

LARGO FIRE RESCUE



MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

AUGUST 2020

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DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

August Incident Responses

| Unit | 2020 | 2019 | UHU* | % Calls Handled by Station Units | 7:30 Response Compliance Medical** | 7:30 Response Compliance Fire** | % of Station Calls Medical | % of Station Calls Fire |
|------------|------|------|-------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| E38 | 145 | 147 | 8.1% | 92.7% | 95% | 92% | 93.7% | 6.3% |
| S38 / R38 | 335 | 321 | 18.4% | | 100% | N/A | | |
| E39 | 144 | 159 | 7.4% | 87.3% | 95% | 82% | 92.8% | 7.2% |
| S39 / R39 | 275 | 307 | 16.3% | | 96% | N/A | | |
| E40 | 125 | 131 | 6.9% | 94.8% | 98% | 93% | 94.2% | 5.8% |
| ME40 / R40 | 292 | 290 | 19.2% | | 95% | N/A | | |
| E41 | 177 | 182 | 8.6% | 92.8% | 99% | 100% | 96.1% | 3.9% |
| R41 | 423 | 364 | 22.2% | | 97% | N/A | | |
| ME41 | 60 | 47 | 14.4% | | 100% | N/A | | |
| T41 | 113 | 129 | 3.1% | | N/A | 100% | | |
| T42 / E42 | 163 | 177 | 9.2% | 85.8% | 97% | 100% | 95.4% | 4.6% |
| R42 | 351 | 334 | 20.2% | | 96% | N/A | | |
| E43 | 174 | 206 | 10.0% | 78.8% | 98% | 79% | 87.2% | 12.8% |
| D38 | 63 | 71 | 2.7% | | | | | |
| D41 | 67 | 81 | 2.3% | | | | | |
| LR42 | 162 | 157 | 6.9% | | | | | |

Calls per Month YTD Over Last Year

| | 2020 | 2019 |
|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| January | 2,466 | 2,458 |
| February | 2,337 | 2,482 |
| March | 2,445 | 2,663 |
| April | 1,913 | 2,496 |
| May | 2,241 | 2,630 |
| June | 2,305 | 2,323 |
| July | 2,335 | 2,356 |
| August | 2,360 | 2,432 |
| Total | 18,402 | 19,840 |

Working Fires - 1
 Trauma Alerts - 12
 Extrication Upgrade - 6

Unit Types:

R = Rescue (Transport capable "ambulance")
 ME = Medic Unit (Non-Transport SUV)
 E = Engine
 S = Squad (Heavy Rescue, Air and Lighting)
 T = Ladder Truck (100' or 75' Aerial Device)
 D = District Chief (Shift Commander)
 LR = Rescue Lieutenant (Emergency Medical Services Supervisor)

*Unit Hour Utilization refers to the amount of time emergency response units are assigned to or involved in an incident or call for service, it is measured as a percentage.

**7:30 response compliance refers to first unit on scene only, not full compliment for ISO.

Training and Development

On a monthly basis, personnel participate in a number of fire related training events. The following is a breakdown of the monthly topics and hourly totals:

| August Training Hours | | | July Training Hours | | Year to Date | |
|-------------------------|-------|-------|---------------------|-------|--------------|-------|
| Driver/Operator | 360 | Hours | 318 | Hours | 4,249 | Hours |
| Fire Officer | 110 | Hours | 228 | Hours | 1,752 | Hours |
| Fire Company Operations | 1,722 | Hours | 1,548 | Hours | 15,440 | Hours |
| Hazmat | 174 | Hours | 86 | Hours | 749 | Hours |
| EMS | 424 | Hours | 429 | Hours | 3,617 | Hours |
| Tech Rescue | 1 | Hours | 75 | Hours | 570 | Hours |
| SWAT Medic | 47 | Hours | 2 | Hours | 284 | Hours |

Public Education

During the month of August, Largo Fire participated in 7 public events and reached approximately 298 citizens.



On August 24th, Largo Fire Rescue teamed up with City staff and Commission, including Mayor Brown, Commissioner Robinson, and Commissioner Smith to promote safe driving, walking, and biking for the start of the new school year. Staff held signs that read "Drive Safely, School is Back in Session" near Mildred Helms and High Point Elementary School. Orange illuminated traffic signs provided by City of Largo Public Works, also displayed safety messages for residents on East Bay Dr. and Belcher Rd. during the first week of school.

Largo Fire Rescue crews participated in four special event parades and installed 11 new smoke alarms for residents. Largo Fire Rescue Public Education also provided cooking and fire safety handouts to 200 families receiving free meals from the "No Child Left Hungry" program through Largo Recreation Parks and Arts.

Emergency Management

Hurricane Season is in full swing and City of Largo Emergency Management has been actively preparing staff and residents for a potential storm.

Due to COVID-19 and social distancing restrictions, the Emergency Management Department was not able to facilitate a full-scale EOC activation drill. With some creative collaboration, the Operation and Planning Sections successfully launched their own activation drill. Both sections simulated a hurricane impacting Pinellas County. The Operation Section staff was provided injects which tasked each branch (Fire, PD, PW, ES). Each branch of the Operation Section was asked to react to the inject as if it were a real event. One example included a bridge being washed out due to storm surge. Planning Section was tasked with producing an Incident Action Plan (IAP). The IAP formally documents incident objectives and goals for the respective operational period.

Largo Fire Rescue has participated in numerous hurricane preparedness events for residents, including a virtual hurricane preparedness webinar with a panel of speakers from various agencies. Largo Fire Rescue also hosted a drive through hurricane expo event in which over 600 residents received a kit with a 2020 Hurricane Preparedness guide, along with other preparedness materials. The Public Education Specialist, Summer Mahr recently teamed up with Pinellas County Emergency Management to provide three mobile home and condo preparedness webinars. These educational events placed an emphasis on evacuation options and assistance, and preparing a storm survival kit.



Logistics

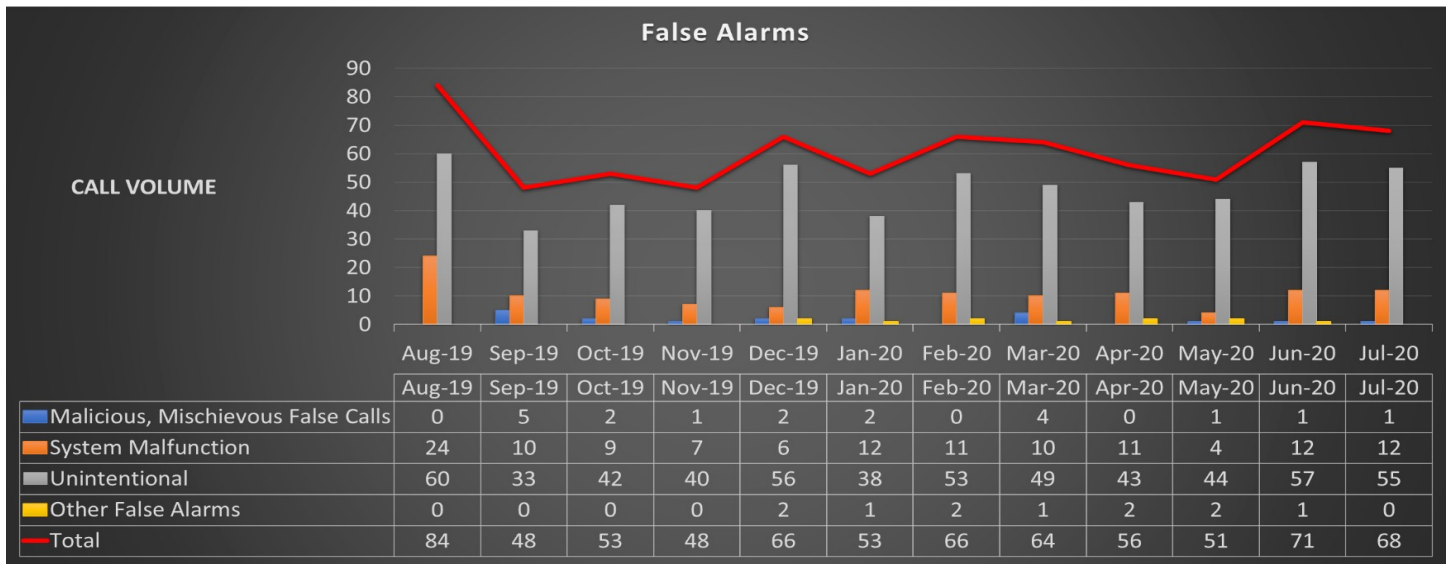
In response to requests from our members, Largo Fire Rescue was able to provide new exercise equipment to stations 41 and 43. Additionally, we have ordered a new piece of equipment that will allow us to fit test our members' self-contained breathing apparatus masks in house rather than using an outside vendor. This will provide greater efficiency in annual testing and issuing new equipment, as well as long term cost savings.

This month, Largo Fire Rescue donated our surplus ladder truck to the St. Petersburg College Fire Academy. After 15 years of service to The City of Largo it will now serve as the college's resident ladder truck to be used during new firefighter certification and in-service training. The truck will be replacing a 1989 unit formerly used at the academy. Fire academy leadership was very excited and grateful for the opportunity to receive our truck. With this donation, the City of Largo and our residents continue to support the development of current and future fire service professionals. Members of Largo Fire Rescue and Largo Fleet Management put a great deal of effort into preparing the truck for delivery and their efforts are appreciated.



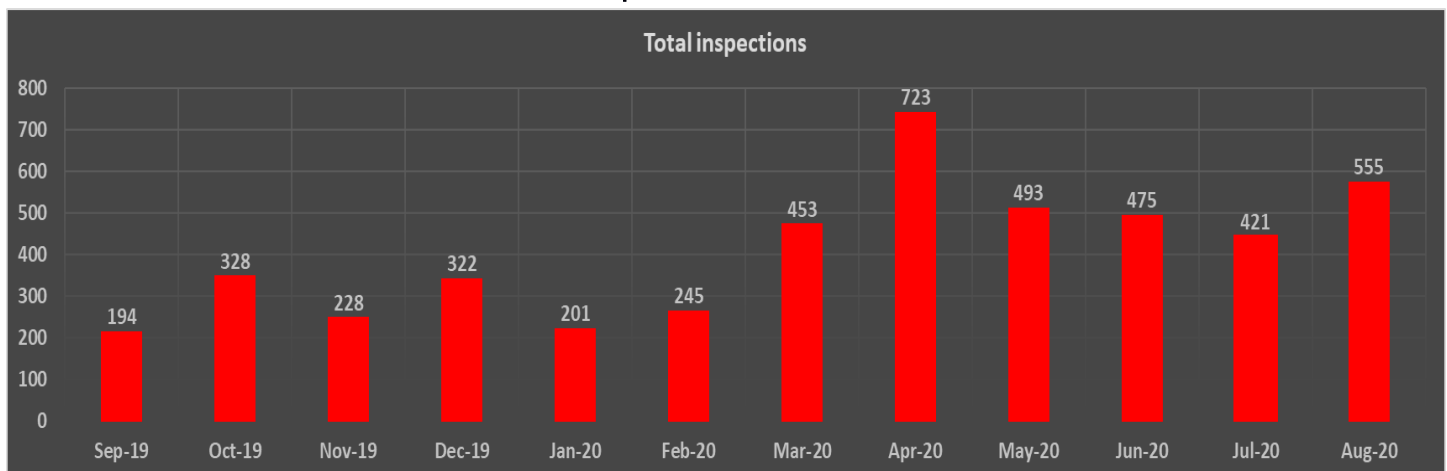
Life Safety

False Alarms 8/2019-7/2020



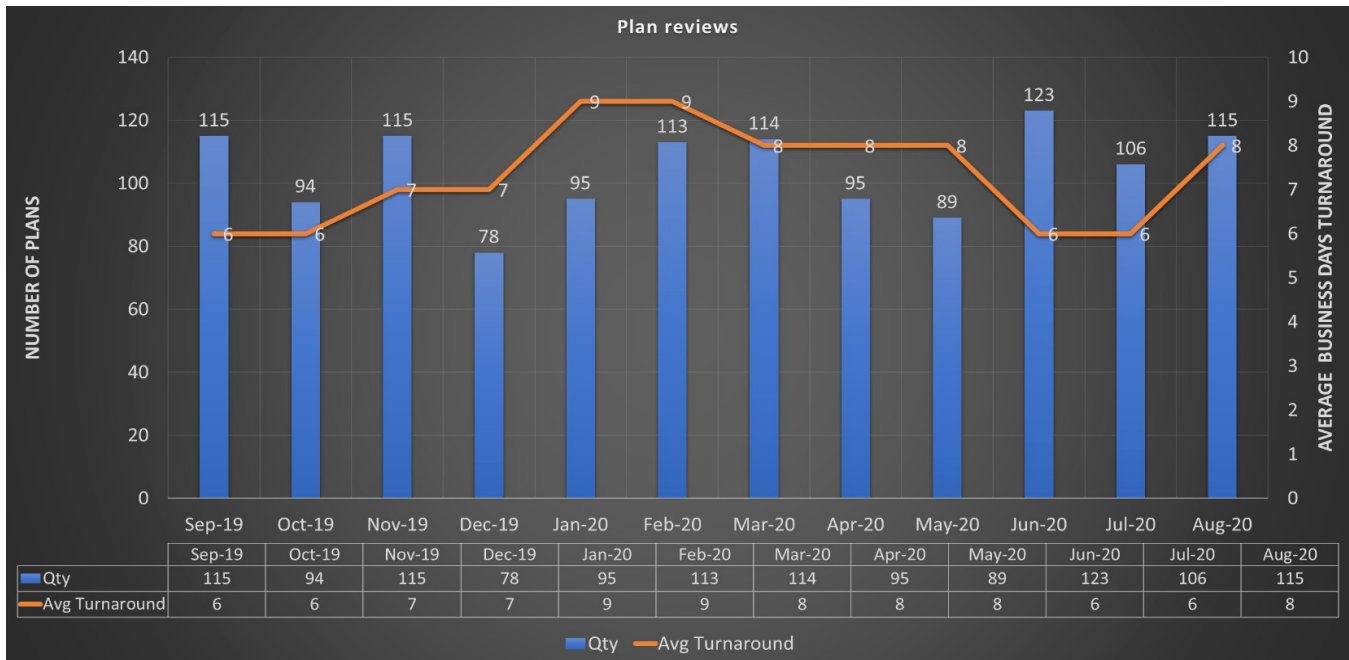
- **Malicious, Mischievous False Calls** – Intentional manual activation of the system for reason other than a true emergency. (Prank phone calls, activated fire alarm pull station when no emergency exists.)
- **System Malfunction** – System activated due to improper system performance. Activated by a malfunctioning device.
- **Unintentional** – System activated due to testing, maintenance, or power trip. Could include dust from construction.
- **Other False Alarms** – Bomb scare or unjustified alarm.

Fire Inspections 9/2019-8/2020



Fire inspections include: Permit, High Hazard, Low Hazard, and Licensed Inspections.

New Construction and Re-Model Plan Reviews 9/2019-8/2020



Turnaround is based on business days, excluding holidays.

Staffing Update

For the month of August, Fire has experienced a total of **742.75** hours of overtime. Minimum staffing accounted for **413.25** hours of the overtime at a cost of \$16,178.19. Special events, department committees, and training account for the remainder of the overtime assignments.

| Factors related to Minimum Staffing | |
|---|--------------------------|
| Vacancies | 2 Paramedics, 3 EMTs |
| Worker's Compensation | 5 Employees |
| Light Duty | 0 Employees |
| FMLA | 892 Hours / 11 Employees |
| *Sick leave and FMLA does not always trigger a need for overtime to meet minimum staffing requirements. | |