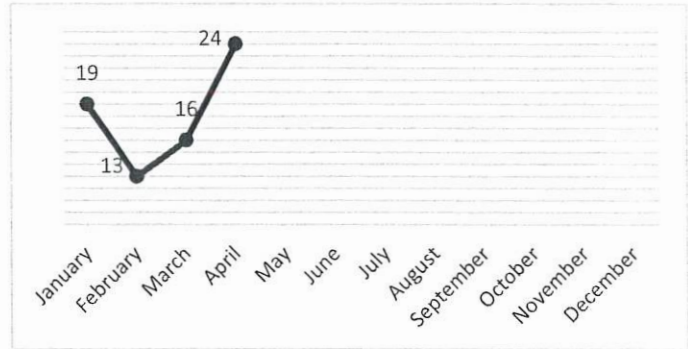




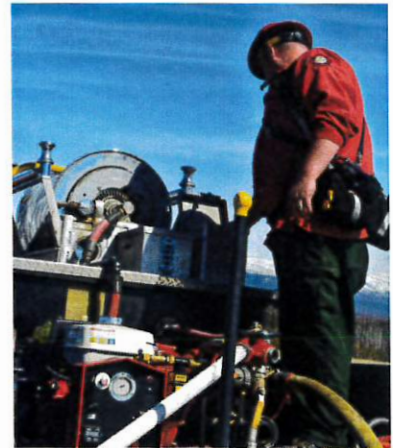
To: Honorable Mayor and Houston City Council  
 From: Christian Hartley, Fire Chief *CA*  
 Thru: Mayor Virgie Thompson *VTD*  
 Subj: Fire Chief's Report – May 2021

Fire – Local	4	Fire – Aid	5
Rescue	1	Hazard Material	2
EMS	11	Landing Zones	1

<b>TOTAL CALLS -</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>CALLS TO DATE – 2021</b>	<b>72</b>



May is traditionally our ramp up to the wildland season that makes up the majority of our late spring and early summer, and this year is no exception. This month included calls involving a man who accidentally caught himself on fire trying to pour gasoline into a burn barrel he thought had not ignited, carbon monoxide leaks into homes that if it were not for alarms the occupants could have died, trees blown over into power lines, and multiple structure fires. We have also had several wildland fires in the city caused by open burning of garbage.



*Captain Hood operating Brush 9-1*

We cannot stress enough that you are responsible for any fires that you ignite, whether the spread is intentional or not. The first fire was within danger zone of igniting a patch of beetle-killed spruce and black spruce trees which could have been disastrous, and the second fire happened in the heart of the Miller's Reach Road subdivisions which still have the memory of 1996's Miller's Reach #2 wildfire.



*Smoke whirl rising from grass fire*

This year is forecasted to be a normal year for risks of wildfire, but that is no reason to let your guard down. Never leave a fire unattended, and be the neighbor that reminds others to do the same. We are in this together.



*Firefighters attack and overhaul a grass fire on Millers Reach Road*