



# SERVICE ACTIVITY AND SAFETY MESSAGE



Month December 2019

TOTAL INCIDENT ACTIVITY: **409** YTD: 4866

Fire and Related Services: **123** YTD: 1453 Ambulance Services: **286** YTD: 3413

Portsmouth	273
New Castle	9
Mutual Aid	4

### Incidents of Interest

12/14 to 12/15.. **Multiple Calls for Service:** In a span of 48 hours, the FD responded to 42 calls for service. 25 of those calls were to check for hazardous conditions related to rising water in basements from an extended weather event. The remaining calls in that time period were for routine emergency and medical needs. The Fire Department is often called for high water situations to check for potentially hazardous conditions related to natural gas appliances and electrical circuits.

12/26 at 3:30PM. **Motor Vehicle Accident:** Station 2 companies responded to a car into a utility pole. Arriving units found the driver still in the vehicle with the pole and live wires fallen into the street. Eversource was called and the patient was eventually removed from the vehicle. The patient did not suffer any injuries.

**END OF YEAR ACTIVITY BREAKDOWN:** Of the 3413 EMS responses, 3267 were in Portsmouth with 85 responses to New Castle and 61 to other mutual aid towns. 19 responses were for opiate related calls with an additional 56 for other types of suspected drug overdoses. 522 were for trauma related complaints and 75% of all responses required some measure of advanced care. 209 MVA's were handled. The department required a mutual aid ambulance 66 times last year when neither of our ambulances was available. For fire activity, there were 21 fires in occupied dwellings, 7 vehicle fires, and 42 "other" fires such as dumpsters, storage buildings, grills and grass/woods. The department also logged over 5300 hours of EMS and fire training in 2019. Additionally, our Fire Prevention Division conducted over 400 Fire and Life Safety inspections and over 25 school and public education visits.

### Winter Heating Safety Tips...

*Stay fire safe this winter as you heat your home. If you have not already done so, have your furnace or boiler inspected. Always use a metal or heat-tempered glass screen when using a fire place and keep wood stove doors closed unless adding wood, pellets, or stoking the stove. Lastly, if you use a space heater, make sure it is UL listed, at least 3 feet from anything combustible, and has an automatic shut-off. That way if it accidentally tips over, it will shut off.*

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