



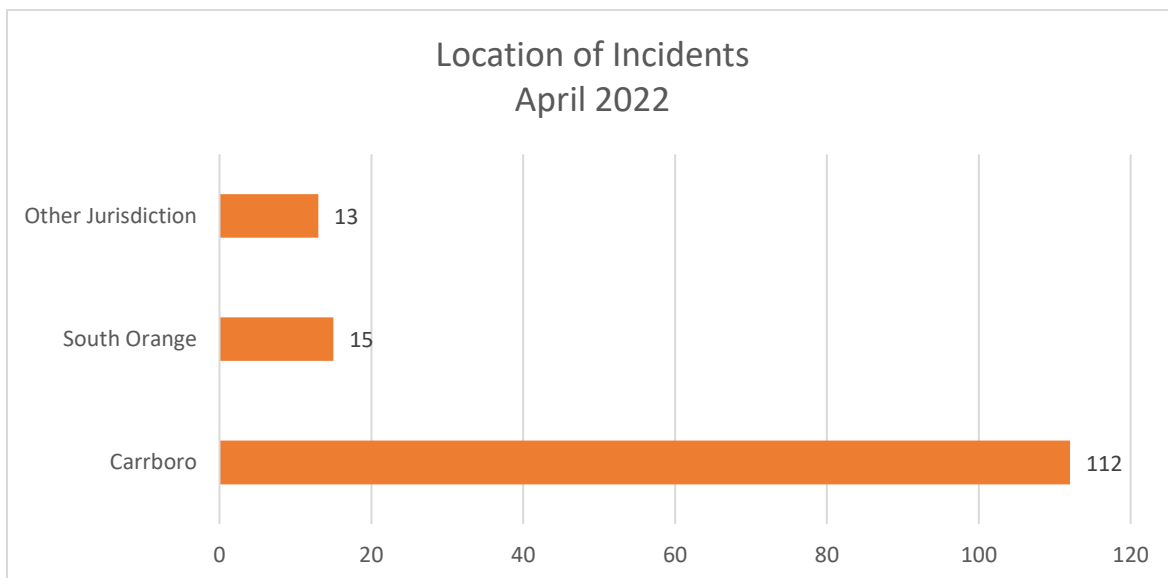
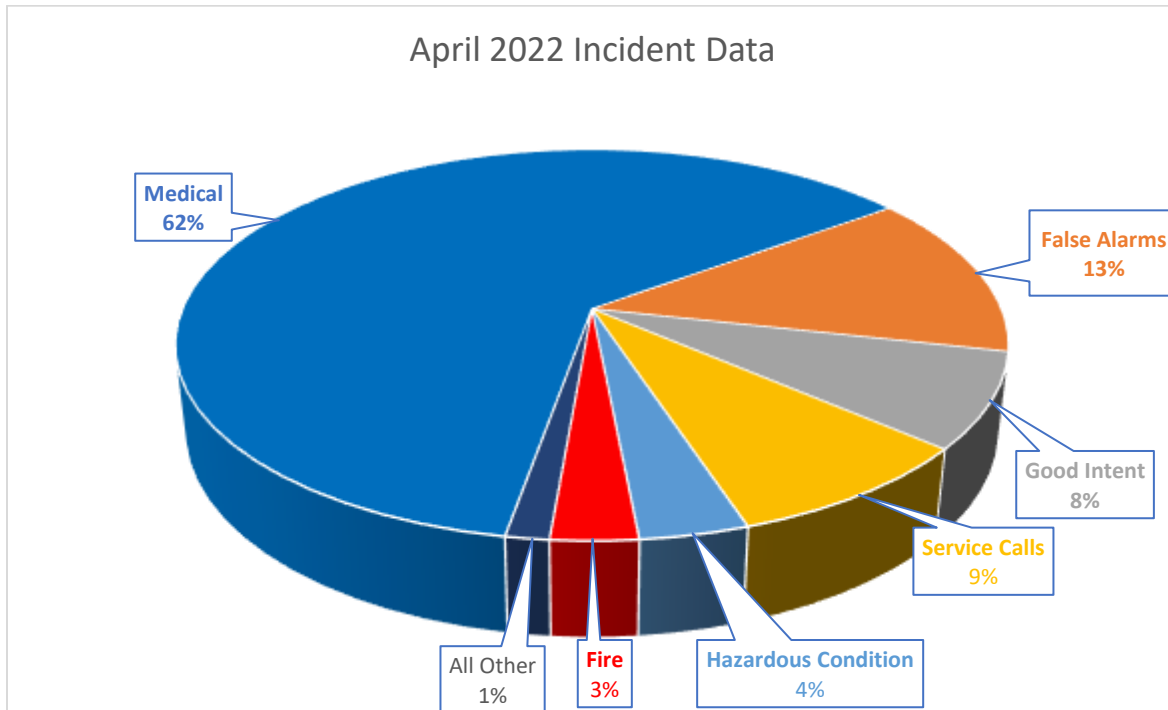
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Operations:

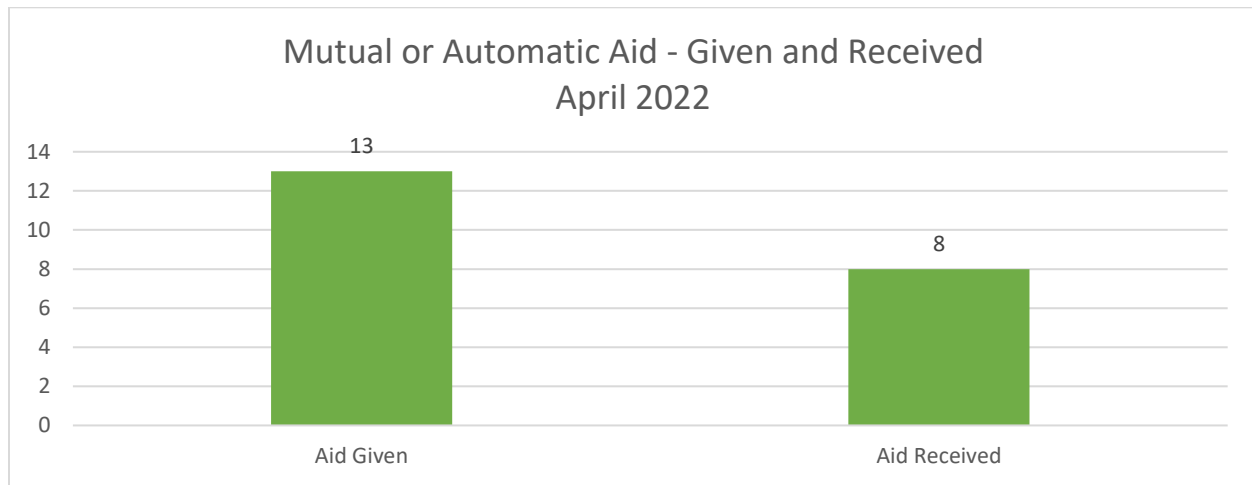
The Fire-Rescue Department responded to 140 calls for service in April, which was a 10.2% increase over April 2021. This amount of the increase continues to be due to the impact on COVID and calls for service during 2021. The following charts depict a breakdown in our types of calls as well as the amount of time we provided aid to a neighboring fire department and the amount of time we received the aid.





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Personnel:

Each year personnel are nominated for Firefighter of the Year that is hosted by The Chamber For a Greater Chapel Hill - Carrboro. Aside from the ceremony hosted by the Chamber, the department had nothing in place to recognize these employees. We have purchased a wall plaque that will be proudly displayed in the front lobby of Fire Station #1 where the names of the award recipients are listed. The award recipients are listed back to 2010.





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Health & Safety:

I want to express my appreciation for the Town Wellbeing Committee that allowed committee members to weigh in on finding a new Employee Assistance Program vendor. Speaking specifically for the fire department, it is exceedingly difficult to find a clinician who understands Firefighters and all the different situations they encounter during the course of their career. The local fire service leaders continue to work to develop "peer support" networks that allow firefighters to find the help they need.

The timing of this is perfect since May is Mental Health Awareness Month. CFRD personnel will continue to play an active role in not only making recommendations, but also being involved in the Peer Support network to ensure our personnel receive the help they need, when they need it. It is unfortunate to report that recent studies have shown that firefighter suicides have surpassed line of duty deaths.

Carrboro Firefighters teamed up with UNC's Department of Exercise Science and Sports to provide information as UNC is submitting a proposal to National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) in a project titled *"Total Worker Health Approach to reduce falls and advance fall protection in Firefighters."* This is part of a larger project where UNC was named NIOSH Center of Excellence for Total Worker Health. If the project is funded, firefighters look forward to the opportunity to continue to work with Dr. Ryan and his staff.

Facilities:

Due to space constraints, we are looking at having to repurpose the Fire Station #1 conference room into a bunk room. This would require Fire Department administration to find meeting space in Town Hall or the Carrboro Civic Club for meetings. The movement would also create space for the purchase of right sized lockers for the firefighters. Currently, they are unable to store their Class A dress uniforms in their lockers and it is requiring the construction of some type of storage space within the Station 1. The purchase of the lockers would also allow them to store duty uniforms.

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 arrived. The Tanker has been the primary focus of training in April as we work to place it into service in May. During the month of April, we had two personnel participate in the Technical Rescue /Trench Rescue training which consists of 64 hours of classroom training as well as hands-on training. In addition, we also hosted three trench rescue training sessions as part of continuing education for the County-wide team.



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Fire Prevention / Public Education:

For the first time since 2019, we were finally able to participate in an event with the community. Personnel set-up our junior firefighter obstacle course for the WCOM Friends and Family Festival fundraiser at Town Commons. The obstacle course allows kids of all ages to get a taste of what it is like to be a firefighter and complete some related tasks. The course ends with each child using a fire hose to “extinguish” flames in the window of our simulated home. It is estimated that we saw over 100 children and 75 adults. It was such a welcome opportunity to be able to be out in the community, interacting with children and their parents. We look forward to continuing to have a presence at any public event we are able to attend.

