



# COALINGA FIRE DEPARTMENT



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## MEMORANDUM

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Date: January 27, 2021

To: Honorable Mayor and Council Members  
Marissa Trejo, City Manager

From: Greg DuPuis, Fire Chief

Re: Fire Department Quarterly Report

This quarterly report is for the month of October, November, and December 2020. In October there were 186 calls for service, November, 195 calls for service and December, 208 call for service.

Our EMS call volume saw a 13% increase from last quarter due to the opening of the hospital and a surge in COVID19 related calls. The EMS call volume is a 68% increase from this time frame in 2019 and 37% in 2018. The 193 EMS calls in December is the highest number of calls for any month in the last three years. Of those calls for service the breakdown is as follows:

### **OCTOBER**

**EMS:** 163 (88% of total calls)

**Fires:** 4

2 building fire/cooking fire

1 grass/vegetation

1 outside trash/rubbish

**Public Service:** 12, which include public assist or smoke/odor removal without fire

**False Alarms:** 7

### **NOVEMBER**

**EMS:** 179 (92% of total calls)

**Fires:** 5

0 building fire/cooking fire

1 grass/vegetation

4 outside trash/rubbish

**Gas Leak: 2**

**Public Service: 6**, which include public assist or smoke/odor removal without fire

**False Alarms: 3**

### **DECEMBER**

**EMS: 193** (93% of total calls)

**Fires: 2**

0 building fire/cooking fire

0 grass/vegetation

2 outside trash/rubbish

**Gas Leaks: 2**

**Public Service: 8**, which include public assist or smoke/odor removal without fire

**False Alarms: 3**

\*Not listed are the calls that were dispatched but cancelled en route

### **EVENTS**

During this period, the fire department had events outside of normal day to day operations, mostly involving strike team deployments. For the first time since 2017 the fire department was able to provide mutual aid support to OES and the State of California for numerous fires across the state.

October 1-7: Provided a Type VI patrol as part of a taskforce to the Zogg Fire in Shasta County.

October 10-24: Provided a single resource Fire line Paramedic and an EMT to the Creek Fire in Shaver Lake.

The department participated in the NFPA annual fire prevention week. Due to COVID19 it was held virtually with fire prevention tips posted on social media each day of the week. We hope to provide an open house for the event in 2021.

In October we held testing for our vacant firefighter position. We had 8 applicants go through the process, which included, a physical agility test and an oral interview panel. The best candidate was selected and is going through the hiring process now. Hope to have him start by middle of February.

We participated in a few public events. One was handing out candy on Halloween to kids throughout the city as well as an event at the theater for their trunk or treat event, delivered Santa to the drive-through Christmas parade, and handed out toys on Christmas Eve for the cities “Reindeer Rounds” event.

The Fire Chief gave a “Stop the Bleed” class to Coalinga PD in two separate classes. The class taught the officers how to stop a bleed with wound packing and how to use a tourniquet.

### **PREVENTION/PUBLIC EDUCATION**

Due to COVID-19 all public education events have been postponed or cancelled.

On the prevention side, the department completed 4 new business inspections.

### **STAFFING**

We are currently at 17 out of 18 line personnel. We are in the final phase of hiring a firefighter for the vacant position.

### **OVERTIME**

The fire department used:

1152 hours in October

1032 hours in November

1128 hours in December

Most of this overtime is due to us being down 1 firefighter and the strike team assignments which will be reimbursed by the state, both the personnel assigned, and the callback needed to fill vacancies. We also had three employees quarantined for COVID19 exposure, one employee out on Worker Comp and another had elective surgery.