

Chief's Staff Report for August, 2006

Calls for Service - July 2006

Entity	EMS Calls	Fire Calls	Other	Average Response Time
Argyle	14	9	0	4.25
Bartonville	2	2	0	6.00
Copper Canyon	2	2	0	6.25
Corral City	0	0	0	2.25
Lantana	4	1	0	7.75
North Lake	1	2	0	8.50
Denton County	5	14	0	8.25
Total Calls	28	30	0	7.25

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	Avg. Time per Call	Avg. Responding	Total Hours
Argyle	23	2.25	8	576.00
Bartonville	4	2.50	9	157.50
Copper Canyon	4	2.00	8	192.00
Corral City	0	1.75	6	10.50
Lantana	5	2.25	9	303.75
North Lake	3	1.25	6	37.50
Denton County	19	2.00	9	306.00
Totals	58	2.23	9	1577.75

Call Volume

Comparing the July 2005 call volume of 69 to the July 2006 call volume of 67 including the 9 mutual aid calls, we see a decrease of 2 calls, a 3% decrease. Compared to June 2006, our call volume decreased by 21 calls, a 23% decrease.

All calls have been answered within our average response times and all medical calls were answered with advance life support capabilities, at least one paramedic responded.

The District received mutual aid 7 times and provided mutual aid 9 times in the month of July.

Total patients transported to the hospital in July were 18. A total of 65% of all EMS patient contacts resulted in transport.

Wild land (Grass) Fires

Grass fire calls this year have far surpassed the number of calls in past years. So far in this calendar year, the District has responded to 108 grass fire calls.

This increase in call volume has taken its toll not only on our equipment, but also on our staff. Our dedicated volunteer members are fighting grass fires, somewhere in Denton County, daily. All County fire departments are banding together to assist each other in every way possible. This ensures that grass fires are extinguished as quickly as possible to stop fires from spreading and endangering more property.

Please be careful, we need the help of our friends and neighbors to reduce the increasing number of grass fires. The Countywide Burn Ban remains in effect, please visit the Denton County website for more details.

Fire Academy

Our 2nd Fire Academy has been completed, with impressive results, all students completing the Academy passed the State Certification Examination.

This means that the Fire District will again benefit from an increased number of state certified firefighters. One key to a successful organization is ensuring that personnel have sufficient training for the job that we are asking them to do.

These dedicated volunteers have devoted 640 hours over the past 9 months to complete their state certification, increasing our current number of certified volunteers to 20 of our 24 members, over 83%.

New State Certified Firefighters:

- Cole Jasper - Current Emergency Medical Technician - Basic (EMT-B, soon to take Paramedic exam)
- Ande Mosher - Current Emergency Medical Technician - Paramedic (EMT-P, recently passed her Paramedic exam)
- Gerry Shepherd - Current Emergency Medical Technician – Basic (EMT-B)
- Kyle Johnson - New member

Please join me in congratulating and thanking these dedicated members, all of whom have gone above and beyond the call of duty.

Emergency Services District (ESD) Update

I have been very pleased with the response I have been receiving from citizens in the Fire District. Several citizens have approached me and expressed their understanding an ESD is needed. Almost daily, I am stopped and asked when the election is, or do I have to do anything special in order to vote in the election.

In response to these questions and others, as well as for further information, our website for Public Education about the ESD is nearing completion. The website, at <http://www.argylefire.com/esd>, should be complete and published by the 24th of August. There will also be a link from the Argyle Fire website.

Creating the ESD is the most effective and secure way to provide funding for the emergency services we need, both now and in the foreseeable future. I would like to invite all citizens: if you feel that you pay enough taxes, if you do not feel an ESD is needed, or if you just want more information, please contact me at mac@argylefire.com. We would love the opportunity for either myself or a member of the steering committee to explain just how important the success of creating the ESD is.

Please vote in favor of Denton County ESD #1. We, your firefighters, need YOUR support.

Budget Information

Current budget status is as follows: The percentage shown represents the percentage of budgeted income received to date as of 08-23-06.

Entity members	95%
County Funding	88%
Fund Raisers	107%
Service Fees	166%
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Total percentage of budgeted income received to date	99%

Expenditures to date, as a percentage of funds budgeted to be expended, as of 07-25-06:

Payroll	82%
Operations	86%
Facilities	91%
Apparatus & Equipment	99%
Training & Safety	92%
Contractual Services	83%
Capital Outlay	96%
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Total budget expended to date	87%

Respectfully submitted,

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Argyle Volunteer Fire District