



Carrboro Fire Rescue Monthly Report

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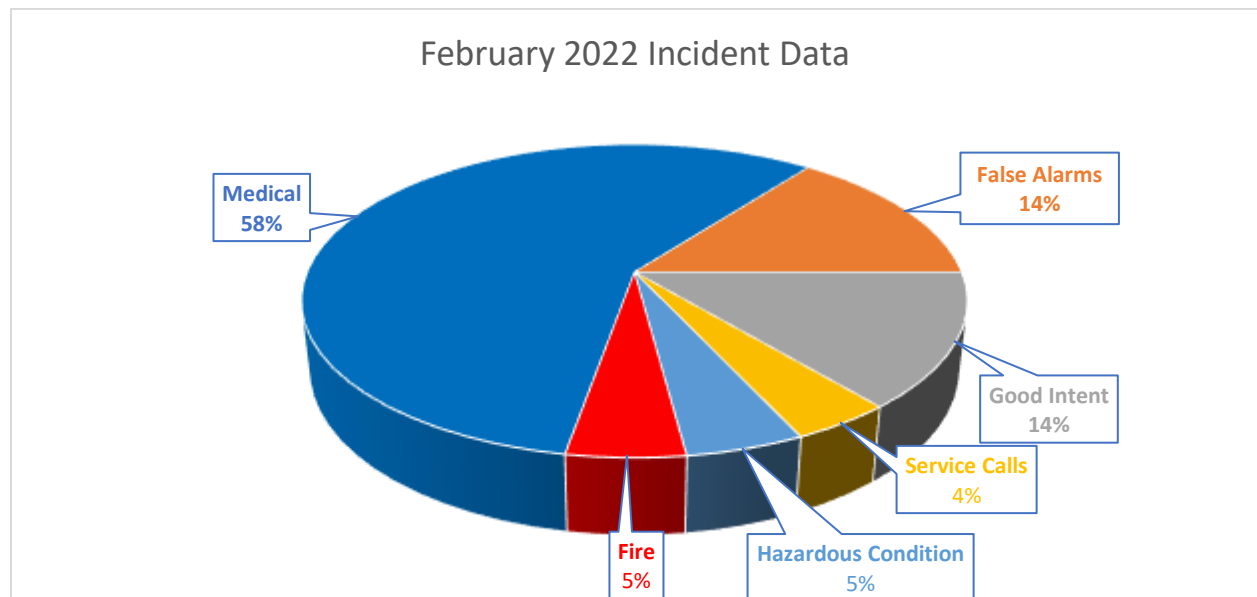


Purpose:

The purpose of this monthly report is to keep the Town of Carrboro Council Members informed on the activities of the Fire Rescue Department. As this format has changed from previous tabular data reports, the format of this report will undergo changes as we seek to find the ideal format to communicate our information. It is also envisioned that sections in this report may change each month, based on the significance of events occurring within the Fire Rescue Department. The volume of the information will also likely change as the level of detail may be able to decrease as the Council becomes more aware of items and the need may switch to more of an update. Input will also be key into what information is deemed valuable. Information such as incident data will likely remain in each month as it demonstrates metrics about the Fire Rescue Department.

Operations:

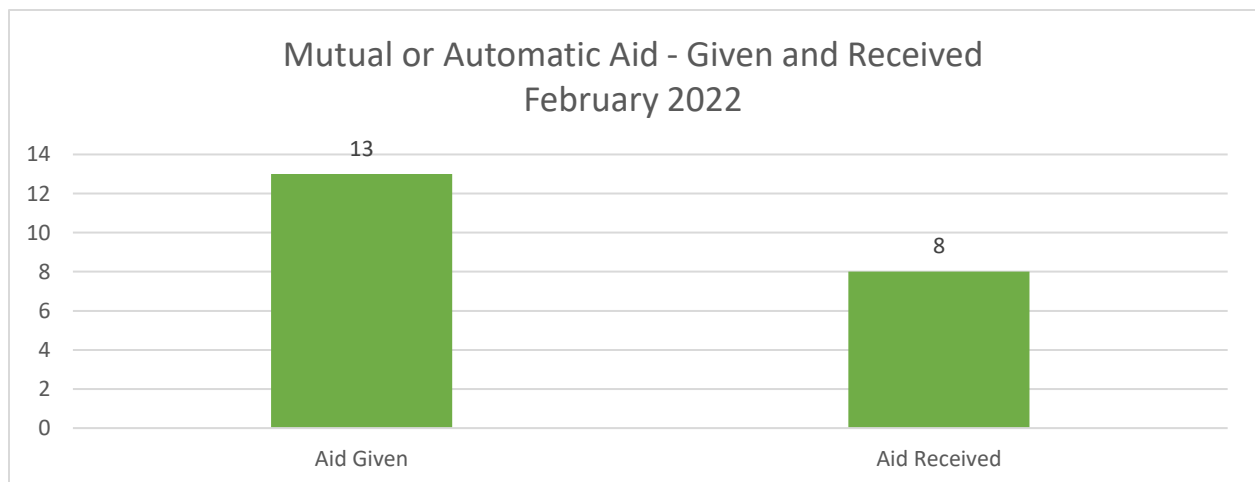
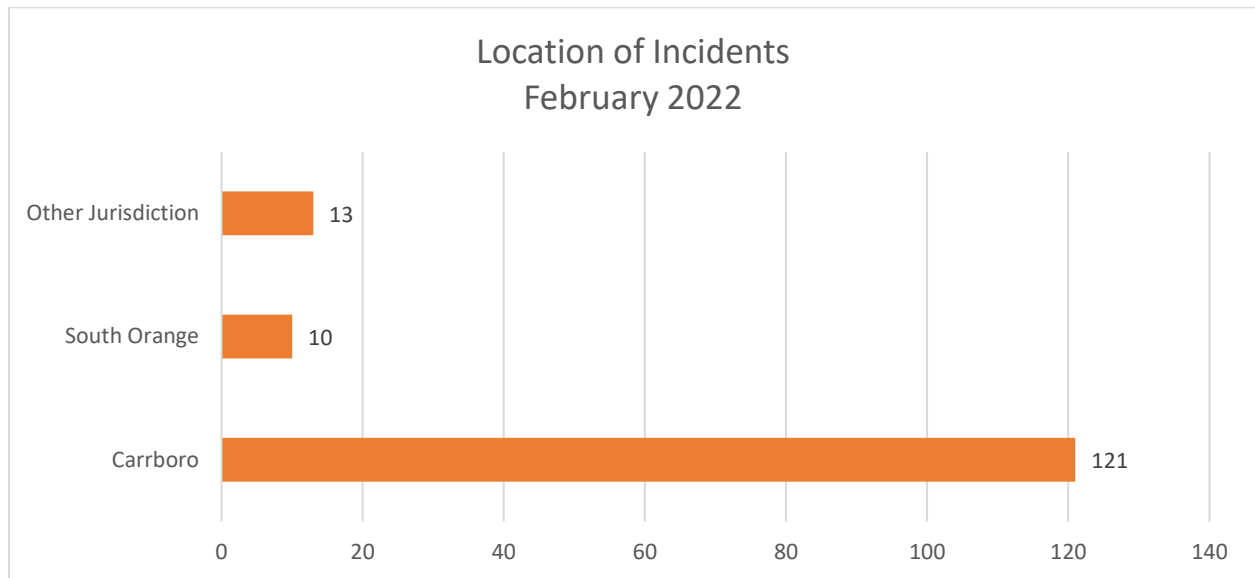
The Fire-Rescue Department responded to 144 calls for service in February, which was a 67.4% increase over February 2021. This amount of the increase continues to be due to the impact on COVID and calls for service during 2021. The following charts depict a breakdown in our types of calls as well as the amount of time we provided aid to a neighboring fire department and the amount of time we received the aid.





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Apparatus:

Committee members traveled to the E-One plant to complete the final inspection of the water tank truck. The truck was due to have been completed in July 2021, but COVID as well as a shortage of vehicle computer chips caused the delay. The truck carries 2,000 gallons of water and is designed to respond to areas where fire hydrants are not installed. This area makes up about 95% of the South Orange Fire District that Carrboro Fire Department covers.



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It is anticipated that the tanker will be delivered to Carrboro on the first week of April. Fire Department personnel will undergo a significant amount of training due to some of the unique features of this fire apparatus, a very high center of gravity and double the water that is carried by the fire engines.



Training:

Personnel once again completed more than 1000 hours of training during February with more than several hundred training instances. A large portion of the hours comes from the probationary firefighter task book that our seven probationary firefighters are working on.

A company officer task book and program was completed during the month of February. This task book is very similar to the probationary firefighter task book as it details the development of the knowledge, skills, and abilities required to be a company officer. The task book also utilizes the National Fire Protection Association tasks that allow the candidates to complete objective based criteria. Each candidate completes an exam to enter the program. The exam shows the candidates where additional



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work may be required. Upon completion of the tasks in the task book, a final exam is held where the candidate will operate in real-life conditions that involve taking command of an incident as well as directing other arriving units. This provides the most realistic setting for the candidate.

Community Outreach

Fire Department Personnel, in conjunction with the Housing and Community Services Department, oversaw the delivery of more than 10,000 masks to the marginalized or at-risk community. Fire Department personnel stand ready to adjust our service delivery model to meet the challenges that face the community.

Fire Prevention / Public Education:

COVID continues to limit our public education and fire prevention activities. However, we were able to host a couple station tours by staying outside the building. While this is not ideal, it still enables us to interact with community. As the curve in the COVID trend continues to flatten, we look forward for the opportunity to conduct in person public education as well as open up our Saturday morning car seat clinic again.

The Carrboro Fire Department, in conjunction with Chapel Hill/Carrboro City Schools, and Chapel Hill Fire Department are in the final stages of developing a summer camp for high school aged female students. The camp is called Camp Ignite and it will be a five-day camp (June 13 – June 17) that educates and inspires young women to pursue a career in the fire service. Each day will also feature a speaker from a different discipline that is related to the fire service. Topics will include Emergency Medical Services, 9-1-1 Telecommunications, Emergency Management, and Law Enforcement. The goal is to have all 5-days of the camp taught by female firefighters. We have been working closely with Charlotte and Greensboro Fire Departments, as they both host a similar camp.

