

HOT SPRINGS FIRE DEPARTMENT

May 2022



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May was a busy month for the Fire Department as we continued efforts to train and indoctrinate the younger members of our staff (42 of our 78 firefighters have less than eight years on the job) concerning the high-risk low frequency occurrence events that prove most dangerous to new firefighters. Among these efforts was our sponsorship of the Art of Reading Smoke Class. The Art of Reading Smoke compiles the experiences of hundreds of fire departments to teach how to discern where the fire is in the structure, its size, rate of growth and the type of materials burning. We also held Swift Water Rescue training on the Ouachita River and conducted operational training on the department's newly acquired Dive/Rescue boat.

We also received approval from the Board of Directors of the Lakeside Communications Site Agreement and are moving forward with the final change order that if approved will establish excellent communications on the campus of Lakeside Schools and Malvern Road. We also completed the initial phase of fire protection planning for the proposed Aloft Hotel that will occupy the old Medical Arts Building in Downtown Hot Springs.

Pictured above: Lieutenant Casey Burch, Driver Chance Estridge and Recruit Firefighter Braxton Koller work to extinguish a fire on Television Hill.

FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

FIRE MARSHAL, TOM BRAUGHON

Pictured Below: Belvedere apartment fire



The Fire Prevention Bureau conducted 765 inspections for May including 14 Certificate of Occupancies: JWCK Accountants, State Farm Insurance, Rose Villa, Robo World, Natural State Ice, O'Bryan Family Floors, Ozark Court, Smokes Tobacco Warehouse, Smokes Tobacco Warehouse 2nd location, Smokes Tobacco Warehouse 3rd location, Racked Up Pawn, Sugar and Spice, Hot Springs Fiber Co.

The Fire Prevention Bureau is continuing to send out companies to complete pre-fire planning. They also completed Hydrant maintenance.

TRAINING DIVISION

TRAINING OFFICER, TY FARRIS

Pictured Below: Swift Water Training



-Company training focused on the usage of RIT Packs, equipment used to assist a downed Firefighter to help fill their Airpack bottle, change out a mask or connect an additional supply line to provide breathing air. Drivers and Firefighters also began working on pump operation evolutions to practice providing water to several hose lines during structure fires.

-Members of Swift Water and Dive Teams participated in the annual Swim Evaluation. This evaluation consists of four exercises that members must complete in order to remain on these Special Operations Teams.

-A Swift Water class was conducted by Lieutenant Blake Harmon, Driver Wade Edie and Lieutenant Kenny Talbert. This class was three days, with classroom time and practical skills practice. Practical skills were conducted at Lake Catherine and the Ouachita River in Malvern. Personnel covered rope training, boat operations and numerous rescue techniques used during flooding incidents.

-HSFD sponsored "The Art of Reading Smoke" class at the Convention Center for two days in May. The class was presented by Phil Jose, retired Seattle Fire Department Battalion Chief. Participants learned about the attributes of smoke including volume, velocity, density and color and how these attributes will indicate fire size, fire location and predict fire behavior. Sixty HSFD employees attended the training and numerous Firefighters from other Arkansas Fire Departments also attended.

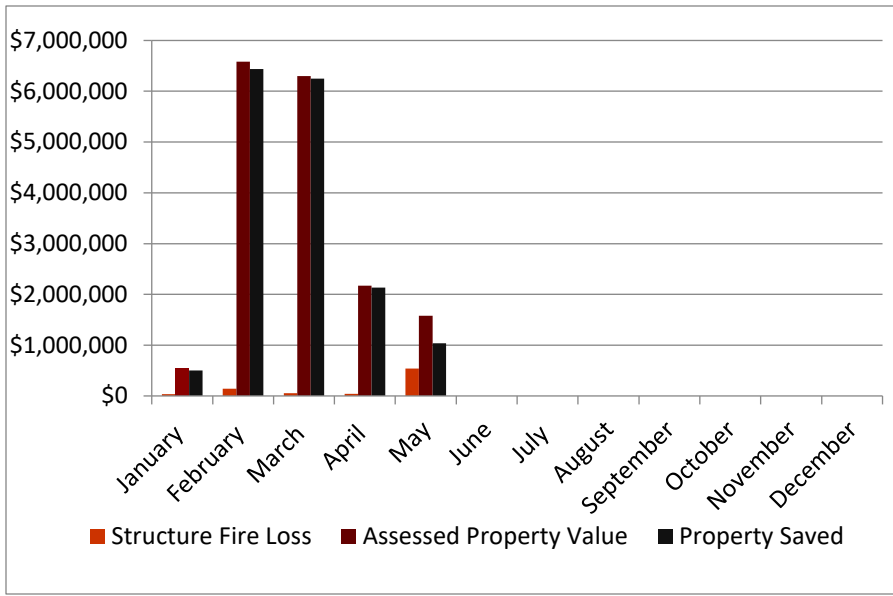
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STRUCTURE FIRES

Structure fire loss through May 2022: \$813,037.

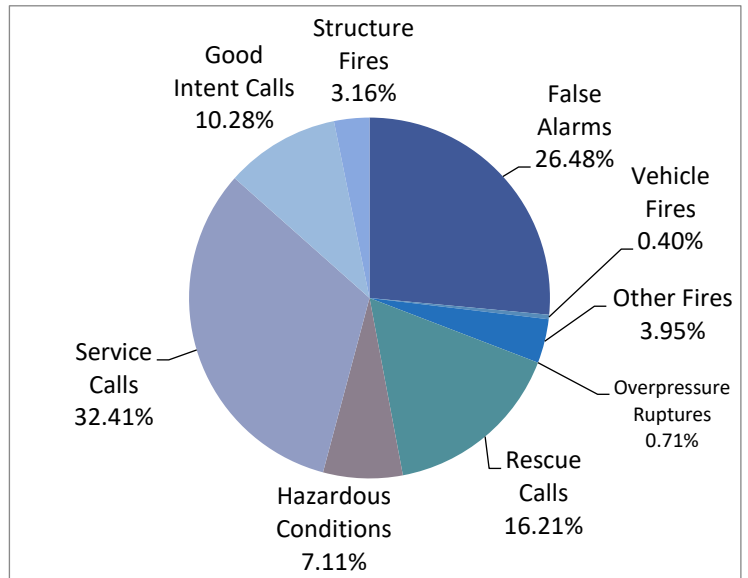
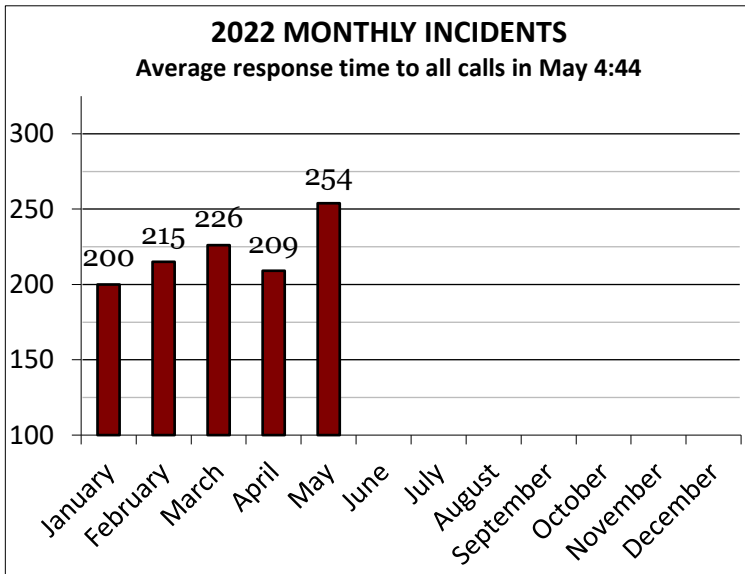
Total Property Saved through May 2022: \$16,352,881.

Average response time to structure fires in May 2022: 4:56

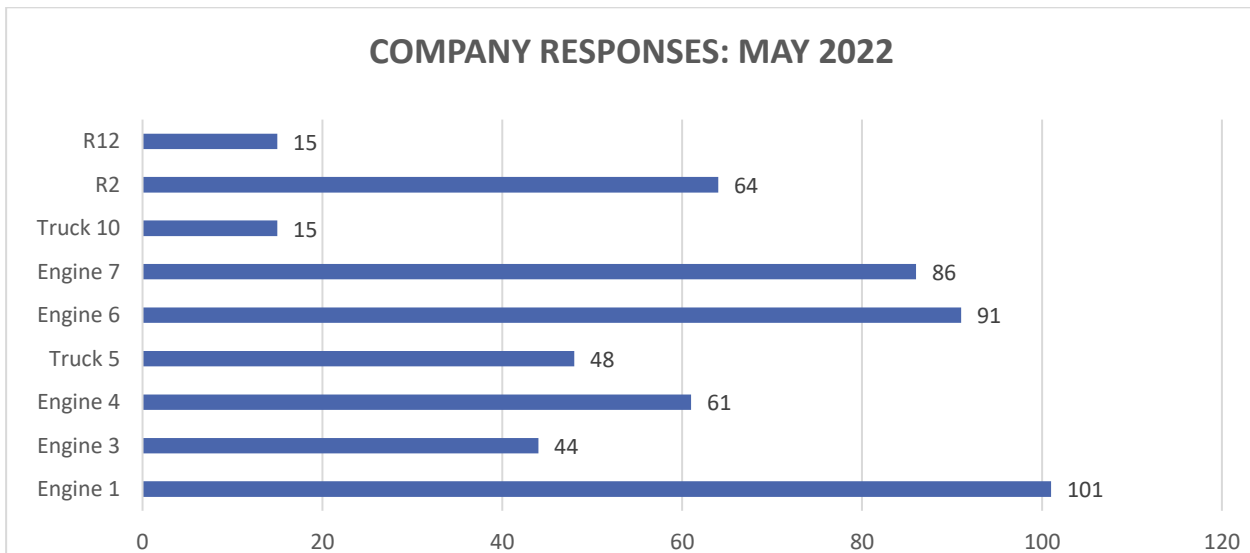


MONTHLY INCIDENT COUNTS

2022 MAY SITUATION FOUND



COMPANY RESPONSES: MAY 2022



MAY ANNIVERSARIES



Driver John Bird- 31 years



Driver David McCall- 31 years



Driver Tyler Walker- 6 years



Driver Trey Hicks- 6 years



Pictured on the Right: Drivers Ricky Ilenfeld and Trey Hicks practice swift water rescue techniques