

# The FIRE Report

A monthly report of Fire Department activities to City Council

September  
2005



## From the Chief



Our primary focus this month has been collecting and formulating information to give you on damage to our equipment and apparatus. You met in a special session to hear our report and we are thankful for your approval to proceed with our repair and replacement plans. It was a huge project and I want to thank my staff, Cindi Howard, Jessica Miller and especially Steve Thomas for their help and assistance.

Joey Tanner

## Training and Safety Division

### **Monthly City Safety Meeting-Topic Fire Extinguishers**

7 Motor vehicle accident reports reviewed

0 Personnel accident reports reviewed

### **Firefighter Training**

NIMS Training - 22 City Employees

Hazard Communication - 30 Certifications

Emergency Vehicle Driver Training - 12 Firefighters

Fire Marshal Quarterly Training - 31 Firefighters

Fire Instructor - 1 Firefighter

487.89 total training hours for August



Training Officer Travis Douglas observes a boat crew from C shift as they work on skill & procedure to attack a simulated boat fire.

## Suppression Division

### **Calls of Note**

August 3 - Building Fire Council on Aging Lincoln Street

August 7 - Alarm Activation Georgetown Memorial Hospital

August 8 - Alarm Activation Georgetown Memorial Hospital

August 8 - House fire 2800 Church Street

August 9 - Alarm Activation 219 Church Street

August 10 - House Fire 914 Lucas Street

August 10 - Alarm Activation 219 Cleland Street

August 11 - Flammable Liquid Spill 1902 Highmarket

August 11 - Alarm Activation 355 Marina Drive

August 12 - Flooding North Fraser Street

August 13 - Alarm Activation 355 Marina Drive

August 16 - Apartment Fire 2117 Lincoln Street

August 17 - Alarm Activation 2515 South Bay Street

August 22 - House Fire 223 St. James Street

August 22 - Car Fire 1285 North Fraser

August 26 - Vehicle Fire 1810 Front Street

August 27 - Heavy Vehicle Accident 1605 South Fraser (Cement Truck verses Church)

31 portable and 15 mobile 800 MHz radios received. Programming and Installation planned for early September.



**July Building Inspections**

Buildings Inspected	42
Violations Found	32
Buildings without violations	19
Re-Inspections and Follow up	16
Construction Meetings	14
Plans Reviewed	2
Tests Conducted	1
Complaints Reviewed	4

**July Public Fire Safety Education**

15 Programs with 150 Participants; Programs included Child Passenger Seat Safety, Fire Marshal Certification, General Fire safety and Fire Extinguishers.

**Weather Notes**

August Heat Waves

	Temperature		Heat Index
	High	Low	
12	91.6	73.6	100
16	99.8	76.8	110
17	97.5	74.5	106
19	94.3	73.0	105
20	100.5	77.0	112
21	100.7	77.7	111
22	93.7	77.7	102
29	92.9	73.1	100
30	94.3	76.7	104
31	95.2	77.8	102

Total Rainfall for the Month: 1.89 Inches  
 Total Rainfall for the Year: 28.27 Inches

60 Subscribers to **WeatherUsers** received 39 storm reports.

First time in history 7 Named storms occur prior to July 31st.  
 Next Named Storm: Ophelia

Longest Storm Season? 1995 - Went through Tanya

**Call Volume** **August 2005** **August 2004** **YTD**

As defined by the National Fire Incident Report System

Fires	5	7	81
Rescue Calls/EMS	71	65	482
Hazardous Conditions	31	28	316
Service Calls	11	16	112
Good Intent Calls	2	3	22
False Alarms	8	26	85
Weather/Flood	1	7	10
Special Incident Type	1	1	20
<b>Total Calls</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>1128</b>

**Save/Loss Analysis**

	Losses	Property Value
August 2005	\$ 132,052	\$ 752,002
August 2004	\$ 6,551	\$ 30,018,551
Year to Date	\$ 884,190	\$ 30,970,038

**Mutual Aid Calls**

To Georgetown County Fire	0
To Midway Fire	0
To other Departments	0
From Georgetown County Fire	0
From Midway	0
From other Departments	0

**Assistance to Other Agencies**

Meetings between Command Staff and Other Agencies

- Georgetown Police Department - Auxiliary Electrical Support
- Georgetown County 911 Center - Auxiliary Electrical Support
- South Carolina Municipal Association - SMIRF Committee Meeting
- Myrtle Beach Fire Department - Apparatus Assessment
- VFIS - Total Replacement Insurance Coverage
- Horry Georgetown Fire Chief's Association - Monthly Meeting
- South Carolina State Fire Chief's Association - 2006 Conference Planning

**Emergency Measures**

On September 1st, in the wake of a 72 cent increase in gasoline, the Department implemented emergency measures to conserve fuel while maintaining the highest level of response capability. The measure includes a temporary prohibition on out of town travel, a ban on training with apparatus engines running, car pooling of staff responses on weekdays and a reduced response to some target occupancies with frequent false alarms.



**Don't Forget Our Troops**

Thomas Shane Singletary serving with the 178th Field Artillery Unit - Georgetown; SC Army National Guard - Iraq and Kuwait