HOT NEWS

Construction begins on the Fire Station #1 renovation and hardening project. The $3.2 million project will totally renovate the interior of the station to meet modern fire station design and harden the structure to withstand 135 mph tropical storm force winds. The project will also include a new emergency generator that will power the entire station during a disaster.

VFD RESPONDS TO MULTIPLE ALARM FIRE

On February 5, crews responded to a working fire at the Victoria Station Apartments. The fire was quickly contained and no injuries reported.
Victoria Fire Department Quarterly Performance Data
Q1 - 2022

2022 Call Volume by Month

- Jan.: 1,050
- Feb.: 1,025
- March: 1,100

Dist. Avg. Turnout/Response Times

- Dist. 1: 5.5
- Dist. 2: 5.2
- Dist. 3: 6.0
- Dist. 4: 5.8
- Dist. 5: 6.2
- Dist. 6: 6.5

3,229 Total Calls for Service
724 County Calls for Service
1,076 Avg. Monthly Calls for Service in 2022

4:50 Avg. Response Time
1:06 Avg. Turnout Time

3:44 Avg. Time to STEMI Alert
19:16 Avg. Scene Time for CVA
15:31 Avg. Scene Time for Trauma Activation
37% Cardiac Arrest with ROSC
After completing 150 years of service to the citizens of Victoria County, we all must look back and determine what went well and what needs improvement. We must reflect not only on our own actions but also what do we as an organization focus on that insures we continue the traditions set forth by our mentors and the fire service in general. We as an organization are committed to ensure our members are prepared with skills, abilities and knowledge as well as making sure our citizens are served and protected to the highest standards.

During the first quarter of 2022, in addition to an increased structure fire response, members of the Victoria Fire Department have continued to enhance their skills, abilities and knowledge with advanced training within the organization along with external partnerships created with local refineries. Training has consisted of multiple hours invested to include High Angle Rescues, Confined Space, Hazardous Materials and Industrial Fire Fighting.

Officers attended the annual Officer’s Conference which provided leadership training to enhance the daily operations of our organization.

In addition to the increased call volume and busy training schedule, members of our organization continue to participate and completed target hazard pre-plans that focused on nursing homes and assisted living facilities. These pre-plans provide a detailed view of the facility and assist with tactical decisions needed to mitigate an emergency at these "high-Risk" locations.
Our 1st quarter of 2022 was very busy for the VFD EMS Division. We had the pleasure of filling 2 EMS OPS positions. Congratulations to Captain Nathan Ojeda and Captain Aaron Janssen! With COVID finally dwindling down, we were able to complete our last Booster Clinic and finish up with some Home Bound Vaccines. Hoping everyone continues to remain safe and vigilant while out on duty. Some of the highlights for the 1st Quarter of 2022:

- Zach Negron was selected as Medic of the Quarter
- Annual Awards Breakfast
- Paramedic Crew Leader positions began
- Last City Staff and family Booster Clinic
- Home Bound Vaccines
- New EMS OPS Supervisor positions were filled
- Communication and Behavioral Agreement -

The key to VFD "Family" culture is a commitment to the principles of our communication and behavioral agreement. This agreement ensures we treat each other with dignity and respect while valuing our differences.

The members of the Department operate under the following code:

- Demonstrate Respect
- Create Transparency
  - Publicly One
  - Extend Trust
- Honor Commitments
- Strive to always improve
- Practice Accountability
  - Listen First
  - Be specific
- Address the issue not the person
- Go to the person you have issue with not others

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