

# HOT SPRINGS FIRE DEPARTMENT

## OCTOBER 2021



## FROM FIRE CHIEF DAVIS

October is National Fire Prevention Month. It is the time when special emphasis is placed upon fire safety activities targeting children. This year we renewed our in-school programs with abbreviated COVID safe activities staged primarily outdoors. Even with precautions, firefighters were able to interact with the children at area schools and present fire safety messages to the most vulnerable members of our community.

We participated in a tabletop functional exercise sponsored by Entergy that involved a dam failure and inundation of the Lake Catherine Flood Plain. The exercise brought together the first responder communities in Hot Spring and Garland County to exercise the agencies' emergency response plans.

We also attended an informational meeting concerning the upcoming 2024 Eclipse event where we reviewed the experiences of leaders from the Cheyenne, Wyoming Community who were inundated with visitors to view the last significant eclipse that occurred in 2019.

Lastly, we conducted ladder testing, assisted with promotional examinations and conducted firefighter candidate interviews.

*Above: Lieutenant McCain teaches children about fire prevention.*

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Years in Service

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# FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

**FIRE MARSHAL, TOM BRAUGHON**

The Fire Prevention Bureau conducted 23 inspections for October including 14 Certificate of Occupancies: David's Burgers, Entergy, Hot springs Gymnastics, The RetroFit by Lana, Bailey Place Apartments, Shady Corner Café, Wonderland, Maggie Jo's, Fearless Plumbing, Buff City Soap, Haynes Family Dentistry, Majestic Park, and Medical Massage Therapy.

The Fire Prevention Bureau also conducted 27 school programs for 1,844 pre-K through 1<sup>st</sup> graders in Hot Springs. The students were given fire prevention books, fire badges, and taught about fire safety. They were also shown the turnout gear and got to see it on a firefighter.



*Photo above: Firefighter going through equipment for the Gudrun mountain bike race at the North Woods.*



*Photo above: Proclamation from The City of Hot Spring to establish First Responder Weekend.*

*Photo Blow: Firefighter Recruits (left to right) Dylan Taylor, Barrett Powers, Taylor Muse, Brandon Reed and Christian Silvar graduated from the Arkansas Fire Academy on October 8.*



## TRAINING DIVISION

**TRAINING OFFICER, TY FARRIS**

Companies trained for high-rise incidents in October by using the standpipe system on the Training Simulator. HSF D recently updated all of the high-rise kits for our engine companies, so the review of these new kits was incorporated into the training which also included the use of light weight hose used specifically for high rise incidents. The training simulated a fire in a multi-story building and the deployment of hose and equipment in stairwells.

SCBA training was held as HSF D put new air packs into service. The new SCBA are the most current air packs being produced and training consisted of the use, care and cleaning of this equipment. HSF D was able to purchase enough new SCBAs to equip all of the apparatus. The Scott Sight equipment (mentioned in the September report) for SCBA facemasks was also provided to all personnel and the use of this device was reviewed.

Five Firefighter Recruits graduated from the Arkansas Fire Academy in October and returned to HSF D and began their shift work. These recruits were Taylor Muse, Barrett Powers, Brandon Reed, Christian Silvar and Dylan Taylor. Recruit Reed was named Outstanding Rookie of the Firefighter Standards Class. During their training at the Academy, the Recruits received Emergency Medical Responder and Firefighter I/II certifications and were also trained in Hazardous Materials Awareness and Operations.

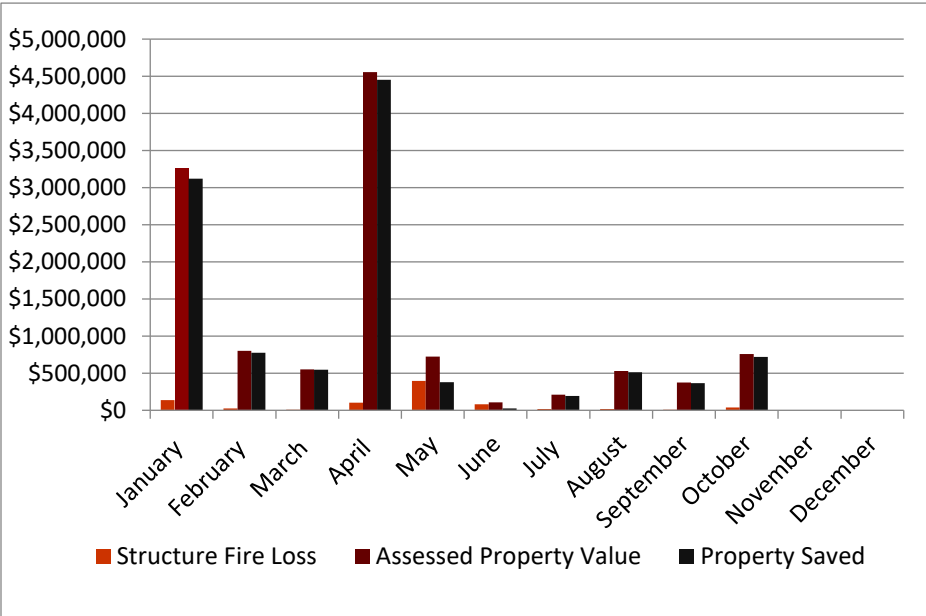
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## STRUCTURE FIRES

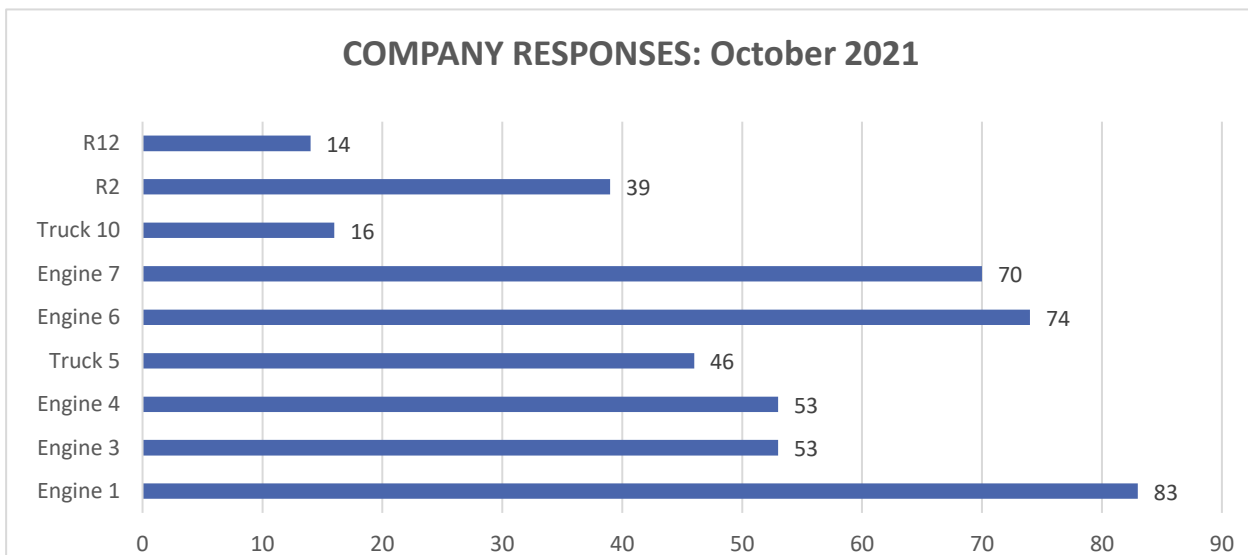
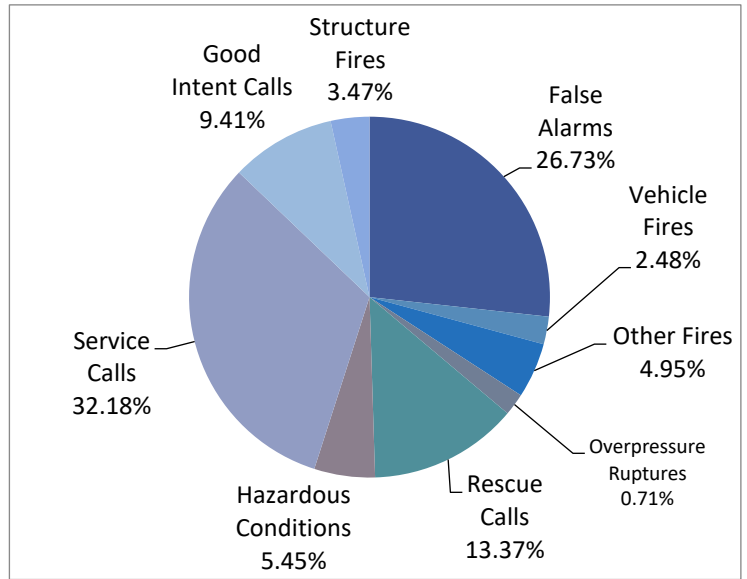
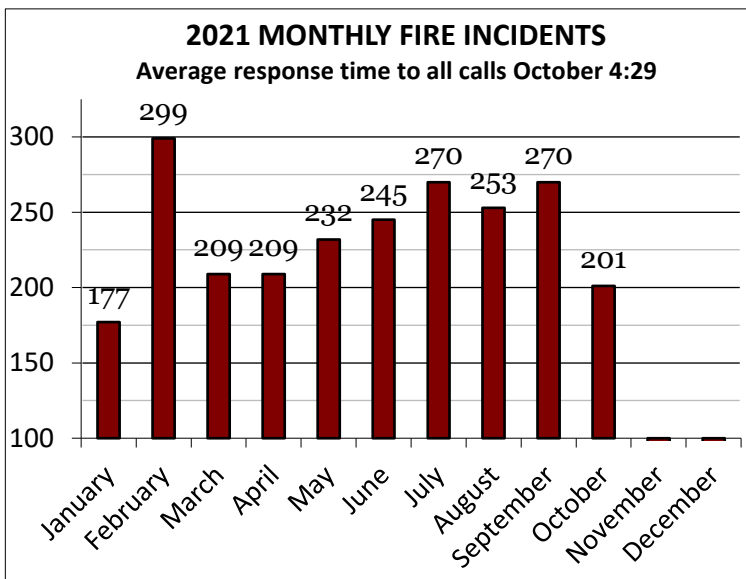
Structure fire loss through October 2021: \$ 826,770.

Total Property Saved through October 2021: \$11,088,890.

Average response time to structure fires for October 2021: 4:26.



## MONTHLY INCIDENT COUNTS      OCTOBER SITUATION FOUND





## OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES



Ed Davis- Chief- 32 years



Kevin Ellsworth- Lieutenant- 22 years



Kenny Talbert- Lieutenant- 22 years



Jamie Elliott- Lieutenant- 21 years



Brian Porter- Driver- 19 years



Clint Hunter- Lieutenant- 14 years



Robert Jester- Lieutenant- 14 years



Allen Goines- Driver- 9 years



Nathan Blackstead- Driver- 7 Years



Quincy Lawrence- Driver- 6 years



Addison Dunn- Driver- 5 years



Cameron Woods- Driver- 4 years