

Chief's Staff Report for January, 2007

Calls for Service - December 2006

Entity	EMS Calls	Fire Calls	Other	Average Response Time
Argyle	18	9	0	4.25
Bartonville	2	2	0	5.75
Copper Canyon	5	1	0	6.00
Corral City	0	0	0	2.50
Lantana	6	5	0	7.00
North Lake	2	3	0	7.25
Denton County	4	12	0	7.75
Total Calls	37	32	0	7.00

The statistics listed above do not include calls that were disregarded while in route. The above response time is from the time of call to the time the first unit arrives.

Staff Activity

Entity	Total Calls	Average Time per Call	Average Responding	Total Hours
Argyle	27	2.15	9	483.75
Bartonville	4	2.15	9	174.25
Copper Canyon	6	2.75	7	134.75
Corral City	0	1.75	6	10.50
Lantana	11	2.50	9	157.50
North Lake	5	1.75	8	28.00
Denton County	16	2.25	9	344.25
Totals	69	2.23	9	1333.00

Call Volume

The District additionally received mutual aid 2 times and provided mutual aid 1 time in the month of December.

Comparing the 2005 call volume of 52 to the December 2006 call volume of 70 including the 1 mutual aid call, we see an increase of 18 calls, a 35% increase.

All calls have been answered within our average response times, and all medical calls were answered with advanced life support capabilities.

Total number of patients transported to the hospital in December was 17, a total of 58% of all EMS patient contacts resulted in transport.

Disposition	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	Dec
Encounters	25	33	37	26	27	28	27	27	29	40	37
Transports	14 56%	13 39%	32 86%	19 73%	16 59%	18 64%	16 59%	19 70%	22 75%	28 70%	17 58%
Refusals	10 40%	19 57%	5 13%	7 26%	11 40%	10 35%	11 40%	8 29%	7 24%	12 30%	20 42%

Denton County Emergency Services District (ESD) Update

Currently the Board of Emergency Commissioners is working with the Fire District on financial planning for next year's budget. Long term planning based on level of service for the Fire District is being refined to help determine the tax rate.

To determine the tax rate, the Board of Emergency Commissioners will consider options to provide the best possible service at the lowest cost to the tax payers.

Training

We have scheduled a driver-operator course for both volunteer and paid members which will begin in the month of January. The course is outlined by the Texas Commission on Fire Protection and a state certification test will be required. We will continue to provide an annual emergency vehicle driving class for all personnel.

Fire Code

The AVFD has recognized the need to update our adopted Fire Code from the 2000 International Fire Code to the 2003 Edition of the same code. We are currently reviewing the 2003 code to create amendments for adoption within the District.

Currently, the Town of Argyle is updating their adopted building code to the 2003 International Building Code, and our 2003 IFC revisions are scheduled to be completed for adoption at the Argyle Town Council meeting in February. At that time, we will present the final revisions of the 2003 IFC Amendments to all of the towns within the district.

Inspections

We continue to conduct building inspections of business located within the fire district. We are on schedule to meet our goal of conducting an initial fire inspection for all public buildings within the fire district by February 2007. To date, all building owners have been cooperative and understand the purpose of the inspection process.

The District continues to provide residential fire safety inspections at any citizen's request. To schedule an inspection at a time convenient to you, please call the station at (940) 464 7102.

Fire Drills

All schools within the district have been conducting their required fire drills; one fire drill is required each month for each school. Fire drill day is a good opportunity for parents to review their fire safety plan at home with their children. Remember to choose a meeting point in a safe place, and make sure everyone knows what to do in case of an emergency.

Solicitation Letter

Our annual solicitation letter has recently been sent, and many of you will have already received it. As you are aware, in the November election, the citizens of the District voted to create an Emergency Services District to provide a stable revenue stream for the Fire and EMS Services, using an equitable tax rate based on the assessed value of property in the District. Since property taxes are normally paid in January, this revenue stream will not begin until the year 2008.

In the interim, the AVFD will continue to receive some funding through contracts with the cities we serve and from Denton County. The majority of our funding, however, will still need to come from your donations. A donation of \$200 a year from each and every household in the District is requested, to allow us to maintain the current level of service. However, *any* donation is greatly needed and appreciated. Since we are a 501 (c) 4 non-profit corporation, your donation is tax deductible. Whatever the amount, the donation you make is genuinely valued.

We would like to again express our appreciation for the overwhelming vote of support for the Emergency Services District in the November election. It is a tremendous vote of confidence for the volunteers and the leadership of the Argyle Volunteer Fire District, to know that you, our citizens, understand our mission and goals and are willing to help us achieve them, through your support.

Respectfully,

Mac Hohenberger
Fire Chief
Argyle Volunteer Fire District