

# The FIRE Report

A monthly report of Fire Department activities to City Council

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## From the Chief

This "Fire Report" is the first edition of our monthly report to you on the activities and responses of the Fire Department. We will provide you with an update from each of our divisions and any significant fire response information that occurred in the previous month. We will also inform you of the accomplishments and any items of note about our employees and our operations

I am happy to report that in the past couple of months, 98% of our employees completed and received the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress Certification as Firefighter 1 and Firefighter 2. This is a

major accomplishment and credit goes to the Training Division and each firefighter as they spent many hours in study and preparation for the test that was administered by a representative from the S.C. Fire Academy. Also Firefighter Rick Esctruth (C-shift) successfully completed his National Registry Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), class and has received his SC DHEC numbers to perform EMT duties in SC. This brings our EMT cadre to a total of 14.

Joey Tanner

## Training and Safety Division

### **Monthly City Safety Meeting - July 12, 2005**

Reviewed Three Accident Reports

Monthly Training Topic: Working in the Heat

### **Special Activities: July 6 & 7**

Assisted Water Department monitoring Trench for repair of sewer line - Collins and Front Street

### **Firefighter Training**

Annual Driver Recertification: All drivers recertified on all apparatus 28 Recertifications

July 9 - Hosted Regional Training Program on Positive Pressure Ventilation for the South Carolina Fire Academy. 26 Firefighters from 4 Departments

Week of July 18 - Bloodborne Pathogen refresher training; OSHA Required Training

Training Achievement Award for July: Ropes and Knots; 24 Firefighters Participating; Best Score: **B Shift**

Total Training Hours 450.05

Congratulations to Firefighter Rick Eschruth who successfully passed the examination to become a Nationally Registered Emergency Medical Technician.

## Suppression Division

### Calls of Note

July 3 - An afternoon thunderstorm forced us to close outside lanes of Fraser Street between Highmarket and Front.

July 4 - An afternoon thunderstorm forced the closing of Fraser between Highmarket and Front. The rain did not hamper the Fireworks later in the evening.

July 5 - House fire on Gordon Street

July 6 - Mutual aid to Georgetown County for house fire on McDonald road

July 8 - Small building fire Hampton Inn from HVAC installers

July 9 - House fire Prince street

July 9 - Mutual aid to Midway fire for lightning strike in Debordieu

July 11 - Fire in computer equipment Georgetown Memorial Hospital

July 14 - Freed a dog stuck in marsh

July 15 - Lightning strike with moderate damage to the Winyah Rescue Squad building

July 17 - Flammable liquid spill at Sunoco on South Fraser

July 17 - House fire on Emanuel Street

July 18 - House fire on Smith Street

July 23-25 Seven Alarm activations at various locations through out the City. All unrelated to each other.

July 29 - House fire on Littlebrook Lane

July 31 - 3.5 inches of rain causes more than 4 hours of trucks blocking flooded lanes on Fraser street. Half an inch falls shortly after midnight with 3 inches between 11 AM and 2 PM.

