

Response:

Last month we had 68 calls for service

Of those 68 calls...

1 call we received aid from Seaside for 2 barns that were on fire

10 of the calls we sent aid to assist Seaside

To give some perspective,

We ended May 2020 on call #164, for this year we ended May on call #250

To better help with those numbers,

Last year which was a record year for a total of 507 calls for service.

We are ahead of last year at the end of May by 86 calls for service.

Mayor you asked about CERT. From my knowledge it was a re-grouping and prepping meeting. Sharron and LT. Hutch made plans for upcoming meetings and trainings.

We made a great push last month for mental health awareness. Also, We now have a county wide CISD (Critical Incident Stress Debriefing) group. Which is a group of chaplains to respond if and when needed. The chaplains are current and/or retired pastors and police officers in the county. This is a great asset to our county to help all responders county wide to aid us in mental health and help all of our responders better handle everything they see and go through.

May was also, wildfire preparedness month. So, in light of that we publicized it on social media.

On the topic of Social Media, Our social media presence has gotten much better and current. we implemented and now have a political outreach committee within our dept. This will help in community awareness while we are engaged on incidents to help citizens be aware and avoid areas of danger or congestion. Also, we are putting out great information after incidents to let the community know the congestion is cleared up, the area is safe and help them all gain knowledge of events that took place.

Last month we were able to focus on Wildland fires & Summer prep.

We were able to obtain needed Wildland PPE and equipment which so close to fire season is a difficult task as many suppliers have items in short supply and many are also back-ordered.

I spent last month working alongside the County Fire Chief to prepare for summer and Mobilizations.

We completed a great deal of office and station spring cleaning as well as re-organizing. Which was much needed for general operational purposes as well as we had to find room for our water rescue program. We have acquired the needed PPE and Equipment. We have a solid crew of 6 Firefighters that have passed the water swimming tests. We have been trained for "Surface water rescue". We are moving forward with the second step in Implementing the Water rescue program. We are now completing training for RWC (Rescue Water Craft Rescue). Next, we will be training for Swift Water and Surf/Ocean Rescue. After that, we will be finishing our taskbooks

and getting everything signed off so we can be certified in the different aspects of water rescue. We are currently still working under the umbrella of Seaside Fire for the water rescue program. It is our goal that in 1-2 years we will have our own water rescue program up and running and moving forward be able to use normal mutual aid call out systems throughout the county for water rescue.

We were already super short on room at our station for normal operations. With the new equipment we have for the water rescue program, we are forced to park one of our apparatus outside and lock it. We delayed having a water rescue program due to lack of room as well as contemplated not getting into it currently due to the room we have or did not have. This is a result as an even bigger deficit of room we have here. With much of the re-organizing it helped borrow some of that room back.

I believe we effectively kept everything moving forward and had nothing slipped through. There have been many operational meetings with local and state agencies to change the status of department heads. Though this seems like a small task, it is much larger in perspective in order for our department to operate smoothly. We are looking forward and excited for the summer months to come.

If anyone has questions or would like a station tour, or, would like to look at our apparatus as well as our new water rescue gear. Please let us know. You can call the station, email myself, or my Training Officer

This concludes my May 2021 Report.