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Fire Division Briefing – April 23, 2018

Operational Updates

- Emergency response runs for the reporting period of **February 25 through March 25, 2018** included 778 EMS incidents, of which 79 involved motor vehicle accidents (38 on the freeway) and 10 non-breather/cardiac arrests. There were 114 Fire (alarms, gas leaks, smoke scares, rescue) incidents in January which included 37 structure fires, 3 of which were categorized as "all hands, working fires". There were 2 water rescue responses. The monthly total included responses to 892 emergency incidents.
- Emergency response runs for **March 22 through April 22, 2018** includes 895 EMS incidents, of which 76 involved motor vehicle accidents (23 on the freeway) and 8 non-breather/cardiac arrests. There were 156 Fire (alarms, gas leaks, smoke scares, rescue) incidents, 56 reported structures fires of which 10 are "all hands, working fires". The current incident count through April 23rd is 1,051 emergency incidents.
- Several significant fires occurred during this two-month period, the most serious is a fire that occurred during the overnight hours at the Vista apartment community on April 21, 2018. The fire resulted in \$1.1 million in property damage and displaced four families. The second alarm fire required the response of 50 firefighters who operated for more than six hours to control and contain the fire. There were no reported injuries to firefighters or civilians.

Administrative Updates

- Five new firefighter-paramedics are scheduled to graduate on May 31st at LaNovona, Gahanna starting promptly at 6:30 PM. This is a formal event. Invitations have been sent to City Officials as well as key community leaders.

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- The Fire Division continues to work with Gahanna Schools and Gahanna Police on the community opiate discussion. A second Town Hall has been scheduled which will focus on the mental health aspects of addiction, addiction prevention, family support and interventions.
- Firefighter training continues at 181 Granville Street. We estimate the value of the hands-on training for participating firefighters to be greater than \$500 per individual firefighter if we were to send firefighters to regional schools. Using the anticipated count of firefighters trained we would estimate the value in training alone to be more than \$265,000. This value is very conservative. A final estimate will be provided once the training has been completed.
 1. The Fire Division coordinated asphalt patching of the adjacent site (Rockwood Cleaners) who contacted the City Service Director.
- Planning for the construction of a new Fire Administration and MECC 911 Dispatch Center are progressing. The Township continues to work with City Administration to identify a building lot. The goal is to complete the project in late 2019.
 1. The decision was made to convert the existing Rocky Fork Blvd office site into a Community Public Safety Education and Training Facility and to not incorporate those services into the new building.
- The Fire Division is working more closely than ever with the Gahanna Police Division on joint operations protocols.



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