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Trafford Borough Officials,

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

Fire Department: Responded to **13** alarms last month; attached you will find a complete breakdown of the incidents and activity for this period.

EMS Division: Provided **135** 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 revenue.

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

- Emergency Medical Service Vehicle Operator
- Advanced Life Support Skills Review
- Traffic Incident Management Training
- Traumatic Brain Injury Protocol Update
- Active Shooter – Hostile Event Rescue Task Force Concepts Training
- Naloxone (NARCAN) Administration by EMR/EMT
- Fire Company Officer II National Professional Board Certification Testing

Fundraising:

- The "200 Club Dinner" was a TREMENDOUS success! Thank you to all who supported, assisted, or attended the event.

Next month(s)

- Planning & Preparation for the "Trafford Twinkle Tour" (Holiday Happenings) and related events are in the final stages. We can always use a little more help or support. The Twinkle Tour will travel down Cavitt Ave on December 4th from 5-7PM; we hope you will join us.

Fire & Life Safety:

For more than 2 years now, I have been including the following statement with my monthly report. I am very concerned that our Public Officials do not appear to be taking Public Safety in Trafford Seriously. I will include the statement again this month. I am hopeful with the new year we can meet to discuss some of these critical public safety issues:

[statement] 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 significantly 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 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 happening in our Borough. The increased level of protection and overall safety of our citizens and first responders should be YOUR first priority.

Specific Safety Concerns:

- For more than a year, I have reported to Borough Officials 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 between the Fire Chief and Public Officials 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.**
- I am pleased to report that the fence erected over a year ago (September 2019) on the corner of Third Street & Cavitt Ave has finally been removed and is no longer blocking fire department access to the fire hydrant. I do recommend you have this hydrant inspected and flow tested as it has been neglected for over 2 years and may have been damaged in the demolition process of the adjacent building. Please share the results of this testing.

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

Personnel Status:

1. 4 Volunteer Responders tested positive in November – All we mild to moderate symptoms and full recovery is expected.
2. 18 Family members or close contacts also tested positive in November – Most were minor to moderate symptoms; however, 1 did require hospitalization, with a full recovery expected.

COVID-19 Exclusion Area status continues for all Fire Department areas of the first and third floors:

A “NO VISITOR” policy is in effect. Advance notice is requested should Public Works or any other personnel require access to these areas. All personnel should be made aware that the TFC1/TEMS Crews working inside these areas are regularly exposed to the corona virus – contact tracing is required by PADOH. We Sanitize ALL areas inside our facility daily; however, there is still a risk of exposure. Appropriate face masks are required for all visitors.

Operations:

Our EMS Units transported 135 patients in **November 2021**; 13 of these patients were suspected or 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	November 2020 – 4 of 145	June 2021 – 0 of 153
May 2020 - 16 of 166	December – 14 of 159	July 2021 – 0 of 117
June 2020 - 6 of 173	January 2021 – 11 of 156	August 2021 – 0 of 100
July 2020 - 7 of 192	February 2021 – 11 of 151	September - 11 of 130
August 2020 – 1 of 141	March 2021 – 1 of 157	October – 6 of 116
September 2020 – 1 of 188	April 2021 – 3 of 169	November – 13 of 135
October 2020 – 1 of 164	May 2021 – 2 of 155	

Vehicles / Apparatus:

MEDIC 221 & MEDIC 222: Both Ambulances are in service (primarily in use for Non-Emergency Medical Transports) and are available to surge into local emergency use if requested by Council or Penn Township EMS – No flex to emergency service is expected in next operational period (**December 2021**).

ATTACK 86: Advanced Life Support Quick Response Unit 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.

ENGINE 86, WAGON 86, and Squad 86: These Pumpers and other Fire Department Vehicles are in service and available.

Decontamination of the Fire Station, vehicles & equipment, and personnel during the Covid 19 Pandemic continues. The Coronavirus will obviously impact **Fire/EMS Operations** for the foreseeable future. We have sufficient N95 masks and other appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) for the next several months.

Critical COVID 19 Related Needs:

None expected in the next operational period.

Yours in fire safety,



Brian Lindbloom – Chief
Trafford Emergency Services

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Incident Statistics

Zone(s): All Zones | Start Date: 11/01/2021 | End Date: 11/30/2021

INCIDENT COUNT			
INCIDENT TYPE		# INCIDENTS	
EMS		4	
FIRE		9	
TOTAL		13	
TOTAL TRANSPORTS (N2 and N3)			
APPARATUS	# of APPARATUS TRANSPORTS	# of PATIENT TRANSPORTS	TOTAL # of PATIENT CONTACTS
TOTAL			
PRE-INCIDENT VALUE		LOSSES	
\$890,000.00		\$66,000.00	
CO CHECKS			
TOTAL			
MUTUAL AID			
Aid Type		Total	
Aid Given		3	
Aid Received		5	
OVERLAPPING CALLS			
# OVERLAPPING		% OVERLAPPING	
0		0	
LIGHTS AND SIREN - AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME (Dispatch to Arrival)			
Station	EMS	FIRE	
Trafford Fire Co. No. 1 (Headquarters)	0:05:30	0:06:08	
AVERAGE FOR ALL CALLS		0:05:48	
LIGHTS AND SIREN - AVERAGE TURNOUT TIME (Dispatch to Enroute)			
Station	EMS	FIRE	
Trafford Fire Co. No. 1 (Headquarters)	0:01:45	0:01:51	
AVERAGE FOR ALL CALLS		0:01:48	
AGENCY	AVERAGE TIME ON SCENE (MM:SS)		
Trafford Fire Co. No. 1	56:07		

Only Reviewed Incidents included. EMS for Incident counts includes only 300 to 399 Incident Types. All other incident types are counted as FIRE. CO Checks only includes Incident Types: 424, 736 and 734. # Apparatus Transports = # of incidents where apparatus transported. # Patient Transports = All patients transported by EMS. # Patient Contacts = # of PCR contacted by apparatus. This report now returns both NEMSIS 2 & 3 data as appropriate. For overlapping calls that span over multiple days, total per month will not equal Total count for year.

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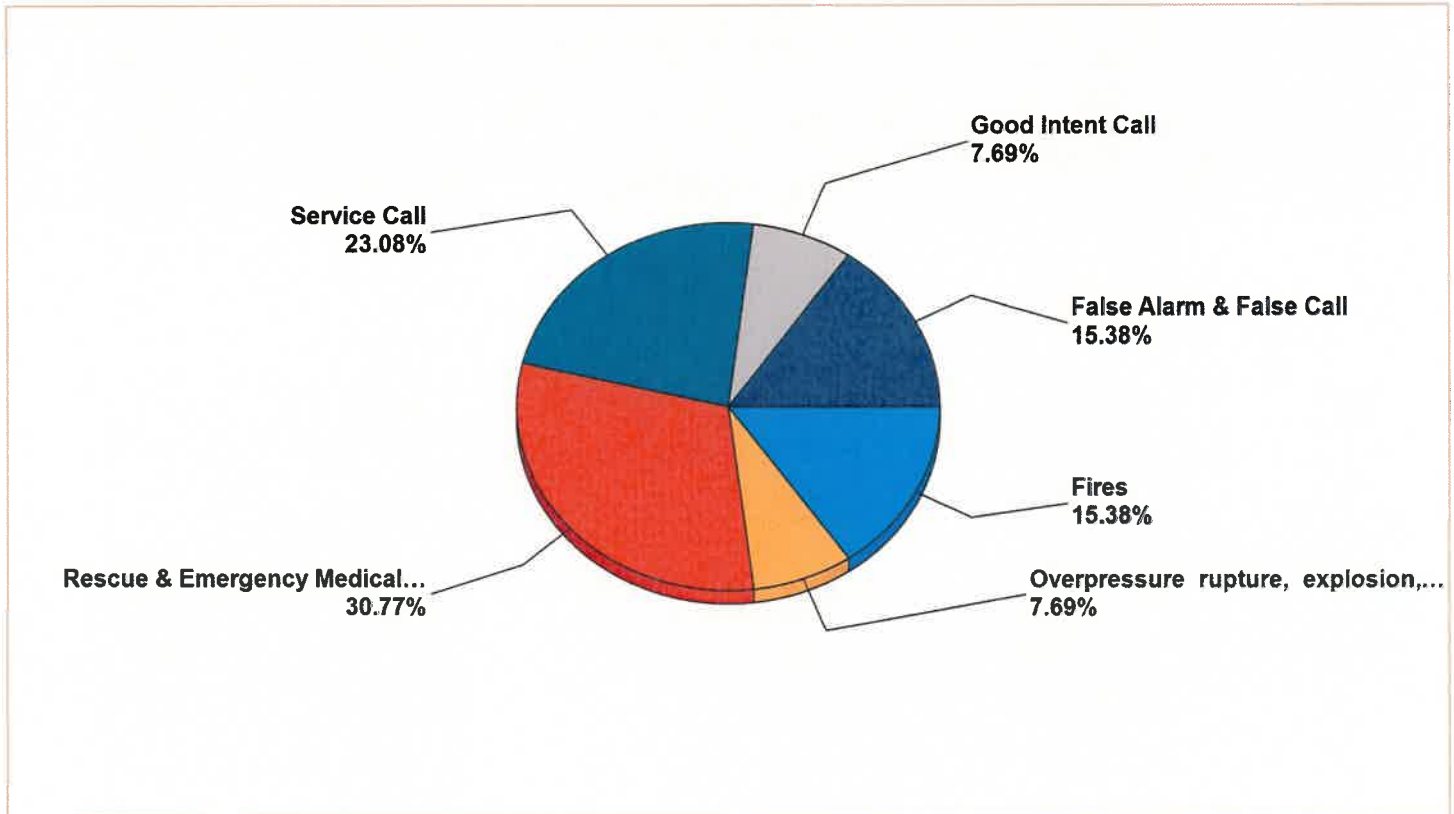
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Breakdown by Major Incident Types for Date Range

Zone(s): All Zones | Start Date: 11/01/2021 | End Date: 11/30/2021



MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Fires	2	15.38%
Overpressure rupture, explosion, overheating - no fire	1	7.69%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	4	30.77%
Service Call	3	23.08%
Good Intent Call	1	7.69%
False Alarm & False Call	2	15.38%
TOTAL	13	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
111 - Building fire	2	15.38%
211 - Overpressure rupture of steam pipe or pipeline	1	7.69%
311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew	2	15.38%
322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	1	7.69%
352 - Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle	1	7.69%
520 - Water problem, other	2	15.38%
571 - Cover assignment, standby, moveup	1	7.69%
611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	1	7.69%
733 - Smoke detector activation due to malfunction	1	7.69%
745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	1	7.69%
TOTAL INCIDENTS:	13	100%

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Hours Spent per Activity Code for Date Range

Start Time: 00:00 | End Time: 23:00 | Start Date: 11/01/2021 | End Date: 11/30/2021

ACTIVITY CODE	# OF ITEMS	TIME SPENT	% TOTAL TIME
Detail - Fire Dept related activity - other	4	17:30	5.35
Fund Raising - Fund Raising Event (Hoagie Sale, 200 Club, Fair, etc)	24	128:00	39.14
On Duty - On duty in station - Available for calls	15	150:00	45.87
Training - Formal Fire Service Education or Certification Process	8	31:30	9.63
Totals	51	327:00	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.

