



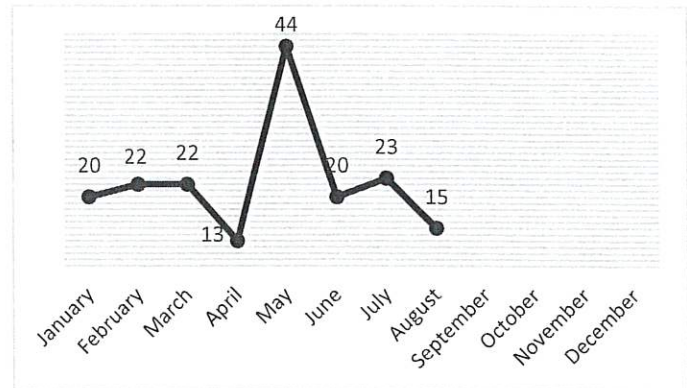
To: Honorable Mayor and Houston City Council

From: Christian Hartley, Fire Chief *CH*

Thru: Mayor Virgie Thompson *VT*

Subj: Fire Chief's Report – July 2022

Fire – Local	0	Fire – Aid	4
Rescue	2	Comm Service	0
EMS	9	Haz Mat	0
TOTAL CALLS -		15	
CALLS TO DATE – 2022			179



August was a month of many hazards that our city stepped forward and faced with tenacity. In response to the Little Susitna River flood, our city declared a disaster because of the extent of damage to residents' homes and to our city's infrastructure. Despite initially getting resistance because we were the only entity declaring, after officials were provided photos and tours of the damaged area, they agreed with us that this flood was significantly worse than their river gauge readings suggested. Mayor Thompson's pursuit of the emergency declaration at the behest of Director Thompson and myself gives our city a little cushion on the cost of recovery from the damages. To my knowledge, this is the first disaster declaration by our city that was supported by a State declaration without the Mat-Su Borough also declaring the disaster.

The fire department also performed annual pumper service testing on all fire apparatus which is where we test the pumps to ensure they meet industry standards for pumping, safety, and vacuum. All fire trucks passed on their first runs.

At the end of September is a week-long statewide conference hosted by the Alaska Fire Chief's Association. I was again invited to speak at the conference on the topics of alternative procurement, community service, and water supply tactics. I will be in Fairbanks area for the days of September 26-30 to provide this education and take classes from other national experts on topics that will benefit our department. During this time, I will also be attending the Governor's Alaska Fire Standards Council fall meeting as I was re-appointed by Governor Dunleavy to the seat.



Pumper service testing on Engine 92

October is home to National Fire Prevention Week, which I have asked Mayor Thompson to support a proclamation in support of. We will be providing education as possible.