, Medical, and other 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:

- Drill; "Hi-Rise Building Fires" construction, fire behavior, and suppression tactics review

Fundraising:

- No Fund Raising scheduled other than the Medical Transport Division.

General:

- Provided CPR Training and Certification for 5 Day Care Center Employees.

Next month(s)

- The Coronavirus will obviously impact **Fire/EMS Operations** for the next several months. We have purchased sufficient N95 masks and personal protective equipment for the next several months.

Fire & Life Safety Concerns:

- FEMA Reports that 2124 people died in residential fires in 2020; Pennsylvania ranked third highest with 128 residential fire deaths. Please help spread the word: Test your smoke alarms monthly and replace the batteries twice a year.
- 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. 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 have weakened structural components. I realize that Borough Council is taking action towards mitigating some

of these issues; however, 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.
- 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.

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COVID-19 Situation Report (SITREP) for: February 2021

The COVID-19 “State of Emergency” is likely to continue throughout 2021. The anticipated “operations tempo” 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 additional staff 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.

The Department still has 2 bunkrooms with 4 Beds 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:

EMS Units transported 156 patients in January, 11 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	
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		

Vehicles / Apparatus:

2 Ambulances are in service (primarily in use for UPMC Transports) – Both ambulances are available to surge into local emergency use if requested by Penn Township EMS – No flex to emergency service is expected in next operational period (**March 2021**).

1 Advanced Life Support Quick Response Unit (ASL-QRS) is in service and available **24/7 for 911 Dispatch Emergencies**. This unit routinely responds to serious medical emergencies and vehicle accidents in support of Penn Township EMS Transport Units.

3 other Fire Department Vehicles are in service and available.

Logistics:

Total TFC1 funds related to COVID-19 expended this period: **\$0.00**

Total funds expended to date for COVID-19 PPE to protect our First Responders: **\$8,330.28**

Critical Needs:

None expected in the next operational period.

Other Needs:

None

Statistics:

Source: CDC & PA Dept. of Health

	February 1st, 2021		March 2 nd , 2021		Trending (last 29 days)	
	Cases*	Deaths	Cases*	Deaths	New Cases*	Deaths
World	103,090,224	2,230,829	114,563,395	2,541,319	11,456,236	310,490
United States	26,194,662	441,409	28,665,195	514,662	2,470,533	73,253
Pennsylvania	736,236	21,687	803,009	24,024	66,773	2,337
Allegheny Co.	55,192	1,521	60,137	1,720	4,945	199
Westmoreland Co.	17,875	606	18,963	672	1,088	66
15085	387	NR	402	NR	15	NR

*=Confirmed

NR=Not Reported

The CDC Reports 11.4 million NEW Covid-19 “confirmed” cases, and 310,490 people DIED from Covid-19 related illnesses last month. The “Rate of Infection” is slowing down over last month; however, the “rate of death” is remaining steady over last month.

Please take all precautions to keep you and your family safe.

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Trafford Fire Co. No. 1

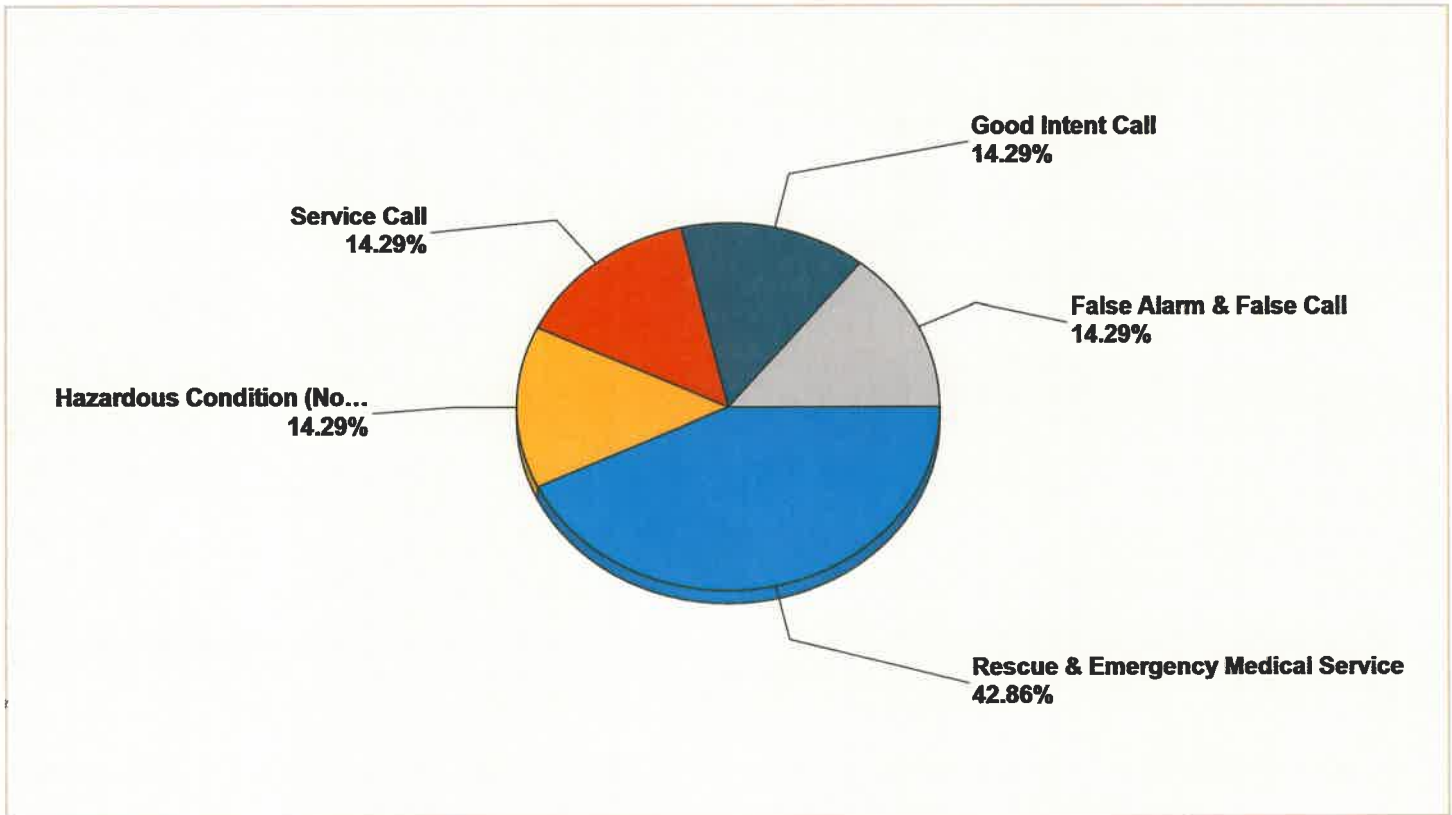
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Breakdown by Major Incident Types for Date Range

Zone(s): All Zones | Start Date: 02/01/2021 | End Date: 02/28/2021



MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	3	42.86%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	1	14.29%
Service Call	1	14.29%
Good Intent Call	1	14.29%
False Alarm & False Call	1	14.29%
TOTAL	7	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
311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew	2	28.57%
324 - Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.	1	14.29%
424 - Carbon monoxide incident	1	14.29%
551 - Assist police or other governmental agency	1	14.29%
611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	1	14.29%
745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	1	14.29%
TOTAL INCIDENTS:	7	100%

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Hours Spent per Activity Code for Date Range

Start Time: 00:00 | End Time: 23:00 | Start Date: 02/01/2021 | End Date: 02/28/2021

ACTIVITY CODE	# OF ITEMS	TIME SPENT	% TOTAL TIME
Drill - Proficiency Drills	7	28:00	6.12
Duty Shift - Duty Shift - Duty Responder	4	209:30	45.79
On Duty - On duty in station - Available for calls	20	200:00	43.72
Prevention - Fire & Life Safety Presentation or Event	5	20:00	4.37
Totals	36	457:30	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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