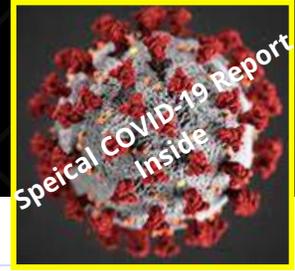


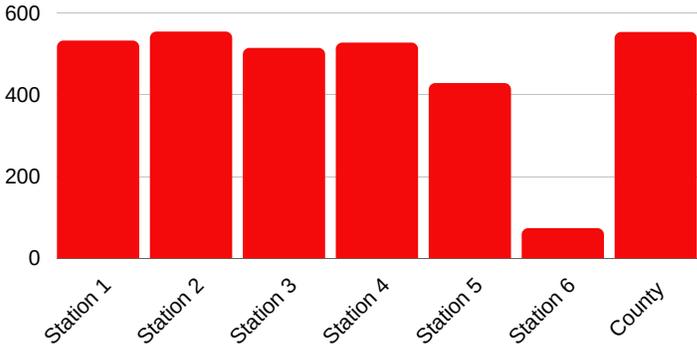


# Victoria Fire Department

QUARTERLY REPORT - JULY 2020

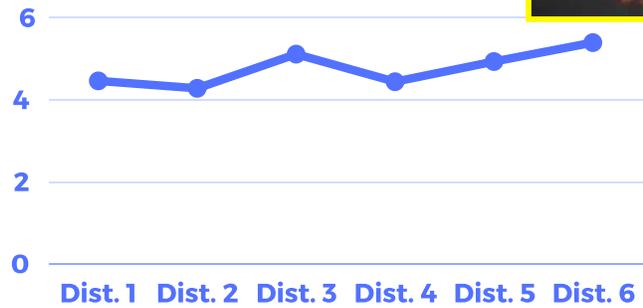


## RESPONSE VOLUME



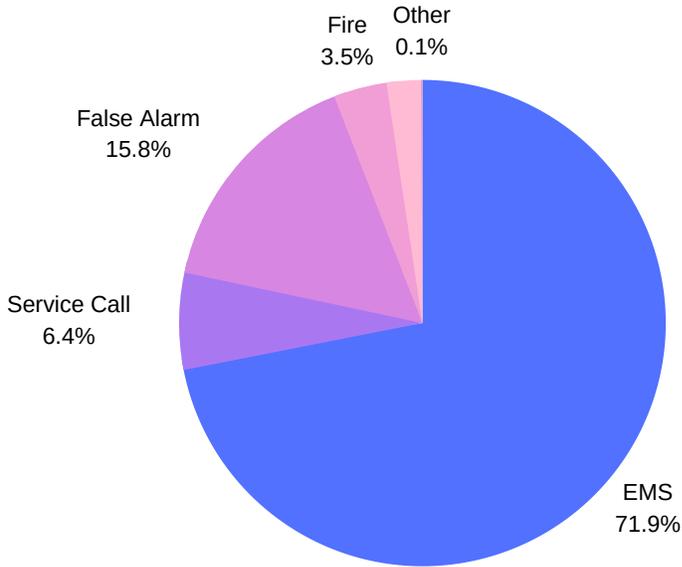
The VFD responded to 2659 calls for service in the first quarter of 2020. Of those responses, 553 were in the County. The response totals for the 2nd quarter are down from the previous quarter (2848).

## RESPONSE TIME (AVG.)

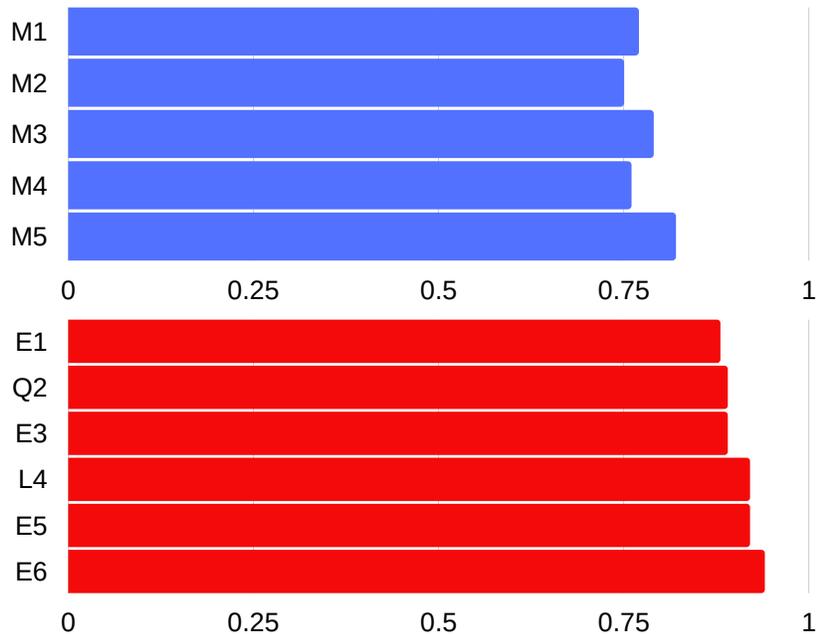


In the 2nd quarter of 2020 the average response time for all districts was 4:48. All Districts averaged a response time less than 5:34.

## RESPONSE TYPE



## UNIT AVAILABILITY (%)



**90%**

of ALS response times within 8 minutes or less.

**91%**

of 911 calls dispatched within 2 minutes or less.

**82%**

of turnout times less than 90 seconds for emergency responses.

**93%**

of real property value saved from fire damage during 2nd Quarter.



## Operations Quarterly Report – 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2020



WITH SUMMER IN FULL SWING... PLEASE REMBER TO STAY HYDRATED!



### Firefighter Hydration



#### Monitoring Hydration:

- Dehydration interferes with the body's ability to maintain core temp.
- Dehydration lessens strength and shortens endurance.
- Dehydration causes nausea and vomiting making it difficult to orally hydrate.
- The amount of fluid an exhausted, warm and dehydrated firefighter can take orally is about 32 ounces (1 liter) per hour.
- This is due to a delayed gastric emptying time from an overloaded GI system.

### DEHYDRATION URINE COLOR CHART

The following Dehydration Urine Color Chart will help you use your urine color as an indicator of your level of dehydration and what actions you should take to help return your body back to a normal level of hydration.



Doing ok. You're probably well hydrated. Drink water as normal.



You're just fine. You could stand to drink a little water now, maybe a small glass of water.



Drink about ½ bottle of water (1/4 liter) within the hour or drink a whole bottle (1.2 liter) of water if you're outside and/or sweating.



Drink about ¾ bottle of water (1/4 liter) right now or drink a whole bottle (1/2 liter) of water if you're outside and/or sweating.



Drink 2 bottles of water right now (1 liter). If your urine is darker than this and/or red or brown, then dehydration may not be your problem. See a doctor.

#### *Fire Research Group – What Are They Doing?*

- New brush truck / mini pumper combo specs
- New engine specs
- Software management program

Please Send Any Ideas to The Fire Research E-mail Group

# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWEST MEDICS!



Justin Tunchez  
EMT-P



William Stolle  
EMT-P



Devon Lyssy  
EMT-P



Andrew Moon  
EMT-P



Pamela Yanta  
LP

# COVID 19 HIGH RISK EXPOSURE

For COVID-19, a close contact is defined as anyone who was within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes starting from 48 hours before the person began feeling sick until the time the patient was isolated.

If you have been in contact with a close (high risk) contact you should monitor your health and temperature frequently. Quarantine is not required.

**Quarantine:** Used to keep someone who might have been exposed to COVID-19 away from others. People in quarantine should stay home, separate themselves from others, monitor their health.

**Isolation:** People who are in isolation should stay home until it's safe for them to be around others. In the home, anyone sick or infected should separate themselves from others by staying in a specific "sick room" or area

## REPORT THE EXPOSURE

Contact Chief Hunter immediately upon learning of the high risk contact.

## QUARANTINE

Stay away from others to prevent spread of the illness. Stay home and follow CDC guidelines.

## SYMPTOMATIC?

We will work with the Safety Office to get you tested ASAP. Isolate from others to prevent the spread per CDC guidelines.

## ASYMPTOMATIC?

Maintain 14 day quarantine even if test is negative. A negative test or physician release is required to return to work.

## POSITIVE TEST?

Isolate from others per CDC guidelines. Public Health release is required to return to work.

2nd Quarter  
2020

# VICTORIA FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE



## 374 FIRE INSPECTIONS

Annual/Routine inspections were suspended in March due to COVID19. Started annual/routine inspections in May.



## 22 FIRE INVESTIGATIONS

1 Arrest  
4 Indictments  
1 Citation

State Fire Marshal's Office K9 assisted with a structure fire in early June.



## COVID19 RESPONSE

Supported the City/County response to the COVID19 pandemic as Logistics Section Chief distributing PPE. Calculated occupant loads for over 55 businesses.



## PERMIT FEES

Collected \$3,326 in Permit Fees.



## COVID19 BUSINESS TASK FORCE

Distributed informational flyers to a variety of businesses in an effort to slow the spread of COVID19.



## INFORMATION REQUESTS

Processed 13 Information Requests



# LOGISTICS & TRAINING



This quarter proved to be a challenge for training and logistics due to the continued demands of COVID 19. We all had to find new way to accomplish task traditionally done face to face. Our team continues to work behind the scenes to find a way to obtain supplies or a substitute for all the things needed to make of our operation a success.

The Training Division adapted to new methods to ensure training could continue. June saw the completion of our third fire academy with six cadets graduating. Additionally, ten members of the department completed Driver/Operator-Pumper during the second quarter of 2020.

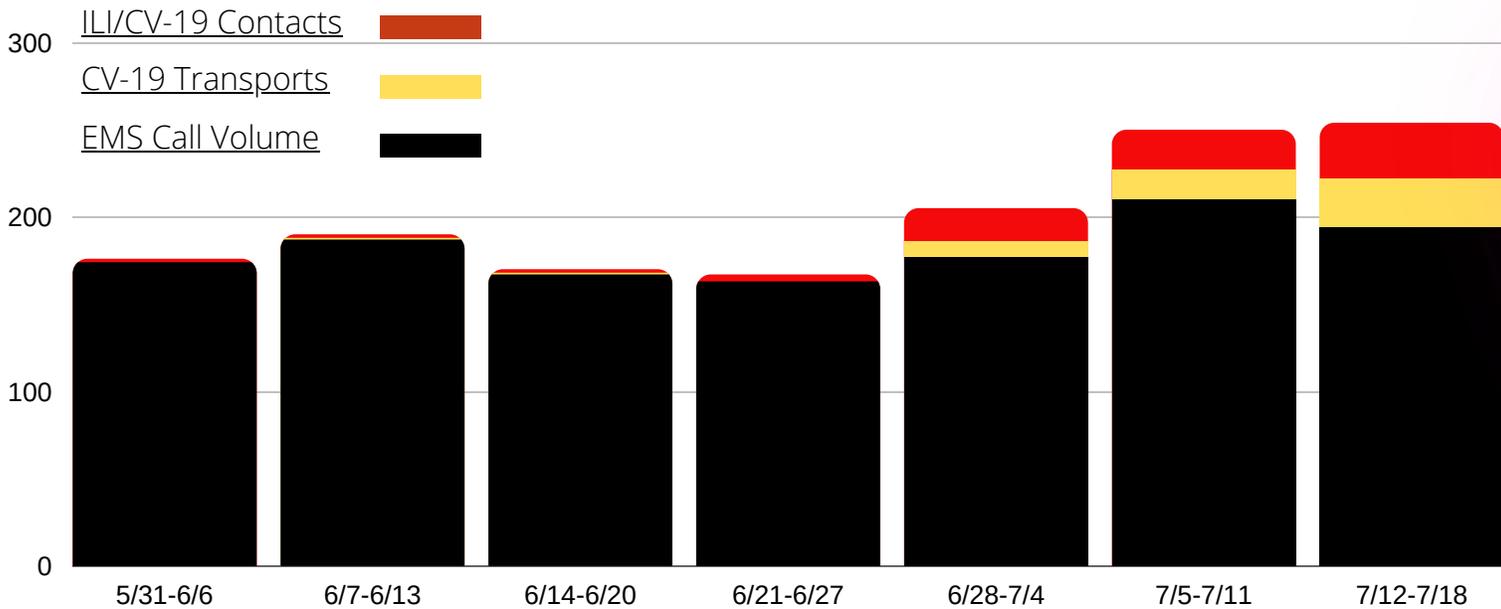




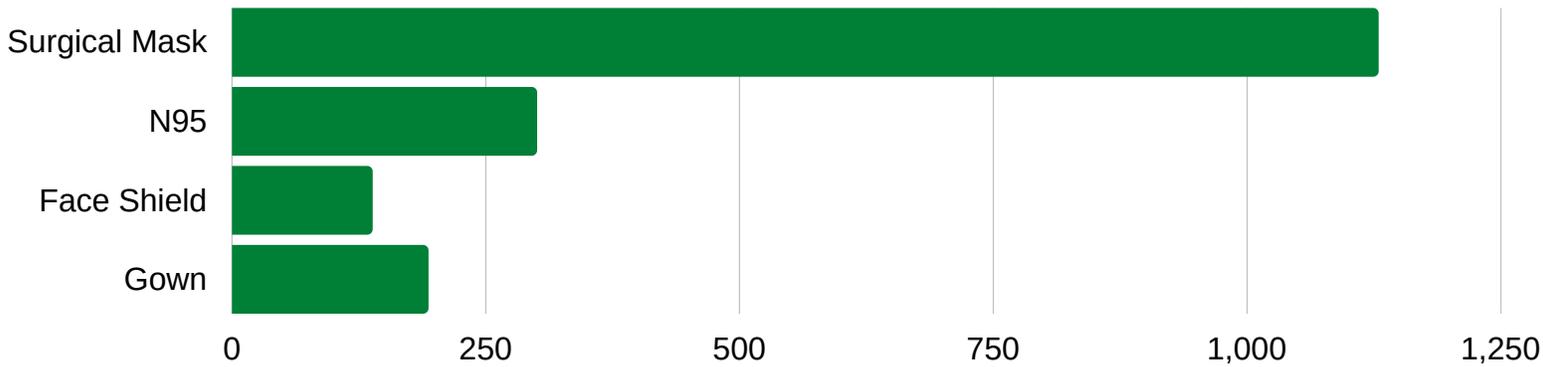
# THE COVID-19 REPORT

A SPECIAL REPORT ON COVID-19 DATA

## COVID-19 Contacts By EMS



## PPE Usage



VFD Members with medium/high risk exposure to CV-19 required isolation/quarantine.

# 27

(cumulative)

VFD Members currently in Isolation.

# 7

VFD Members testing positive for CV-19.

# 4

(cumulative)



# FIRE CHIEF'S

## Message

### *-It's Not Over Until the Virus Sings-*

*Wow! We thought last quarter was a challenge. Evidently, the Corona doesn't want to go away without a fight. Our Region and Community is being impacted by this virus like never before.*

*Several of you have felt its wrath personally and fortunately no one has become extremely ill from the virus. For that we are extremely thankful and want to keep it that way. Now more than ever, we must do our part on and off-duty to protect ourselves and our VFD Family. Please make sure you are making wise choices off-duty. Even if you do not infect anyone at work, your absence definitely impacts the well-being of the organization.*

*The end is not in sight yet, so we must settle in and adapt to the new normal of operating in a pandemic. We are working on adjusting our response to help relieve the stress and burden of these additional COVID calls. Potential actions include staffing an additional medic unit or SV units to handle low acuity calls. We must remain optimistic and look at this pandemic as an opportunity to improve and adjust how we provide our services. The Treat and Release protocol is just one example of this type of opportunity.*

*Lastly, I just want to express how extremely proud I am of the members of the Victoria Fire Department. There is no doubt you are leading the way for other city departments, as well as, other fire departments across the State. You have risen to the challenge at every turn. Your reputation throughout the Region and State is one of excellence and achievement. We have received so many compliments on your ability to step-up and make things happen and to take on tasks that are not common to fire departments. Not only do you achieve these tasks, you set the standard for how they should be done. Keep being "yourselves."*

*The Leader in Emergency Service Excellence.*