



Joshua Fire Department Monthly Activity Report

March 2022

PERSONNEL

The recruitment process to replace our existing paid vacancy, including physical ability, written and psychological testing, was completed and an offer made and accepted by Wesley Briggs. Wesley begins his orientation period on April 4 and will complete it on April 14. His first on-duty 24 hour shift will commence on April 18. Wesley comes to us by way of the Weatherford Fire Department. Also, Wesley was a volunteer with Joshua a few years ago. His maturity and experience will be a valuable asset to the department.

Deputy Fire Marshal Gage Noblitt successfully completed the FTO process through the Joshua PD. He has also successfully completed Basic Fire Inspector training and is now a certified Fire Inspector. The next step in his training will be Arson Investigation.

Volunteer participation continues to increase with dedicated hours exceeding the minimum for all individuals. The average number of participation hours is 73 with a few far exceeding that average. We are grateful for their support and participation.

CODE COMPLIANCE

Code Compliance is continuing to make progress, albeit slowly, on the most severe cases, that have been allowed to exist over the last few years. There are carry over cases from 2021 prior to the fire department assuming code compliance responsibilities.

VIOLATION		2021		MARCH 2022		2022	
		OPEN	CLOSED IN MARCH	OPENED	CLOSED	OPEN YTD	CLOSED YTD
Accessory Building		1					
High Grass and Weeds		11	2			2	7
Junk and Debris		20	2	6	1	18	14
Junk Vehicle		5	1			6	4
Parking Violation		6		2	1	2	1
No Permit		2		3	2	3	2
Open Storage		1				1	
Substandard Structure		2					
Swimming pool Barrier		1				2	1
Solid waste violation		2					
Health and sanitation				1	1	1	1
No CO				1	1	1	1
Prohibited Occupancy						2	1
TOTALS		51	5	13	6	38	32

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Emergency response totals for March was reduced slightly to 124, down from 141 in February.

JOSHUA FIRE DEPARTMENT									
EMERGENCY RESPONSE STATISTICS									
YEAR:	2022								
MONTH:	MARCH								
EMERGENCY RESPONSES									
CITY INCIDENTS			MARCH	YTD	COUNTY INCIDENTS			MARCH	YTD
Building Fires				2	Building Fires				2
Arcing/Shorted Elec Equip			1	1	Chimney or Flu Fire				1
Cooking Fire				1	Grass Fires		1		4
Grass Fires			3	11	Outside Equip Fire				1
Outside Equip				1	EMS - Except MVA with Injuries		25		101
Outside Rubbish				1	MVA with Injuries		1		4
EMS - Exclude vehicle acc W/Inj			47	126	MVA no Injuries				7
MVA with Injuries			4	8	Flammable Liquid spill				2
MVA no Injuries			3	7	Natural Gas or LPG Leak				1
Lock-out			1	3	Power Line Down				1
Assist Invalid			4	15	Assist Invalid		2		12
Power Line Down			2	2	Unauthorized Burning		5		9
Unauthorized Burn			5	11	Dispatched & Cancelled Enroute		1		7
Good Intent				1	HazMat Invest - No HazMat				2
Dispatched/Cancelled				4	Smoke Det No Fire - Unintended				1
No Incident on Arrival			1	2	Fire Det No Fire - Unintended				1
Authorized Controlled Burn				2	CO Detector Activation - No CO				1
HazMat Invest - No HazMat			1	1	TOTAL COUNTY		35		157
Smoke Scare/Odor of Smoke			1	3					
Water Leak			1	1					
Mutual Aid Given			15	63					
TOTAL CITY			89	266	TOTAL INCIDENTS		124		423
MUTUAL & AUTO AID RECEIVED				RESPONSE TIMES					
	MARCH	YTD		JOSHUA	5:54				
MA RECEIVED	4	6		COUNTY	10:06				
AA RECEIVED	9	16							
STAFFING	MARCH	YTD			MARCH	YTD			
INADEQUATE	0	0		NO-RESP 2nd CALL	4	12			
MISSED CALLS	0	0							

TRAINING

All personnel participated in live fire training at the County drill tower in March. The turnout was large and personnel participated in building fire attack.

DATE	TOPIC	HOURS	ATTENDANCE
03/02	Natural Disasters Floods and Tornados	3	7
03/09	Special Rescues and Air Monitoring	4	9
03/16	Burn day prep and SCBA	4	10
03/19	Live Fire at ESD Burn BLDG	9	10
03/23	Fire cause determination	3	10
03/30	EMS CE's Heart Failure	3	4

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The update to the Emergency Management Plan is continuing. A meeting of department heads, who have responsibilities under the plan, occurred on March 8. Discussions include the need to establish an independent plan for the City instead of remaining under the auspices of the County plan. The consensus was to become independent. Annexes were assigned to department heads and a tentative date of April 8 was determined to submit updated annexes for compilation. The HazMap update process is continuing.