Service Activity and Safety Message

Month January 2019

TOTAL INCIDENT ACTIVITY: 356  YTD: 723

Fire and Related Services: 92  YTD: 202  Ambulance Services: 264  YTD: 521

- Portsmouth 254
- New Castle 9
- Mutual Aid 1

Incidents of Interest

2/19 at 6:45 PM. Motor Vehicle Rollover Crash. Parking lot of 1465 Woodbury Avenue. Reports of pick-up versus car in which driver of pick-up was ejected from vehicle. Rescue 7, Engine 1, Ambulance 1 and 3 responded. Trauma alert for driver that was ejected. He was transported with serious, life-threatening injuries. Two passengers transported with non-life-threatening injuries.

2/22 at 4:21 PM. Structure Fire. 42 Manor Drive. Multiple 911 calls for fire at a 4 unit, two-story residential property. Station 1 companies found heavy fire on back decks of building that extended into second floor units and attic. All residents out of building. Fire controlled by aggressive interior attack and 1 ¾' hand lines to knock down deck involvement. First alarm transmitted. Fire brought under control by 5:05 PM.

2/27 at 12:55 AM. Mutual Aid to the Town of Hampton for a structure fire on Thornwald Avenue. Tower 5 and Chief 3 responded.

Safety with Oily Rags...

Oil-based paints, stains, and varnishes are often used for home improvement projects. It is common to use rags to wipe up spills or clean brushes. But wet rags can ignite on their own. They can start a fire if not handled carefully. The National Fire Protection Association recommends that you never leave cleaning rags in a pile and at the end of the day, take the rags outside to dry. You can do this by hanging the rags outside or spreading them on the ground. Try and keep them away from buildings. When dry, put dried rags in a metal container and make sure the cover is tight. You can also fill the container with a water and a detergent solution. This will break down the oils. Keep the container in a cool place away from heat sources.