

# LARGO FIRE RESCUE



## MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT SEPTEMBER 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	144	159	6.6%	92.6%	97%	100%	92.7%	7.3%				
S38 / R38	330	335	17.0%		96%	N/A						
E39	106	120	6.2%	77.3%	98%	81%	91.4%	8.6%				
S39 / R39	308	283	15.7%		98%	N/A						
E40	127	133	8.6%	89.3%	96%	100%	95.8%	4.2%				
ME40 / R40	274	261	18.0%		97%	N/A						
E41	190	184	8.9%	89.4%	98%	100%	95.0%	5.0%				
R41	396	403	21.2%		100%	N/A						
ME41	61	61	18.0%		100%	N/A						
T41	98	129	3.2%		N/A	100%						
T42 / E42	180	173	8.5%	89.1%	100%	100%	97.0%	3.0%				
R42	356	326	21.5%		98%	N/A						
E43	177	172	10.8%	65.4%	98%	100%	89.2%	10.8%				
D38	59	63	2.7%						Calls per Month YTD Over Last Year			
D41	54	64	2.0%						<b>2020</b>		<b>2019</b>	
LR42	150	N/A	6.9%						January	2,466	2,458	
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;">                     Working Fires - 2                      Trauma Alerts - 13                      Extrication Upgrade - 3                 </div> 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)				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						
				September	2,346	2,295						
				<b>Total</b>	<b>20,748</b>	<b>22,135</b>						
* <b>Unit Hour Utilization</b> 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:

September Training Hours		August Training Hours		Year to Date	
Driver/Operator	477 Hours	360 Hours		4,726 Hours	
Fire Officer	151 Hours	110 Hours		1,903 Hours	
Fire Company Operations	1,422 Hours	1,722 Hours		16,862 Hours	
Hazmat	228 Hours	174 Hours		977 Hours	
EMS	514 Hours	424 Hours		4,131 Hours	
Tech Rescue	127 Hours	1 Hours		697 Hours	
SWAT Medic	89 Hours	47 Hours		373 Hours	

## Public Education

During the month of September, Largo Fire participated in seven public events and reached approximately 1,162 citizens. Largo Fire Rescue crews participated in three drive by parade events, including a September 11<sup>th</sup> memorial parade at Indian Rocks Christian School, a parade for the residents of Grand Villa Assisted Living Facility, and a birthday parade for a Largo resident who is a 93 year old retired WWII veteran.



Two hundred fliers of home and cooking fire safety information were distributed to families of High Point and Lake Villa Park, along with the free meal kits from Recreation Parks and Arts “No Child Left Hungry” program. Largo Fire Rescue also hosted a live virtual awards ceremony for department

personnel, which streamed live on Facebook for residents to view.

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

This month EM added a new Liaison to our EOC staff. Tracey Schofield has replaced departing Teresa Brydon as the City's Liaison to the County EOC. Tracey will serve in the County EOC along with Joe Manning. The main role of the Liaison is to be a conduit from our EOC to the separate entities working within the County EOC.

In a collaborative effort with Pinellas County EM, the City of Largo will provide staffing support for Largo High School in the event the school is used as an evacuation shelter. Largo High School serves as a general needs county shelter when evacuation from a pending storm is needed. We had enough volunteers to staff all 26 positions of the shelter.

Discussion has begun to replace Carol Stricklin as the EOC Planning Section Chief. Carol as well as Teresa Brydon have accepted new roles with Pinellas County.

## Logistics

This month, the new Engine 41 arrived in Florida. This engine represents the first of its kind for Largo Fire Rescue due to its clean cab configuration. This configuration removes some of the equipment from the passenger cab and places it into an outside compartment to minimize exposure to harmful carcinogens that are deposited on the equipment during firefighting activities. Other measures were also added, such as the vehicle's exhaust depositing over the roof rather than at ground level and special filters on the air conditioning unit.



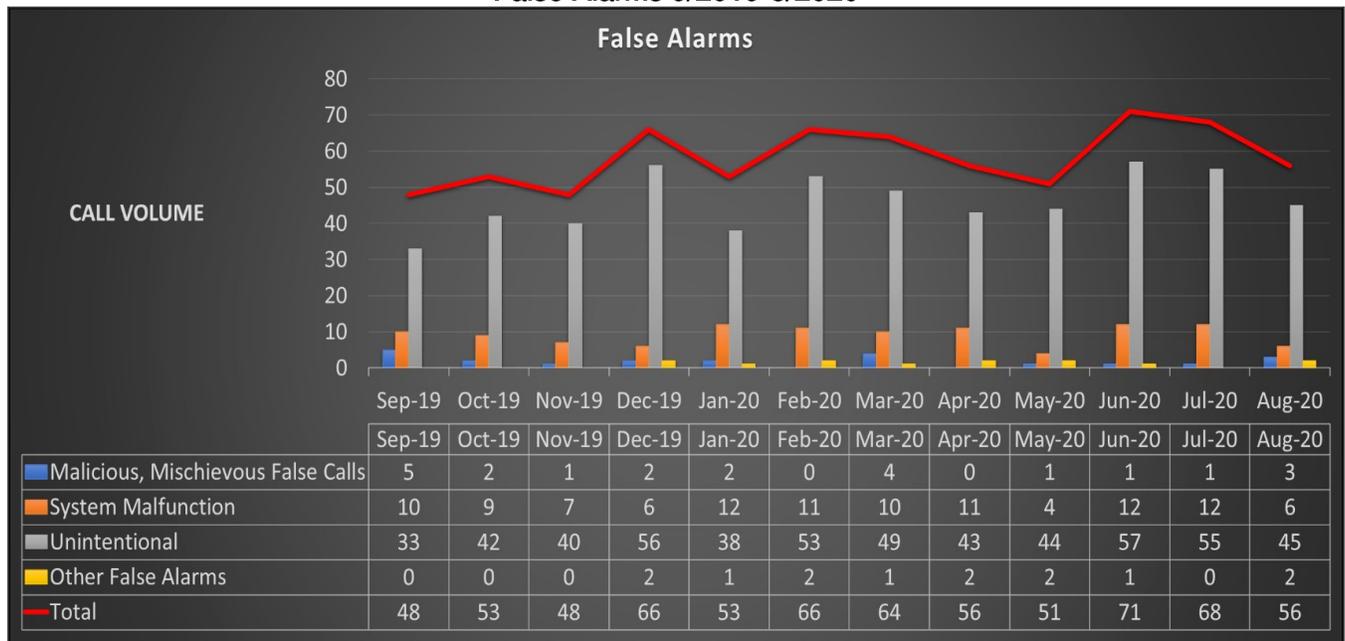
A special thank you goes out to the apparatus committee and all of our members that contributed ideas for the design of this new concept. In addition to this engine, Engine 40 will soon undergo a retrofit to the clean cab concept.



Also arriving this month is the new District Chief 38 vehicle. D38 is a 2020 Chevrolet Suburban equipped with an incident command station and technological components to provide the district chiefs with the best environment from which to manage incidents. Thank you to district chiefs Shea, Snell, and Scott for their input and assistance with the development and implementation of this vehicle.

## Life Safety

False Alarms 9/2019-8/2020

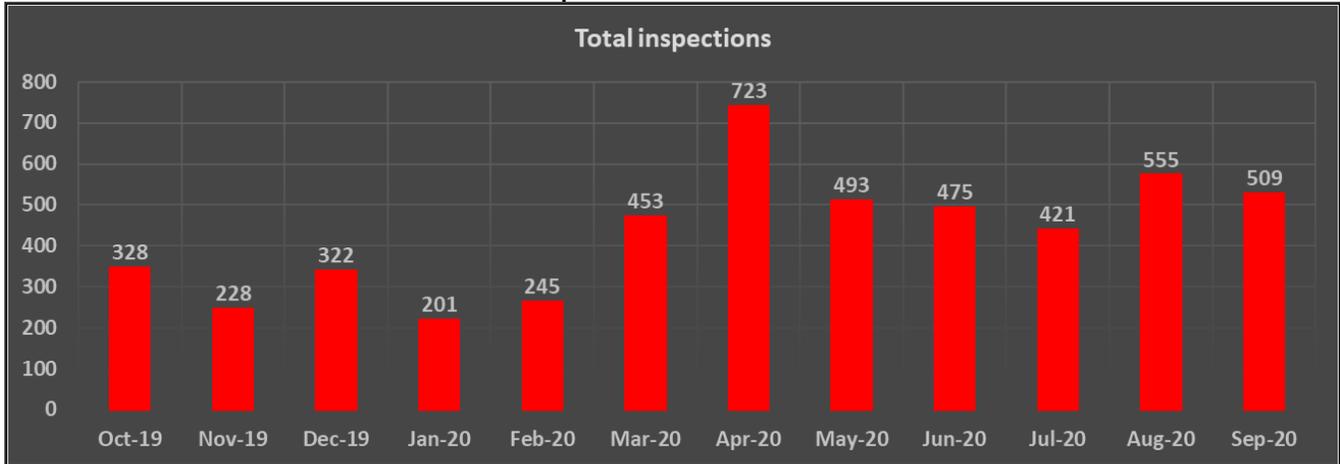


\*Due to NFIRS reporting guidelines, false alarm statistics are only available one month prior to date of report.

- 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 10/2019-9/2020



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

### New Construction and Re-Model Plan Reviews 10/2019-9/2020



Turnaround is based on business days, excluding holidays.

## Staffing Update

For the month of September, Fire has experienced a total of **837.75** hours of overtime. Minimum staffing accounted for **372.75** hours of the overtime at a cost of \$13,501.67. 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	0 Employees
Light Duty	0 Employees
FMLA	425 Hours / 5 Employees
*Sick leave and FMLA does not always trigger a need for overtime to meet minimum staffing requirements.	

We have five new Firefighters starting with Largo Fire Rescue in October. When you see them in the field, please take a minute to say hello and introduce yourself.



Bob  
Arens



Richard  
Bianculli



Anthony  
Laws



Stephen  
Wright



Jennifer  
Zach