

**HOT SPRINGS FIRE
DEPARTMENT**

JULY 2020



FROM FIRE CHIEF DAVIS

The above photo is from a structure fire on July 22, 2020 at 316 Gardner. When firefighters arrived on scene, they found flames on the outside of the structure. They were able to stop the fire quickly and limited the damage to a small area on the back corner. The firefighters did an excellent job of suppressing this fire resulting in minor damage.

July was a good month for HSFD – we held familiarization meetings between HSFD Officers and 70 West Fire Department, Piney Fire Department, and Lake Hamilton Fire Department. These departments are very important when we need assistance. These meetings were designed to “get to know each other” and go over what resources they have that could be utilized during mutual aid. This cooperation is vital for the City of Hot Springs and Garland County.

July also resulted in the issuance of several large Certificate of Occupancies. One of those being the new Hot Springs Junior Academy. Many of our firefighters participated in tours and in the inspection process of the new facility. This was a large and complex project. It was very important for our firefighters to become familiar with the new structure. More importantly we wanted to ensure that all code requirements were met for the kids to safely start the school year in this new beautiful building. It is a great asset to our community.

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Fire Prevention Bureau

Training Division

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July 2020 Statistics

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Action Shots

Years in Service



FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

FIRE MARSHAL, TOM BRAUGHON

The Fire Prevention Bureau conducted several inspections for the new Hot Springs Junior Academy to receive their Certificate of Occupancy. This project is now complete and ready for the new school year.

The Fire Prevention Bureau also conducted several other Certificates of Occupancies in July – Roanoke Annex, Arkansas Workforce, 771 Park Ave, The Heights at Seneca X 2, Arkansas Career, RC Coffee, Hammer & Stain, T-Mobile, Gearrilla Garage, Run Stop & Chrysalis Day Spa.

We reviewed plans on A & W Root Beer – 3801 Central & Arvest Bank – 135 Section Line.

We also responded to several complaints concerning businesses locking doors due to Covid 19. We are happy to say that not one complaint resulted in anyone not complying with code. Most people do not realize that even if you cannot enter an entrance – you can still exit out of that entrance with a panic bar. There are no codes saying that you must have a certain amount of entrances – only exits. Therefore, locking doors to eliminate an entrance is ok – as long as they can exit through that door with an operational panic bar.



TRAINING DIVISION

TRAINING OFFICER, TY FARRIS

- Rapid Intervention Team (RIT) training was completed emphasizing the techniques used to gain access to a downed Firefighter in a basement and extricating Firefighter to safety.
- Training with the Annex Pack on Engine 6 continued as deployment of the pack was practiced to continue reinforcing the use of a secondary means of establishing a water source for structures with inadequate accessibility.
- Drivers and Firefighters began training on the Apparatus Skills Course. This provides HSF D personnel the opportunity to drive various apparatus through a driving course and gain experience with difficult situations in a controlled environment.
- HSF D personnel trained with Holmatro battery powered extrication equipment in an attempt to gain knowledge about these products and experience their capabilities. Emergency Vehicle Specialists, one of our vendors, brought in Holmatro representatives for a presentation on battery powered equipment. Currently HSF D uses hydraulic extrication tools from Holmatro. Left photo: Probationary FF Wolever & Lieutenant Josh Lacy.