

Chief's Staff Report for February, 2007

Calls for Service – January 2007

Entity	EMS Calls	Fire Calls	Other	Average Response Time
Argyle	13	14	0	4.25
Bartonville	7	5	0	5.75
Copper Canyon	2	2	0	6.00
Corral City	2	0	0	2.50
Lantana	6	4	0	7.00
North Lake	1	1	0	7.25
Denton County	6	7	0	7.75
Total Calls	37	33	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	546.75
Bartonville	12	2.15	9	243.00
Copper Canyon	4	2.75	7	77.00
Corral City	2	1.75	6	21.00
Lantana	10	2.50	9	225.00
North Lake	2	1.75	8	28.00
Denton County	13	2.25	9	263.25
Totals	70	2.23	9	1333.00

Call Volume

The District did not have any mutual aid calls in the month of January.

Comparing the 2006 call volume of 81 to the January 2007 call volume of 70, we see a decrease of 11 calls, a 13% decrease.

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 January was 15, 48% of all EMS patient contacts resulted in transport.

Disposition	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Encounters	31											
Transports	15 48%											
Refusals	16 52%											

Denton County Emergency Services District #1 (ESD) Update

We are continuing the process to determine the actual appraised value of the property included within the boundaries of the Emergency Services District, and to date, all land parcels within the district have been identified. The appraisal district has assigned the tax code as F02.

To reduce the tax burden on individual property owners within the district as much as possible, we are now reviewing the inclusion of property within the ESD other than real property. The following assets will also be included in the overall appraised value number:

- Power transfer lines passing through the District
- Natural Gas transfer lines passing through the District
- Mineral revenues within the District
- Pipelines passing through the District
- Utility service provider equipment within the district
- Personal Property used for business 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, including businesses, 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.

Ambulance Service

I have recently been asked what level of medical service is provided by the Fire District. The resources we have, both in personnel and equipment, allow our district to provide the highest level of pre-hospital care available. Our ambulances are licensed by the State of Texas as ALS with MICU capability, which is Advanced Life Support with Mobile Intensive Care Unit capability.

Our ambulance is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week, with two Paramedics. This exceeds the State requirements for a Mobile Intensive Care Unit, which requires the staffing of only one Paramedic and one EMT. This level of service is the highest level possible in the State of Texas.

During school and work hours, our population increases because of the many schools in the area that draw citizens from neighboring towns, and also because of the transient "commuter" population that uses our roadways for travel. Since this increase in population also means an increased call volume, we staff our second ambulance during these hours to assure we have crews ready to respond to multiple calls for service.

Our Paramedics work under Medical Control protocols provided by Dr. John Ansohn, within the framework of a joint coalition with several area Fire Departments.

Future Station Locations

As everyone is aware from the Consultant's Report, done to originally assess the viability and determine the future direction of the Fire District, AVFD is sorely in need of new premises.

The Copper Canyon/ Lantana station is a high priority with the AVFD Board of Directors. The station will be centrally located on Copper Canyon Rd. allowing access to the Copper Canyon area as well as the Lantana and Bartonville. Budgeting is underway to ensure that additional staffing and equipment funds will be available to utilize the new station effectively, in a timely manner once constructed.

A new station is planned for the central portion of the District to replace Station 511. Station 511's current location will require decommissioning and relocation to new premises.

Other stations will be needed over the next 15-20 years to match the projected growth of the area. Work is being done at this point to project the budgetary needs for these future stations and their equipment and staffing. This will allow us to grow responsibly based on the needs of the citizens we serve.

Argyle Blue Grass Festival

The annual festival will bring folks from several states to the town of Argyle. We will staff a first aid station during the concert to assure we have medical personnel on site in case there is a need, but Public Safety is only one of the services our visitors will need.

We will also be providing a food booth as a fund raiser during the concert. In years past, several organizations have done very well raising funds for their organizations in this manner. We will be selling Tamales, Pretzels and Tortilla Soup.

Respectfully,

Mac Hohenberger
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Argyle Volunteer Fire District