

Chief's Staff Report for August, 2007

Calls for Service – July 2007

Entity	EMS Calls	Fire Calls	Other	Average Response Time
Argyle	15	16	0	5.15
Bartonville	2	7	0	5.00
Copper Canyon	1	5	0	6.25
Corral City	1	0	0	4.50
Lantana	7	5	0	7.25
North Lake	0	0	0	0
Denton County	9	10	0	8.25
Total Calls	35	43	0	6.35

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	31	1.75	6	262.50
Bartonville	9	2.00	6	60.00
Copper Canyon	5	1.75	5	52.50
Corral City	1	1.75	9	15.76
Lantana	12	1.75	6	115.50
North Lake	0	0	0	0
Denton County	19	1.75	6	168.00
Totals	78	1.75	6	696.75

Call Volume

Comparing the July 2006 call volume of 67 to the July 2007 call volume of 80, we see a 19% increase in call volume. The District additionally received mutual aid 4 times and provided mutual aid 3 times in the month of July.

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 July was 22, 70% of all EMS patient contacts resulted in transport.

Disposition	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Encounters	31	36	39	30	29	41	31					
Transports	15 48%	23 63%	22 56%	24 80%	23 79%	24 58%	22 70%					
Refusals	16 52%	13 33%	17 44%	6 20%	6 21%	16 39%	9 29%					

Outdoor Burning

Outdoor burning continues to be a problem within the District. Property owners need to verify if it is a burn day and log their burns prior to burning.

To verify that it is a burn day, and to log their burn, citizens should visit: <http://www.dentoncounty.com/burncontrol>, or click the link on the left hand navigation bar at <http://www.argylefire.com>.

Rules regarding what can be burned can be found on the same websites listed above.

Residents living in the County will need to obtain a burn permit from the Fire Marshal's office, while residents within a town limits are not required to obtain a permit. All residents must log their burn at the same website; residents of a town need to enter N/A in the permit # field.

Code Red (Reverse 911 System)

Registration for the Reverse 911 system is going very well; we are receiving several requests each day. Testing of the system will take place in mid-September; however, if the need arises, the system is ready to be used at this time.

If you have not yet registered for the Reverse 911 system, please visit the website by clicking the link on the left hand navigation bar at <http://www.argylefire.com>.

The system logs your GPS coordinates as well as your address. If the system cannot locate your home address, the Code Red staff will have to enter your information in manually. Please follow the instructions on the Code Red website.

Fire Extinguishers

We cannot express strongly enough the importance of having fire extinguishers in your home, and knowing how and when to use them. Just as importantly, you need to know when not to attempt to extinguish a fire.

If the fire is large, or if you are not confident in your ability to extinguish the fire quickly, evacuate the area and call 911. If you do choose to attempt to extinguish a small fire, make sure that you never allow the fire to be between you and the exit.

There are several types of fire extinguishers available, but the best type for home and farm use is a multipurpose "ABC" type extinguisher. ABC type extinguishers generally use ammonium phosphate as the active chemical to extinguish a fire and are capable of putting out most common small fires.

Extinguishers are rated for the type of fire they are made to extinguish.

- A - Ordinary combustible materials such as wood, paper, hay, etc.
- B - Flammable liquids such as gas, oil, grease and other petroleum products.
- C - Electrical fires.

As this listing shows, an ABC type extinguisher is capable of extinguishing most fires.

Multipurpose, ABC type extinguishers are available in 2, 5 and 10 pound sizes. The larger the extinguisher the longer it takes to completely discharge, giving you more opportunity to extinguish the fire. Because the discharge time for these sizes ranges from 8 to 25 seconds, a five-pound extinguisher is the minimum size that should be purchased.

When purchasing an extinguisher, make sure it is U.L. (Underwriters Laboratories) or F.M. (Factory Mutual Laboratories) approved. Extinguishers with these labels are manufactured to meet recognized safety and performance standards.

More detailed information regarding fire extinguishers can be found at our website, <http://www.argylefire.com>. You can also contact the fire district for additional information and advice about purchasing an extinguisher to meet your specific needs.

Respectfully,

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