

3rd Quarter

October 18, 2005

Tumwater Fire Department Quarterly Report

To: Doug Baker, City Administrator
From: Rick Sapp, Fire Chief
For: City Council

Emergency Response Activity

Special points of interest:

- Emergency Response Activity
- Prevention Events
- Training Hours
- Fire & BLS Response Avgs
- Call Volume
- Fire vs EMS
- Mutual Aid
- Staff News/
Accomplishments & Public
Education



*18th Annual Independence
Day Parade ("Giddy Up")
Tumwater Fire Dept won 2 awards
Parade Theme Award & Emergency Response Unit*

<i>SUPPRESSION</i>	JULY	AUG	SEPT	3RD QTR	2005 YTD
False Alarms	13	11	16	40	125
Fire Calls	10	7	10	27	79
Good Intent/Smoke seen	17	11	15	43	110
Hazardous Condition/Chem Spills	7	7	4	18	55
Service Call/Non-urgent assist	3	3	4	10	42
Other	0	0	1	1	3
<i>EMS</i>					
In City BLS	155	147	152	454	1362
In City ALS	69	49	66	184	553
Out of City ALS	126	131	123	380	1154
EMS SUB TOTAL	350	327	341	1018	3069
SUPPRESSION SUB TOTAL	50	39	50	139	414
GRAND TOTAL	400	366	391	1157	3483

*Weapons of Mass Destruction
Training*



<i>PREVENTION EVENTS</i>	JULY	AUG	SEPT	3RD QTR	2005 YTD
Public Education	2	2	3	7	16

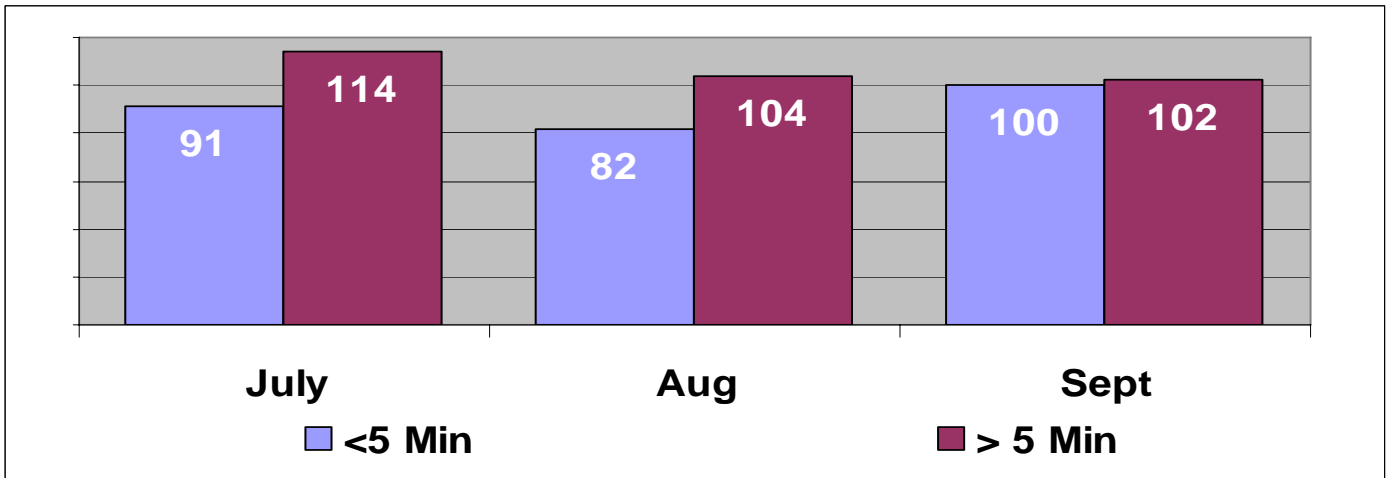
Training Hours

<i>CLASSES</i>	<i>JULY</i>	<i>AUG</i>	<i>SEPT</i>	<i>3RD QTR</i>	<i>2005 YTD</i>
Administration	14	13.5	33.5	61	161
Aircraft Tactics & Strategy	0	0	0	0	61
Apparatus & Equipment Maint	6	0	6	12	26
Apparatus Driver/Operator	0	0	0	0	73
Emergency Medical	22	116	12	150	224.5
Fire Prevention	0	10	13.5	23.5	163.5
Fire Suppression	187.42	170.5	154	511.92	1158.20
Hazardous Materials	30	0	206	236	512
Occupational Safety & Health	16	13	54	83	184.75
Ongoing Training & Education	18	10	25	53	145
Technical Rescue	21	34	8	63	221.45
Total for Training	314.42	367	512	1193.42	2930.40

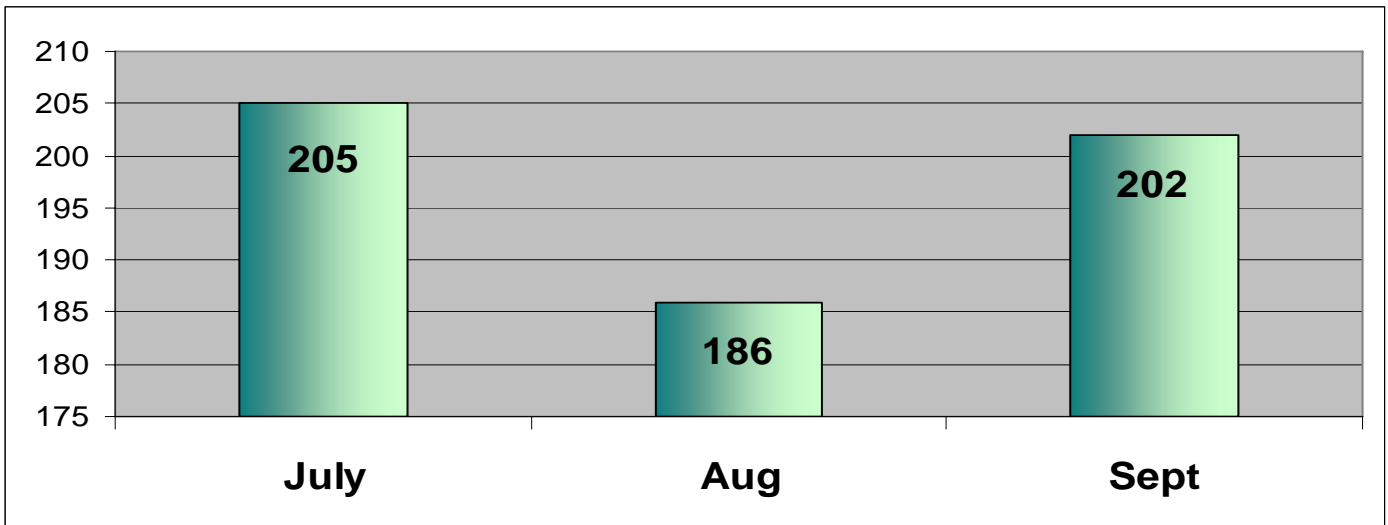
CONFERENCES & TRAINING

- 7/8 Mahlea Nelson completed her six-month Labor & Industries retraining program. During her tenor at the Fire Department she was able to learn and enhance her front office reception skills to help her become employable in this field.
- 7/12 Three of the Tumwater Fire Department Volunteers began their nine-week Recruit Class at the headquarters station.
- 8/11 Chief Sapp attended the four-day International Association of Fire Chiefs Conference in Denver, Colorado. This educational program has been developed to provide fire service leaders at all levels with practical ideas. Interactive workshops provided instruction on how to protect your fire fighters at highway incidents and violent fire and emergency scenes as well as how to develop a coordinated homeland security program.
- 8/13 Lt. Paramedic Mike Routley provided 1st aid CPR instruction to the Volunteer Firefighter Recruit Class.
- 8/23 Paramedics Shawn Crimmins, Dave Hahn and Jim Floyd attended the EMS Expo in New Orleans. Now there's some training they'll not easily forget, right from the classroom into Hurricane Katrina.
- 9/7 Lt. Paramedic Mike Routley provided 1st Aid CPR training to 15 Public Work and General Services employees.
- 9/17 "C" Shift provided a fire and safety prevention talk for an auction birthday party held at the headquarters station for the Tumwater Foundation.
- 9/26 The Office of Domestic Preparedness gave instruction on three consecutive days to provide training to all shifts on use of the Multi Rae Detectors and Weapons of Mass Destruction technologies.
- 9/27 Paramedics Darlene Raffelson and Kip Kohlstaedt attended the Emergency Response to Domestic Biological Incidents at the Lewis County Fire Department #12. Some of the topics covered in this course include: A Background for Bioterrorism, Threat and Vulnerabilities, Biological Agents, Effects, & Treatment, Immediate Action & Decontamination Principles. The purpose of this class was to provide information for emergency responders and local government officials so they may develop a plan of action to deal with potential bioterrorist attacks in their community.
- 9/29 Chief Pavlich provided the National Incident Management Systems (NIMS) training to Public Works, Fire and Police personnel.

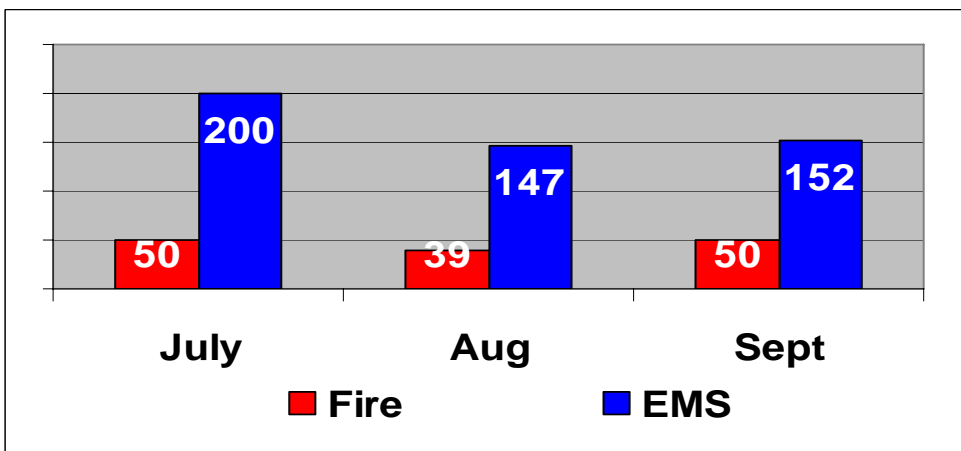
Engine (Fire & BLS) Response Averages



Engine Call Volume

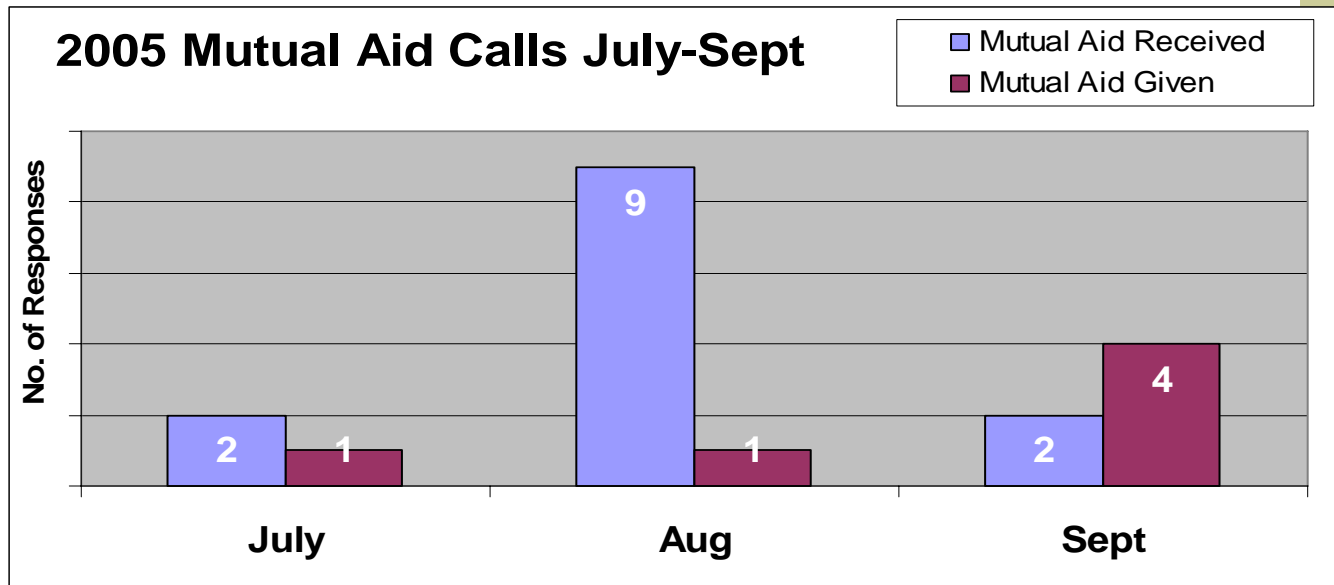


Fire vs EMS

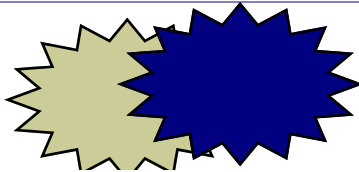


Construction Site Rescue

Mutual Aid Responses



*STAFF NEWS
&
ACCOMPLISHMENTS*



*PUBLIC
EDUCATION*

- 7/2 “A” Shift provided a fire safety talk and station tour for an auction birthday party for a 4 yr old boy and 10 of his friends.
- 7/8 PM Gary Burkhardt presented his probation project to fellow firefighters, paramedics and fire chiefs with wonderful success. Good job!
- 7/27 “B” Shift provided a station tour and fire safety talk to 20 children from the Evangel Worship Center Daycare.
- Aug In August we were notified that the Tumwater Fire Department had been awarded a Safety and Wellness Federal Fire Act Grant for \$58,000. The purpose of this grant is to improve firefighter safety by upgrading fire ground communications. The grant is also designed to improve the health and safety of the Fire Department staff.
- 8/1 PM Gary Burkhardt completed his one-year probation with the fire department. Congratulations Gary!
- 8/2 Lt. Britton, FF Phinney, PM Kohlstaedt and Volunteer Firefighters Anderson and Sapp, participated in the 22nd Annual Night Out Against Crime at the Alpine Village. Over 34 million people participated in this national event which is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, generate support for and participating in local anticrime programs; strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships and send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.
- 8/20 “B” Shift provided a fire prevention talk at the Cleveland Complex for a Back to School Safety Day.
- 9/11 Battalion Chief Pavlich, Capt Winther, Lt. Hurley, Firefighters Mugartegui, Armstrong and Paramedics Lt. Routley and Hahn, represented the Tumwater Fire Department at the Mills and Mills 9-11 Memorial Service.
- 9/12 Battalion Chief Pavlich provided two juvenile fire setter counseling sessions.
- 9/17 “C” Shift provided a fire & safety prevention talk for an auction birthday party held at the headquarters station for the Tumwater Foundation.

August 9, 2005

Tumwater Fire Department,

TUMWATER

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FIRE DEPT

Hi my name is Sharon Blair. I am Gary Blair's wife.

I am sorry that I have not touched basis with you sooner but I wasn't sure where to start or who to contact but now that I have been able to get in touch with Medic One and they were able to get us all your addresses, I/we wanted to express our gratitude for all that you did for my husband and the kids dad last August 18th, 2004.

GOD most definitely chose the right people to be his eyes and hands that day and we are so grateful.

I know that you are probably sayingIt's our job, that is what we are here for.

But you need to know that for us, the profession you are in, whether it be with Medic One, The Fire Department or EMS/EMR as a daily paid position or volunteer position, you are all **"So very important to us"** We feel it is time that each and everyone of you know how thankful we all are for people like you, as it takes very special person to do your job..

So with that we say **"THANK YOU!"**

Never in our wildest dreams could we of ever known that, that sunny August morning when Gary left for work, that our lives would change forever. But it did...

He had and still has a long-long haul ahead of him but with his strong will and our love as a couple and family he has so far been able to beat all the odds that were stacked up against him over the past 12 months and we are so proud of Gary, but we also know that with out the gal that came upon the accident-calling 911 and then standing down on the ground by his log truck keeping him focused and not allowing him to close his eyes by talking with him none stop, to your quick response, the airlift and the awesome medical team at Harborview and not at all forgetting "The big guy up above." This outcome could have been totally different.

Gary spent 125 days at Harbor view (55in Trauma ICU) and 21 days at St Peters Hospital before he was able to eventually come home. He is still in rehab and makes several trips to Harborview as his still has a lot going on but over all with what he has endured we are so proud of him and how far he has come.

Gary will never be able to go back to work doing what he loves doing and that is hauling logs/driving truck as he has major limitations and is now permanently disabled due to the accident. **He will never be whole again.**

We have chose as a couple and family to deal with this the best we can and endure what ever challenges we have to face along the way as positive as possible. **To be thankful that we have each other still.**

One of his goals was when "Our daughter told Gary and I that she was getting married. Gary was in St Peters Hospital at the time that they asked Gary for her hand in marriage and his/our blessings. Shannon said that they would wait until her dad could walk her down the isle and give her away. From that day on he worked very hard to regain enough strength to walk her down. The day of the wedding he looked at me and handed me his cane and he held her arm and very carefully walked her down and handed her over to Louis. It was a very emotional day filled... with so much joy and happiness as we all were able to witnessing

another amazing *MIRACLE*. Later on that afternoon they had the father and daughter dance and they played a very short version of "Daddies little girl" in which they danced and there wasn't a dry eye in sight out of 220 people who attended. You will see an attached picture of that with this letter.

As I close and you look at the picture, know that Gary is with us still today because of all that each and everyone one of you did to help him at the beginning of this devastating journey a year ago.

You all were a part in making that wedding day a special one for us...

That is why you do what you do.. GOD BLESS YOU ALL

Forever,

SHARON

Sharon

