

OAK RIDGE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT



MONTHLY REPORT

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REPORTING PERIOD - FEBRUARY 2021

Emergency Calls

Oak Ridge VFD responded to four (4) calls this month which brings our year-to-date total to eight (7) calls.

Type of Call	Feb 2021	Total
Fire	0	1
Overpressure/Rupture	0	0
Rescue	2	2
Hazardous Condition	1	1
Service Call	0	0
Good Intent	0	2
False Alarm	1	1
Weather/Natural Disaster	0	0
Special Incident Type/Other	0	0
Total Calls	4	7

February – Total time spent on responses: 2 hours 31 minutes

February – Average personnel per response: 9.25

February – Total man-hours spent on responses: 16 hours 7 minutes

2021 – Total time spent on responses: 4 hours 51 minutes

2021 – Average personnel per response: 5.86

2021 – Total man-hours spent on responses: 27 hours 36 minutes

All calls this month were in the Oak Ridge VFD response area. We responded to two motor vehicle collisions. One accident victim required extrication. We also responded to an electrical hazard and a commercial fire alarm. Automatic mutual aid was requested for each call to ensure appropriate personnel were available to respond.

Drills

Oak Ridge VFD held four (4) weekly department drills.

February – Total time spent on drills: 9 hours 10 minutes

February – Average personnel per drill: 5.75

February – Total man-hours spent on drills: 54 hours 30 minutes

2021 – Total time spent on drills: 12 hours 40 minutes

2021 – Average personnel per drill: 7.75

2021 – Total man-hours spent on drills: 89 hours 0 minutes

We held three drills and one work detail this month. We started the month with the work detail to clean all apparatus and ladders. The winter road grime takes a toll on our equipment. We wash our vehicles frequently throughout the winter but make sure to perform a regular deep clean once the weather breaks.

The following week we visited Sturgeon VFD to complete our annual CPR refresher training with their Firefighters. This important skill is necessary for all Firefighters given the increased risk of a cardiac emergency on a fire scene and to ensure we are ready to respond to any citizen in need throughout the year.

We finished the month completing our annual Hazardous Materials Operations-level refresher training at our station with Firefighters from Sturgeon VFD and Oakdale VFD in attendance. This training prepares us to respond to any Hazardous Materials emergency that may occur. If it is a small leak/spill we may be able to control it ourselves. Otherwise this training provides us the skills necessary to control the situation until the Hazardous Materials Team arrives.

Meetings

Oak Ridge VFD personnel attended one (1) department meeting.

February – Total time spent on meetings: 1 hour 30 minutes

February – Average personnel per meeting: 13

February – Total man-hours spent on meetings: 19 hours 30 minutes

2021 – Total time spent on meetings: 2 hours 45 minutes

2021 – Average personnel per meeting: 14.5

2021 – Total man-hours spent on meetings: 39 hours 30 minutes

Additional Activities

Oak Ridge VFD personnel participated in sixty-nine (69) additional activities this month which brings our year-to-date total to one-hundred eighty-eight (188).

Type of Activity	Feb 2021	Total
Administration	23	61
Cleaning/Maintenance	4	8
Community/Public Event	1	2
Fundraising	7	13
Grant Writing	4	19
Additional Meeting	3	4
Additional Training/Class	27	81
Total Additional Activities	69	188

February – Total time spent on additional activities: 86 hours 26 minutes

February – Total man-hours spent on additional activities: 124 hours 52 minutes

2021 – Total time spent on additional activities: 240 hours 24 minutes

2021 – Total man-hours spent on additional activities: 344 hours 20 minutes

The additional activities records capture everything done in support of the Fire Department by our personnel that is not part of a formal event (response, drill, department-wide/district meeting). Administration entries range from contacts with vendors, generating reports, researching information, etc. Additional meetings are typically small-group gatherings either internal or external e.g. officers meetings or meetings with vendors.

Additional Training/Class entries cover in-person and online training our personnel attend above-and-beyond the weekly department training. For example, two of our members completed the Educational Methodology for Local Level Instructor with Fire Service Instructor I Certification course at the Allegheny County Fire Academy. This 40-hour course provides students with the necessary background in educational theory and practices needed to present PA State Fire Academy local level training programs. Through lectures, demonstrations, discussions and at least three oral presentations, the students are evaluated by state and local fire supervisory personnel to determine their readiness to provide instruction at the local level.

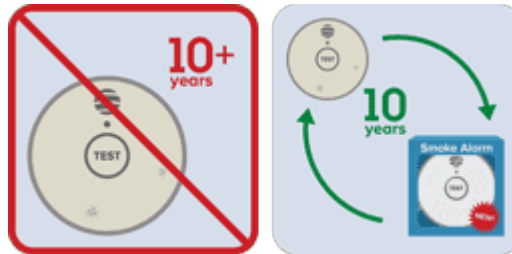
Additional Comments:

Daylight Saving Time is ending on March 14th. When you change your clocks take the time to change your smoke detector batteries and test their operation too!

- You should have one smoke detector on each floor of your home.
- For the best protection ensure you have smoke detectors outside AND inside each sleeping area.



- Detectors that are interconnected (if one alarms they all alarm) are best to ensure you are alerted to a problem anywhere in your home.
- Smoke detectors manufactured before 2012 should be replaced.



- Don't forget to replace batteries in your CO detectors and check them too!

As Spring begins please remember burning of yard waste, and most other materials, is prohibited in Allegheny County year round. No material other than clean wood, propane or natural gas may be open burned EXCEPT for:

- Commercially available fire logs, paraffin logs or wood pellets
- Paper or commercial smokeless fire starters in order to start a fire
- Charcoal for the preparation of food only

For more details on the Allegheny County open burning regulations please visit

<https://www.alleghenycounty.us/Health-Department/Programs/Air-Quality/Open-Burning/Open-Burning-in-Allegheny-County.aspx>