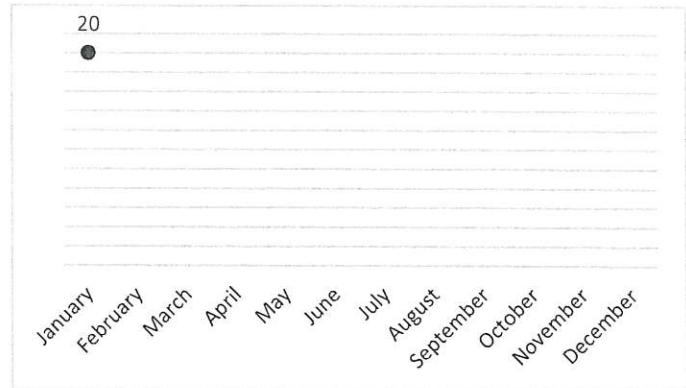




To: Honorable Mayor and Houston City Council
 From: Christian Hartley, Fire Chief *CH*
 Thru: Mayor Virgie Thompson *VT*
 Subj: Fire Chief's Report – February 2022



Fire – Local	4	Fire – Aid	6
Rescue	1	Comm Service	0
EMS	9	Landing Zones	1
TOTAL CALLS -		20	
CALLS TO DATE – 2022			20

January was a fairly uneventful month locally despite the turmoil of our mutual aid areas and the recent cold snaps, windy weather, and rain. A few calls of note include a very large abandoned structure in Big Lake that is under investigation still by appropriate agencies, and a very uncommon call near Parks Highway and Big Lake Road. In that call, an employee of a contractor experienced a seizure while working on the roof of a commercial building being expanded. That person was removed from the roof with assistance from other employees of the same company and an on-site lift trailer. Had we not had this equipment available, we would have had to bring the worker down using traditional ladders and carrying the patient. These are the types of calls where a ladder truck would provide a much safer work environment, but to have a ladder truck respond we would have to dispatch one from either West Lakes or Central Mat-Su fire departments because we do not have one.



Firefighter Beard filling up a fire tender for a structure fire

We would like to thank the council for supporting a Fire Station 9-3 proposal because this is part of our long-term plan and is essential to fixing a gap in our city. Homes at the end of Claudia Road and Anthony Road, as well as future developments off of Anatasia Drive, are all outside of 5 miles range of either fire station which results in ISO considering them “unprotected” despite being in the fire department service area. By combining with Public Works Department, we can store two fire trucks at this site to meet ISO standards for a fire station and also house two roads maintenance vehicles that are currently stored outside.

Also of note was the fact that we got a full-size excavator for free from Elmendorf due to its surplus status for them. This will be used for grounds maintenance around the fire stations, wildfire mitigation projects, and has potential to be rented to Alaska’s Division of Forestry for mopup after fires which could bring in a significant income to the city.



Equipment obtained from JBER at no cost to city