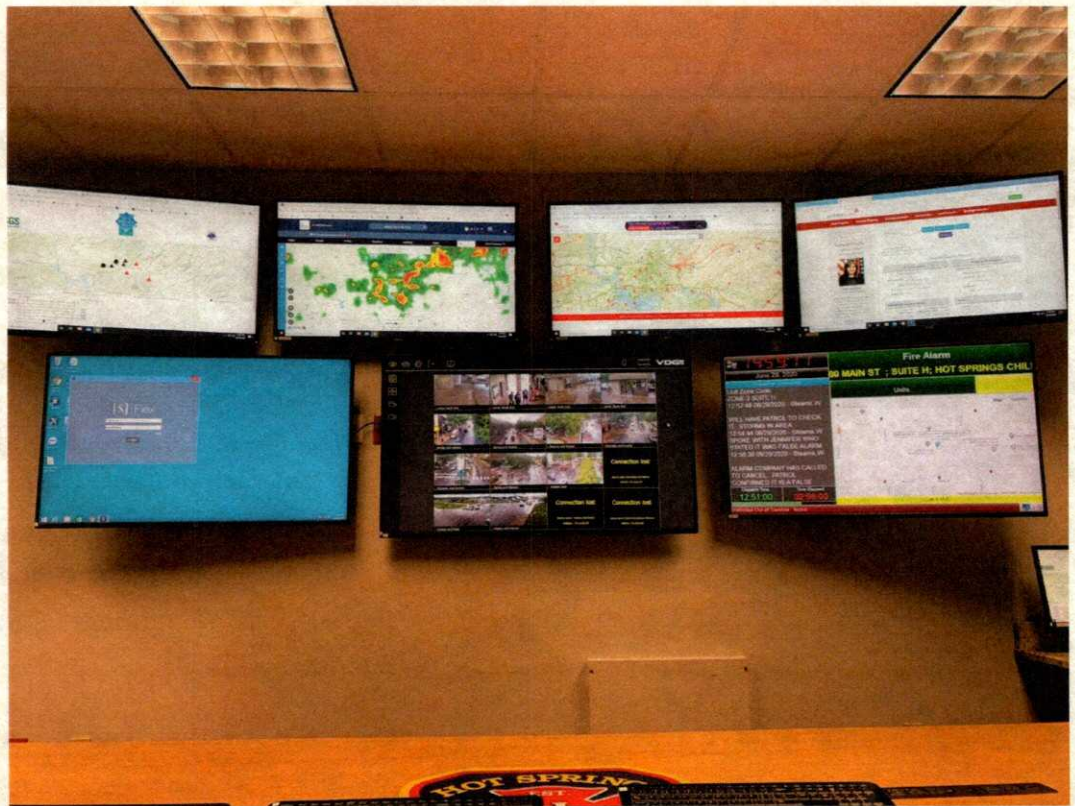


HOT SPRINGS FIRE DEPARTMENT

JUNE 2020



FROM FIRE CHIEF DAVIS

June was a very busy month for HSFD we experienced a total of 13 structure fires, through the efforts of our firefighters over \$10 million in property was saved! We also conducted the new recruit agility test and firefighter candidate interviews. However, the most significant thing about June occurred during a spectacular two-hour storm that occurred late in the month.

On June 29th, 2020 the City of Hot Springs had a major weather event that began with numerous lightning strikes, pounding rain and high winds. It all started at 12:20 pm and what followed resulted in four significant and one minor structure fires caused by continuous lightning strikes. Compounding the fire problem was a partial building collapse and gas leak as well as minor flooding throughout the City. To deal with unprecedented number of emergencies we initiated a recall of all of the City's firefighters and used mutual aid from Lake Hamilton Fire Department, Piney Fire Department and 70 West Fire Department to deal with the many requests for service. Our Chief Officers were spread thin acting as Incident Commanders on numerous incident scenes. Two of our officers Captain, Keith Goss and Lieutenant Josh Lacy recognized the gravity of the cascade of emergencies and activated the Emergency Operations Center (EOC). Lieutenant Lacy brought all the computers online and Captain Goss started staging personnel and documenting the events as they were happening. These junior officers had recently been trained in how to bring the EOC online and therefore were able to visually monitor the flood prone areas in Hot Springs with our camera and flood warning systems. Captain Larry Vincent in command of the Swift water Team began barricading flood prone areas to keep unaware motorist out of harm's way. Everyone pulled together and began identifying and solving problems.

Our personnel and mutual aid providers did an outstanding job dealing with these weather related emergencies.

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Fire Prevention Bureau

Training Division

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June 2020 Statistics

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Action Shots

Years in Service



FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

FIRE MARSHAL, TOM BRAUGHON

Left: On Saturday, June 6, 2020 we conducted the potential new hire agility test and interviews with several applicants. Climbing the aerial truck ladder is one of the requirements.

The Fire Prevention Bureau conducted 44 inspections during June. Thirteen of those were certificates of occupancy – HS Heart Center, Bumper to Bumper (2), Silver Dollar Coin, The Heights at Seneca (4), Chambers Bank, Hair (Apy Salon), HS Hemp, Pain Treatment Center, Kringles & Cones, & Boondocks Pool Hall.

Even though the Governor's Directive has moved onto Phase 2 – we have not resumed normal annual activities. We have decided at this time to continue Phase 1 until numbers improve.



TRAINING DIVISION

TRAINING OFFICER, TY FARRIS

- Rapid Intervention Team training simulating a Firefighter falling through a floor into a basement. MayDay techniques were practiced, RIT team deployment, rescue of downed Firefighter and evacuation of Firefighter.
- Aerial Operations with Truck 10 – set up ladder platform for rescue of victim from elevated position and used Truck 10 as elevated master stream for water flow.
- Members of the Dive Team conducted training in Lake Hamilton practicing underwater search techniques and equipment familiarization.
- Lieutenant Kevin McCain provided continuing education training to members of the Police Department on tourniquets.
- Practiced deployment of Annex Pack for firefighting in incidents with limited access for fire apparatus.
- Met with new members of the Civil Support Team (CST) from Camp Robinson. HSF and CST work together providing Joint Hazard Assessment Teams at large events and the two organizations conduct HazMat training drills a couple of times a year.