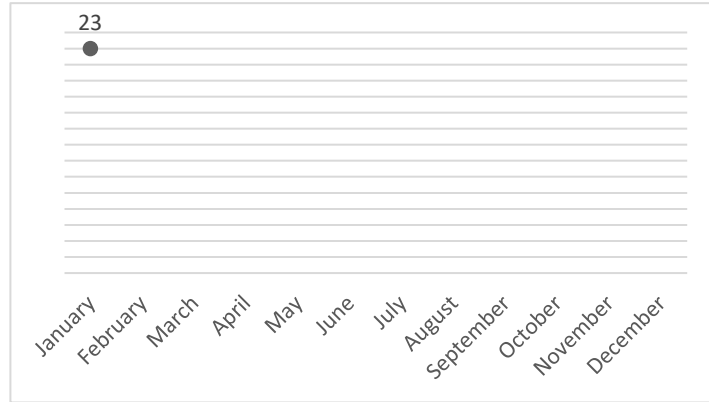




To: Honorable Mayor and Houston City Council
From: Christian Hartley, Fire Chief *CH*
Thru: Mayor's Office
Subj: Fire Chief's Report – February 2023

Fire – Local	2	Fire – Aid	9
Rescue	2	Comm Service	1
EMS	8	Landing Zone	1
TOTAL CALLS -		23	
CALLS TO DATE – 2022			23



The beginning of the year was typical - extrication calls and structure fires. This included a very serious car accident at Parks Highway's intersection with Cheri Lake Road. The City already has a streetlight at the intersection as Cheri Lake Road is within the city, but the rest of the highway in both directions is unlit and difficult to travel in icy and wet conditions. The areas are within State jurisdiction. Houston Fire responds to multiple vehicle collisions annually at this intersection; some striking moose, some striking vehicles such as the very significant T-bone collision this last month, and sometimes it's a vehicle having an isolated incident. The Parks Highway corridor between Debra Jean Dr and Gaunt Lane is fraught with accidents annually, including fatalities.



Firefighters work to remove an entrapped person near Cheri Lake Rd

Additional calls of significance were a shop fire on Millers Reach Road, a few mutual aid calls to the same structure in Meadow Lakes, a chicken coop fire caused by a heat lamp that fell into straw, and the serious medical calls.



Remnants of a vehicle fire extinguished near Cheri Lake Rd

As we plan our FY2024 budget, a few things are critically needed for the fire department: we need more people so we will be planning on how to squeeze a fire academy out of this next fiscal year, and we need to begin replacing our aging fleet. Our oldest in-service fire truck is a 1994 engine, which is 29 years old this year. Our newest is 11 years old.