

# The FIRE Report

A monthly report of Fire Department activities to City Council

January  
2006



## Annual Hospital Visit

The Department made its annual visit to Georgetown Memorial's Children's wing December 23rd. We were fortunate to have Santa and Mrs. Claus join Fire Pup for the visit. Nine children were hospitalized during the days prior to Christmas. This is our tenth Christmas visit to the Hospital.

Fire Pup, Santa and Mrs. Claus, Children's Wing Nursing Staff, Fire Marshal Michael Morris' two daughters and one of Santa's Elves.

## Training and Safety Division

### Monthly City Safety Meeting Of Safety Committee

Training Topic: Trenching and Shoring

8 Personnel Accident Reports Reviewed  
2 Public Injury Reports Reviewed  
1 Public Vehicle Report Reviewed

### Firefighter Training

#### Introduction to Rope Rescue

All Personnel; 16 hours

#### Responding to Terrorist Incidents: Flammable Liquids

1 Personnel; 32 hours

### Medical Training

Quality Assurance and Patient Care Meeting - 6 EMTs  
Training - Protocol Review - 6 EMTs

### Totals

Total Training Hours All Personnel 654.35

## Suppression Division

### Calls of Note

Dec 2 - False Alarm Hampton Inn - Dust on Heater  
Dec 3 - Assisted with Hospice Walk  
Dec 4 - Escorted Santa Claus in Christmas Parade  
Dec 5 - False Alarm Hampton Inn - Heat from oven  
Dec 6 - Investigated large area of smoke on South Island Road  
Dec 8 - School bus accident - Winyah and Merriman  
Dec 9 - False Alarm Georgetown Dialysis - Malfunction  
Dec 10 - Stove Fire - Falcon Court  
Dec 13 - False Alarm Georgetown Middle School - Student pulled alarm  
Dec 13 - False Alarm 110 Queen Street - Odor of Smoke  
Dec 13 - Fireplace Fire 333 East Bay  
Dec 14 - False Alarm Hampton Inn - Malfunction  
Dec 18 - Cooking Fire Georgetown Memorial  
Dec 19 - False Alarm Georgetown Memorial - Steam from Dishwasher  
Dec 21 - Vehicle Fire Wal-mart Parking Lot  
Dec 25 - False Alarm First Baptist Church - Malfunction  
Dec 27 - False Alarm Thornton Hall - Discharged Fire Extinguisher  
Dec 27 - Cooking Fire Georgetown Memorial

### 2005 Firefighters of the Year



Ken Knipper    Marc Smith    Don Pester



**Building Inspections**

Buildings Inspected	42
Violations Found	24
Buildings without violations	
Re-Inspections and Follow up	15
Violations Corrected	17
Construction Meetings	9
Plans Reviewed	2
Tests Conducted	0
Complaints Reviewed	4

**Public Fire Safety Education**

13 Programs for 1744 participants

**Weather Notes**

December Weather

High Temperature	72.9 on the 4th
Low Temperature	23.4 on the 22nd and 23rd
High Heat Index	n/a
Lowest Wind Chill	19.3 on the 14th
High Wind	37 mph on the 9th

Total Rainfall for the Month: 2.37 Inches  
 Total Rainfall for the Year: 63.02 Inches  
 High Rainfall: .4 inches of rain on the 5th

At the time of publication we were tracking Tropical Storm Zeta. The storm formed in the mid Atlantic on Friday December 30th and was still being tracked on January 4th.



C Shift - Winners of the Department's 2005 Training Achievement Award for best score in five different performance areas. Each member received an individual trophy and a meal from Ryan's Family Steakhouse.

**Call Volume** **December**  
**2005 2004 YTD**

As defined by the National Fire Incident Report System

Fires	3	15	117
Rescue Calls/EMS	55	57	697
Hazardous Conditions	39	38	500
Service Calls	18	9	190
Good Intent Calls	3	6	32
False Alarms	9	7	135
Weather/Flood			18
Special Incident Type	3	3	42
<b>Total Calls</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>1731</b>

**Save/Loss Analysis**

	Losses	Property Value
December 2005	\$ 2,004	\$ 40,006,502
December 2004	\$ 156,906	\$ 6,524,350
Year to Date	\$ 953,757	\$ 115,954,059

**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 County Emergency Preparedness
- Doctor's Care of Georgetown
- Horry Georgetown Instructors Association
- SC State Chief's Association
- First Baptist Church (singing Christmas tree)
- SC State Fire Fighters Association
- Georgetown Memorial Hospital
- Georgetown County Local Emergency Planning Committee
- Horry Georgetown Technical College
- SC Municipal Association
- Budget and Control Board - Palmetto 800 (radio system)
- Georgetown High School
- Maryville Elementary School

Captain Travis Douglas, the department's training officer, spent five days in Nevada in early December training on a multiple level flammable liquid prop. The program, including air fare and lodging was funded through a grant from the Department of Energy. We hope to send several officers to the program during 2006