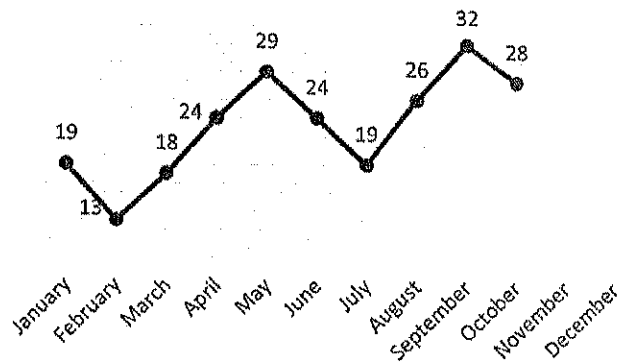




To: Honorable Mayor and Houston City Council
From: Christian Hartley, Fire Chief
Thru: Mayor Virgie Thompson
Subj: Fire Chief's Report – November 2021

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During the power outages caused by the windstorm at the end of October, the primary computer at the fire station suffered irreparable damage despite being hooked up through a UPS and having a backup generator at the fire station. As a result, not all calls have been entered into the database for this month but I do believe the numbers to be accurate. If there is a change, it would only be by a few calls.

Chief Hartley met with council members Brunswick and Porter at the Houston animal shelter to tour the facility and explain some of the operational procedures. Chief Hartley also met with Mayor Thompson about identifying areas of improvements that are known and how they can be addressed, the Mayor Thompson has initiated communication with other agencies to tackle those weaknesses head-on and hopefully resolve legitimate outstanding concerns.

The past few months have been very stressful on the fire service in our region. Although Houston has been spared tragedy locally, we have responded to several fires in our automatic area area in which have seen civilian die in homes. We cannot stress the importance of residential smoke alarms on every floor of your home and of staying out of your house once you identify a fire and evacuate. Call 9-1-1 and wait in a common area together as a group so that you know you are all safe and together. Homes can be rebuilt, lives cannot be unlost. Our condolences go out to the friends and family of those lost to fires, and to the responders and their families who had to experience the stress of the call.

Respectfully Submitted,


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