



CITY OF CAPE MAY FIRE DEPARTMENT

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November 2021

For the month of November, the department responded to 68 fire calls, 93 EMS calls and had 32 training events. The year to date total 927 Fire, 1300 EMS, 496 training events.

The United States Fire Administration reports 128 Firefighter deaths year to date, 61 due to exposure (suspected COVID)

Below are notable events for the month of November:

Demolition began on the Station at 712 Franklin St.

November 7- B-Shift responded to the 300 Block of Beach Ave for a reported trash fire. Upon arrival the fire was found to be extinguished by bystanders, crew performed overhaul to the area and stood-by while CMPD performed investigation. Investigation revealed an intentionally set fire, the person suspected of lighting the fire was still on location, investigation and follow up by CMPD is ongoing.

November 10- B-Shift was requested to respond with station 57 & 58 to 301 Moore St, West Cape May Elementary for a confirmed fire in the lunch room radioed in by the School Resource Officer. Deputy 51 and Engine 51 responded and arrived to find an electrical fire in the lunch room, school staff evacuated all students. Deputy 51 established command while Engine 51 stretched a hand line to the fire for extinguishment. The fire was located in a loft area of the lunch room, above the occupied lunch tables. The fire was extinguished and a primary search was performed without further incident while West Cape May units ventilated the building. Units

operated on scene for approximately 45 minutes before being cleared. Investigation was performed by New Jersey Division of Fire Safety.

November 17-19- Chief Coulter and Lt. Laag attended training for Active Shooter Incident Management

November 18- Members of A-shift attended training with New Jersey State Police and Cape May Co. CBRNE for chemistry and clandestine lab refreshers.

November 19- Station 51 & 57 were dispatched to Wilbraham Mansion for a report of an activated fire alarm. First arriving PD units found smoke on the first floor, Deputy 57 requested the assignment be upgraded to a first alarm. Engine 51, Amb 51-1 & 2 and Deputy 51 responded to location. Members operated on scene for approximately one hour locating and isolating the cause of smoke, a faulty heater. The heater was secured, area checked for fire extension and crews stood by until arrival of South Jersey Gas to place the unit out of service (red tag).

November 22- Duty crew along with USCGFD attended an evacuation and accountability drill at Victorian Towers.

November 29- Deputy 51 responded with the CBRNE taskforce to 2901 Bayshore Road, Lower Township for a Haz-Mat incident.

November 30- Squad 51 & Amb 51-3 reported to the County Fire Academy for live burn training with the 2021 fall firefighter one class.

December 3rd - Annual tree lighting ceremony, Congress Hall & Rotary Park

December 4th - West Cape May Christmas Parade

December 4, 11, 18 - Mac Candlelight tours

December training will consist of:

Fire –

Mayday/Urgent

LUNAR

EMS-

Thermal emergencies

Hypothermia

Patient packaging and treatment

Tech Rescue-

Haz-Mat air monitoring/detection CO detection

Policy 308

Policy 317

Happy Holidays to Everyone