



## **STAFF REPORT**

### **4-15-20**

Our call volume for March was up with 43 calls this year compared to 23 last year. Our total call volume for 2020 is up at 136 vs. 90 last year. We used a total of 284 gallons of gasoline in March and 132.5 gallons of diesel.

#### **Old Business**

Our audit is underway. I hope to have the final draft available for you within a week. It is still due to the parish govt. by May 1<sup>st</sup>. I did alert them that there may be a delay due to the situation. They asked that I get it in on time if possible, if not they acknowledged my warning.

#### **New Business**

The new 2020 F-150 arrived and was put into service last month.

Mike and I are still coming in early, staying late and working weekends as needed too, all our time is reimbursable as well, so we have put in for that. We had 3 Covid-19 possible calls last week at the same time so all our available units were out of service for over an hour. During that time, Mike and I came in and manned the reserve units while the rest of the shift was down due to decontaminating the units, stations and their selves. One of the 3 calls came back positive. We have been monitoring that employee and there are no signs of any contamination. We take his (and everyone else's) temperature at shift change and record the results. Everyone has been normal and has no other signs or symptoms of covid-19. We will continue to monitor everyone. We now respond to all calls with a mask on at a minimum. We have received several shipments of supplies from the state, other fire departments and the OEP, so we are stocked up with what we need and will need for the next month or longer. Ted and Mike have come up with a redneck engineered decontamination mist sprayer. We obtained several gallons of concentrate and utilizing some old equipment from Ted (paint sprayer) we are able to atomize the disinfectant and apply it to every surface in a large pattern that takes care of our trucks and stations in a much quicker and efficient manner.

The hand sanitizer give-away worked out really great! No one took advantage of the situation and a large number of people were able to obtain what they needed and FD9 was able to give back to the community in a very timely and positive manner. Even the sheriff's deputies were grateful for the supplies they were able to obtain from us.

The mood here is still good, morale is high and our members have really done an excellent job. The burn ban has been a major downfall to our community. The VAST majority of our calls has been due to "tattle-

tell” fires. We still have about 5-6 calls daily to the station asking to burn, all of which we have to deny due to the parish presidents’ order. We also have another 3-4 calls daily to the station direct advising us of illegal burns that we respond to “under the radar” from dispatch. If you include all those calls, we would be much higher than we claim to have as of today. We typically run between 7 and 8 calls in a week. We are running over 18 now. This is not going to bode well for our dispatch fees next year.

The LWCC bill came in for the new year and the rate went down, again. This will be a great thing for us in our time of above average spending due to the virus. We also received a rebate check for over \$20k.

Engine 94’s new computer came in and it did not fix the problem. There is an electrical short in the truck somewhere so Slidell FD took the fire engine back to Slidell to work on it for us. They are doing all of this at no charge to us at all as of now. If they can’t fix it, then the manufacturer will have to be brought in and we will have to pay that cost. I’ll figure out how to pay for it all somehow. Who needs to have all 4 stations actually open all the time anyways? Lol. Just kidding. I’ll keep it all together and we’ll survive this and any other event that may come our way. I will be applying for an Early Dispersement Plan to get some reimbursement into our coffers sooner than normal. That can only be for a percentage of what is due, (80% max), but the full amount will still be obtainable in the end.

I appreciate all the support from the board in this situation and I look forward to the day that we can all meet in a public forum again. Please let me know if there is anything that I can do for anyone. Call me anytime, that’s what I’m here for!