

WHEELING FIRE DEPARTMENT

QUARTERLY REPORT

2ND QUARTER 2020



2nd QUARTER CALLS FOR SERVICE

Fire – 23	Service Calls – 199
Explosion/Overheat (no fire)– 14	Good Intent Calls – 128
Medical/EMS – 954	Severe Weather – 1
Hazardous Condition – 19	Special Type/Other – 1
False Alarm – 144	

TOTALS:
Quarterly Calls - 1,438

CHIEF: COVER YOUR FACE

With rising COVID-19 cases in the Wheeling and Ohio County area, Fire Chief Larry Helms continues to urge the public to wear a mask anytime when in public.

The Wheeling Fire Department continues to work with the health department, emergency management, police, and the city offices to ensure preparedness.

Gov. Jim Justice has now mandated mask wearing in all public indoor places.



C-2 RETIRES



After 42 years of service, with nearly 20 of them leading the department's A Platoon – Assistant Fire Chief Larry Murphy retired from the WFD on June 12.

Murphy joined the fire department in September 1978 and worked at all stations throughout the city. He told well-wishers at a retirement gathering he “enjoyed all aspects” of his firefighting career.

He served as president of the local firefighter's union for several years, saved multiple lives and even helped deliver a baby.

Capt. Jim Francis succeeded Murphy as A Platoon's new Assistant Chief.

WHEN THE CALL COMES...

Dispatched in the midst of an afternoon thunderstorm on Saturday, June 27, firefighters were called to a South Huron Street home for a kitchen fire.

No one was hurt and firefighters were able to contain the bulk of the fire damage to that area.

WFD's C Platoon responded along with Wheeling Police.



NORTH WHEELING FIRE

Multiple Wheeling firefighters responded to a house fire around 1:30 a.m. on May 2 in the city's North Wheeling neighborhood.

When firefighters arrived, flames were seen coming from the rear of 815 Market Street.

The occupants were able to escape after being alerted by a smoke alarm. One person received minor injuries and was taken to the hospital for treatment. A pet dog was unable to escape and sadly died.



MOVING UP!

After 12 weeks of training, our first recruit class of 2020 moved into their next phase of employment as probationary firefighters!

Congrats to all!



JUNE FIRES

Firefighters responded to several fires along the creekbank in the downtown / East Wheeling area during the month of June. The first occurred on June 9 near 20th Street.

The second (pictured below) took place on June 23. No one was injured and both cases are under investigation by the department's Bureau of Fire Investigations.



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