



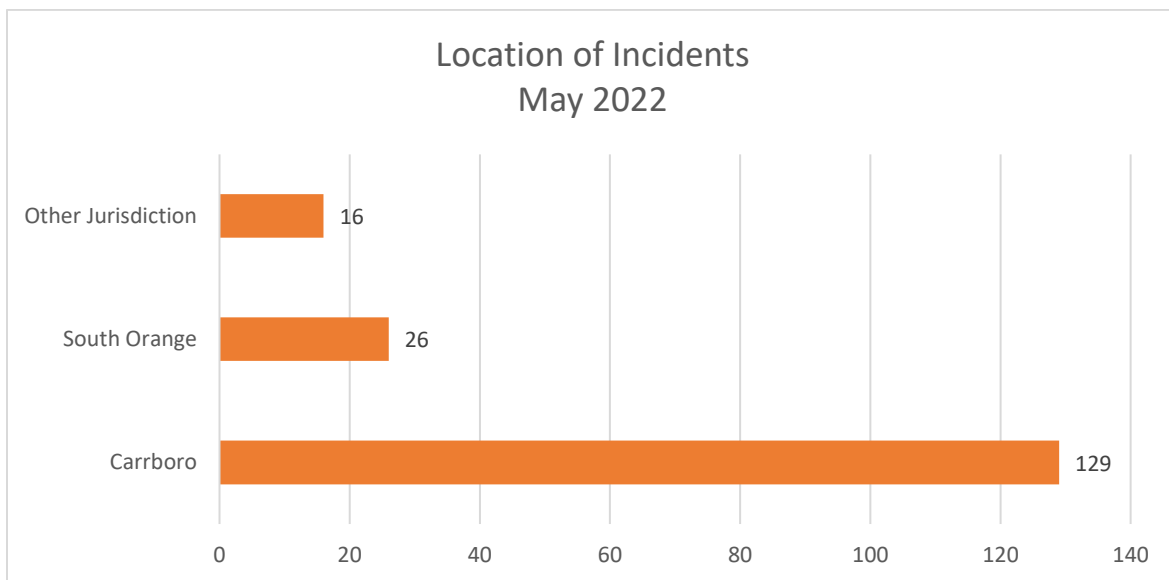
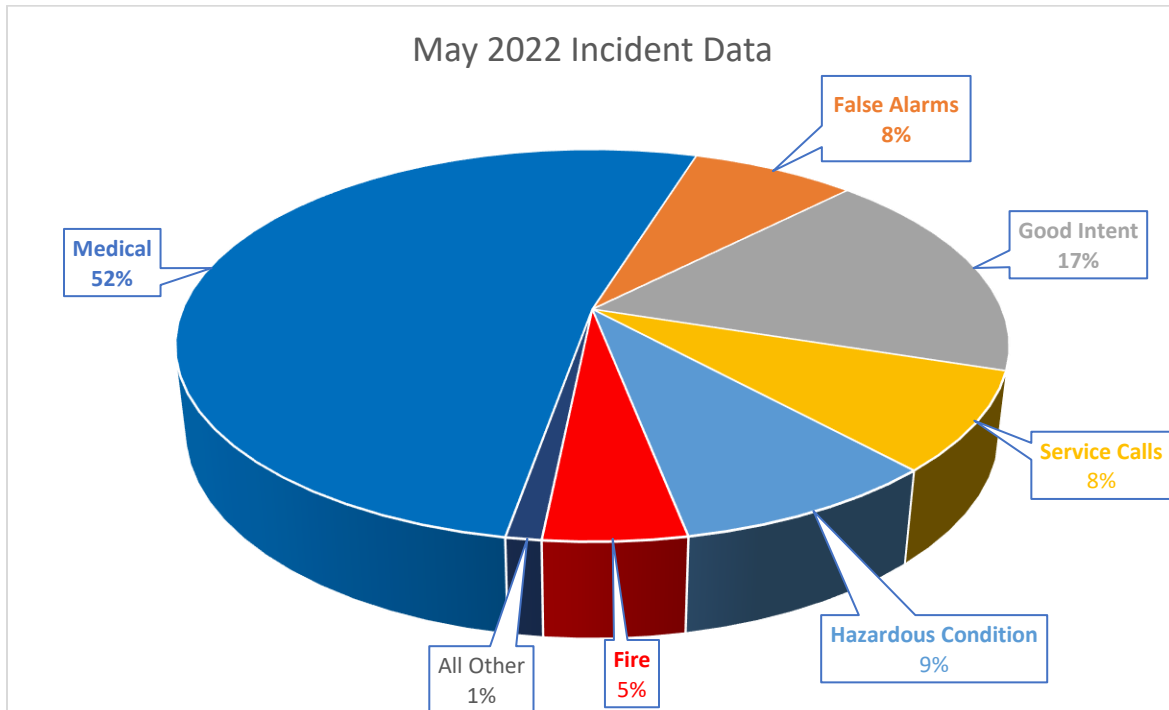
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Operations:

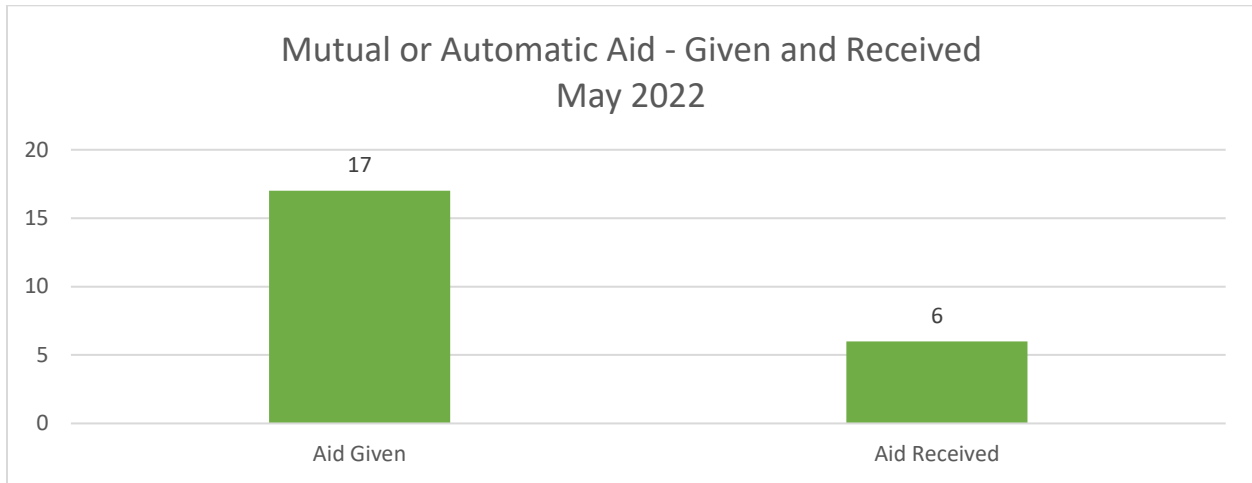
The Fire-Rescue Department responded to 171 calls for service in May, which was a 22.1% increase over May 2021. This amount of the increase continues to be due to the impact on COVID and calls for service during 2021. The following charts depict a breakdown in our types of calls as well as the number of times we provided aid to a neighboring fire department and the number of times we received their aid.





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Personnel:

We hosted a large oath of office and promotion ceremony on May 26th that saw eight new firefighters receive their oath of office, one Lieutenant promoted to Captain, one Firefighter promoted to Lieutenant, and one Firefighter promoted to Driver Operator. The size of the ceremony was due to prior COVID restrictions and wanting to wait so that all personnel could bring their family and be part of such a significant day in their lives. The majority of these promotions/hirings occurred either last Fall or January 1st of this year.

| Name | Disposition |
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| Lt. Chad Woods | Promoted to Captain |
| D/O Hugh Miles | Promoted to Lieutenant |
| FF Cassandra Kreplak | Promoted to Driver Operator |
| Bryan Mariani | Oath of Office - Firefighter |
| Cory Horner | Oath of Office - Firefighter |
| Tally Lassiter | Oath of Office - Firefighter |
| Michael Lane | Oath of Office - Firefighter |
| Taylor Burton | Oath of Office - Firefighter |
| Nicholas Clapp | Oath of Office - Firefighter |
| Christian Pacheco | Oath of Office - Firefighter |
| Eric Nichols | Oath of Office - Firefighter |

May brought us the first of several firefighters who are leaving Carrboro for other Fire Departments. The reasons expressed for the departures have been both financial and additional opportunities for career advancement. We were fortunate as we had a candidate on our eligibility list that had all his firefighting



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certifications, so he was able to start of shift after a one week orientation. It is confirmed we will be losing additional firefighters this summer, so we are preparing to conduct an entry level examination to establish a new eligibility list.

Health & Safety:

As was mentioned during last month's report, Carrboro Firefighters teamed up with UNC's Department of Exercise Science and Sports for their NIOSH project related to fall protection for firefighters. As part of the grant award, UNC is working with fire departments in North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia. In an effort to create awareness within the fire service, our firefighters were featured in a short video presentation.

The link to the presentation is here: [UNC NIOSH Firefighter Recruiting Video](https://vimeo.com/700919428/f374f55443?embedded=true&source=video_title&owner=57963094)

In case the hyperlink doesn't work, you can copy and paste this in a browser:

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Apparatus:

The commissioning of the new water tank truck took place immediately following the Promotion/Oath of Office ceremony. The commissioning also included pushing the vehicle into the station. This is a tradition that goes back to the horse drawn fire apparatus days, as the horses could not walk backwards while attached to the apparatus. This is also the first water tank truck since the 1970's. This vehicle will proudly serve the Town of Carrboro and South Orange Fire District for many years to come.



Facilities:

Work has begun on the conversion of the conference room to additional dormitory room space. It is anticipated the work will be completed in early July. Because of the additional dormitory space, the existing dormitory room will be able to be modified to add privacy walls in there as well. One third of



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the new lockers have been delivered with the remainder not due to be delivered until August 31st. It should be noted that this work would not have been possible without the assistance of the Town Manager as well as Arche McAdoo to secure funding for these projects.

Training:

Our training hours continue to exceed the monthly requirements as we continue to train the probationary firefighters as well as train on the new Tanker that was placed into service. We also sent two personnel to a car seat installation class for children with special needs. This is a certification that only a select few people have. One of our goals will be to attempt to send additional personnel to this training or even host the training in Carrboro.

Fire Prevention / Public Education:

We had a tremendous turnout of Carrboro Day on May 1st. We saw approximately 150 – 200 children along with numerous adults. In addition to provide fire safety and community risk information, our junior firefighter obstacle course was once again our most popular item.

