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FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Upcoming Meetings

- City Council meeting- February 12th 5:30 pm at City Hall
- Municiple Authority Meeting, February 12th 5:45 pm at City Hall
- Board of Adjustment Meeting, February 20th 5:30 pm at City Hall



December was an extremely busy month for all city departments and the fire department was no exception. We ran a total of 96 calls which fell into

the following categories:	
Fire Calls	2
EMS/Rescue	14
Hazardous Condition (includes the ice storm)	28
False Alarms	14
Mutual Aid	12
Service Calls	26

On average we run about 4 – 8 calls in the Hazardous Condition category. The ice storm and the resulting emergencies account for the increased number in that category for December.

Occasionally when we have an unusually busy month normal day-to-day

activities are canceled but for the most part they are simply postponed until there is time to get them done. In addition to the ice storm our new Fire Fighter, Brant Chill

started at the end of November so most of his initial training was done in the first two weeks of December. Shift personnel put a great deal of energy and time into this training which of course means other things are postponed but they always get done.

Following is a synopsis of the training and activities for December:

Fire Training: SCBA (self-contained breathing apparatus) done on each shift. Personnel go over the SCBA and review what all the parts do, different ways to put them on, changing the air bottles, how they operate, etc.

Fire Behavior, this was a 3.5 hour class with the rookie covering all aspect of fire behavior including

the physics of fire behavior.

Ventilation, performed by shift personnel for shift personnel and the rookie.

Sprinkler Systems, also done on shift for rookie training.

Search & Rescue

Fire Streams, covers how different types of water streams effect fire behavior.

Ladders

Vehicle Extrication Equipment, rookie training covering what type of equipment we have, how to use it, and what it's capable of.

Salvage & Overhaul, covers how to save valuables from a burning structure while fire fighting is in progress. We don't have the

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manpower to do this so we rely on Mutual Aid units to perform this task. In turn, we often perform the same task when called to help a neighboring city.

Foam Fire Fighting Systems, rookie training on how/when/why to use foam when fighting fire.

Air Bags, covers how to use air bags in auto extrication and other uses for them.

Hose Appliance & Adaptors, rookie training on what adaptors and appliances we have and how/when to use them.

Rope Rescue, covers what types of specialized ropes we have, how to tie proper

knots, how to use ropes for stabilization, etc.

General Rescue, how to raise a victim from a below ground area or lower one from above ground, how to secure the victim, etc.

Pump Operations, rookie training covering handlines, elevated streams, portable monitors, reversing out, reversing out & pumping to an aerial, etc.

EMS Training;

Patient Assessment

Defibrillator Use

EMS Equipment review

Shock, signs & symptoms, & treatment

Anatomy

CPR

Maintenance;
SCBA-Brush Pumper, consists of draining & refilling the air bottle, inspecting the straps, harness, and all other parts, cleaning, etc.

Testing hose

Shift personnel replaced a tail light in Unit 34

Dismantled, cleaned and inspected the Extrication equipment.

This is not everything we did in December but it highlights the important things and it was enough to keep us very busy.

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There were three larcenies reported this month. One larceny involved a purse left in a vehicle, and another involved the theft of a Christmas yard ornament. The third larceny involved an item missing from a home after a private contractor was hired. Officers were able to recover a vehicle stolen from the 1500 block of Drury mo-

ments after it had been stolen. The subject fled the area in another vehicle, but the recovered stolen vehicle was returned to its owners.

Officers on a routine traffic stop were able to recover stolen property that had not yet been reported missing. After conducting a thorough investigation, Sgt. Duehning and Officer Stough were able to determine the driver of the vehicle had a stolen credit card in his possession. The owner of the credit card, who was in Lubbock Texas, was advised of the theft and the re-

covery. The driver of the vehicle was taken into custody for possession of a stolen credit card.

There were three arrests for possession of marijuana, and one arrest for possession of a controlled dangerous substance. There was one arrest based on outstanding warrants. There were two missing person reports filed this month, with both cases cleared and both persons returned to their homes. There were seven traffic incidents reports this month, most due to the ice storm. There were three suspicion reports, two missing property reports, two harassment

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reports, one vandalism, and one unattended death report.

Officers were dispatched to 122 residential alarm calls, and 8 business alarm calls. The department responded to 39 suspicious vehicle calls, 13 suspi-

cious subject calls, and 12 suspicious activity calls. Officers responded to 15 citizen assist calls and 24 motorist assist calls, mostly due, again, to the ice storm. There were 290 traffic stops, and 166 citations written.

Lieutenant Bruce Funderburk successfully completed the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. Lieutenant Funderburk graduated on December 14th, and has now returned to heading our detective division.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Water Revenue for the month of December, 2007 was slightly higher than the same time last year. The city is right on track with budgeted revenues having received 52% of water revenue six months (50%) into the current fiscal year. Sales tax revenues received in December, 2007 were \$229,350, almost ex-

actly the same amount received in December, 2006. Fiscal year-to-date sales tax revenues (since July, 2007) are \$1,348,695 compared to \$1,347,461 received fiscal year-to-date this time last year.

The city incurred expenses this past month of ap-

proximately \$250,000 hiring contractors for ice-storm debris cleanup. It is anticipated 75% of this will be reimbursed to the city by FEMA and an additional 12.5% will be reimbursed by the State of Oklahoma.

PUBLIC WORKS

Ice Storm '2007'

The City of Nichols Hills has completed the debris pick-up through out the city and parks. Homeowners that need additional pick-up must put the debris on the curbs and have it bundled. Limbs can be no longer than four feet long and weigh over seventy pounds. We appreciate the cooperation of the citizens during the clean-up process.

Illegal Dumping

We would appreciate help in reporting anyone illegally dumping

debris on the property of others and in the city parks.

Smoke Testing

The Public Works Dept. will be starting a smoke testing program in a few weeks. This will help identify infiltration of water into our sanitary sewers. Smoke will be injected into the sewer lines; this smoke is harmless if encountered.

Kite Park

Kite Park is being landscaped at this time. This project is supported by private donations given by several citizens and

groups of Nichols Hills. The park will be closed until project is completed, which will probably take a month and a half.

Animal Control

When walking your dog or dogs please keep them on a leash at all times. Have you registered your dog and cat with the City of Nichols Hills? For tag information please call 843-5222 (Chris Jackson).

Public Notices & Announcements

The City Council approved an Ordinance that will not allow garage sales or estate sales on Sunday.

The City Council approved the Memorial Marathon coming through a part of Nichols Hills on April on April 27, 2008. The course will be the same as it has been for the last 7 years.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Board heard case #2007-09 at the December meeting. The property owner requested a variance to rebuild a garage in the same location as the current one with a second floor for living space. The proposed garage was two (2) feet past the side yard setback. The Board granted a 1 foot variance since the previous side yard setbacks had been 5 feet instead of 6 feet.

PLANNING COMMISSION

The Planning Commission reviewed several ordinances that will be put into a proper format and brought back to them for a recommendation. Include in these will be an ordinance that will require fences in certain locations to be built with the better side facing the public, and also an ordinance that places a height limit of 44 inches on accessory signs. The Planning Commission will also begin reviewing the drainage ordinances and the landscaping ordinances.