



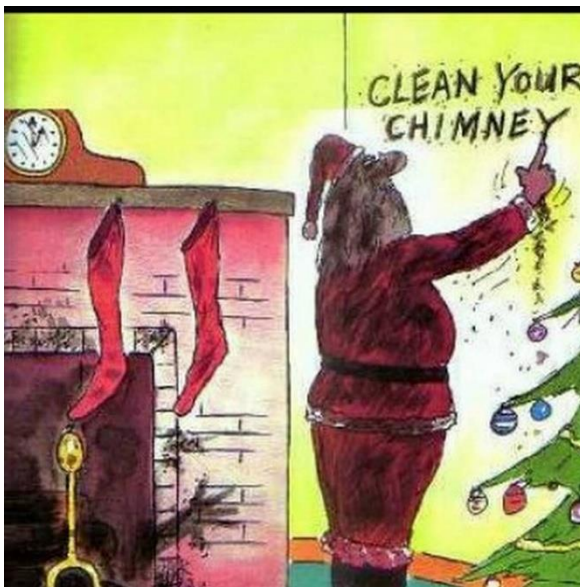
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## The Fire Chiefs Report - November 2020

### \*Fall Safety Reminders\*



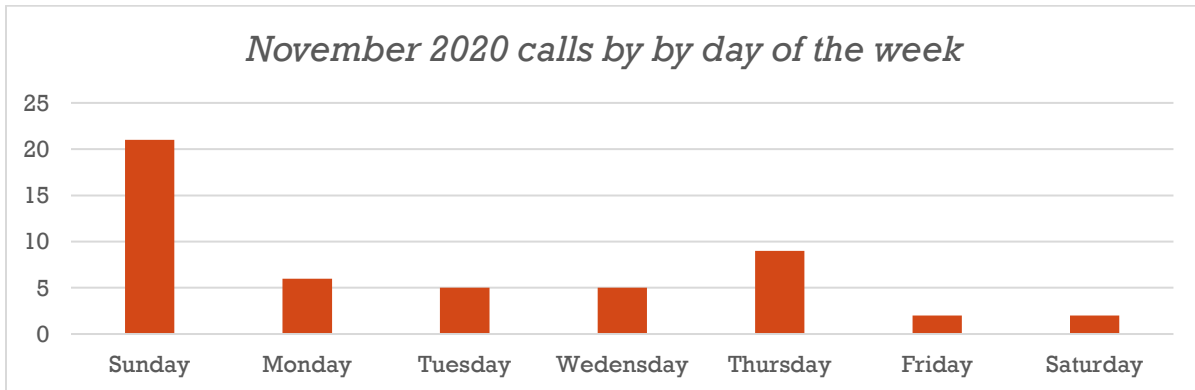
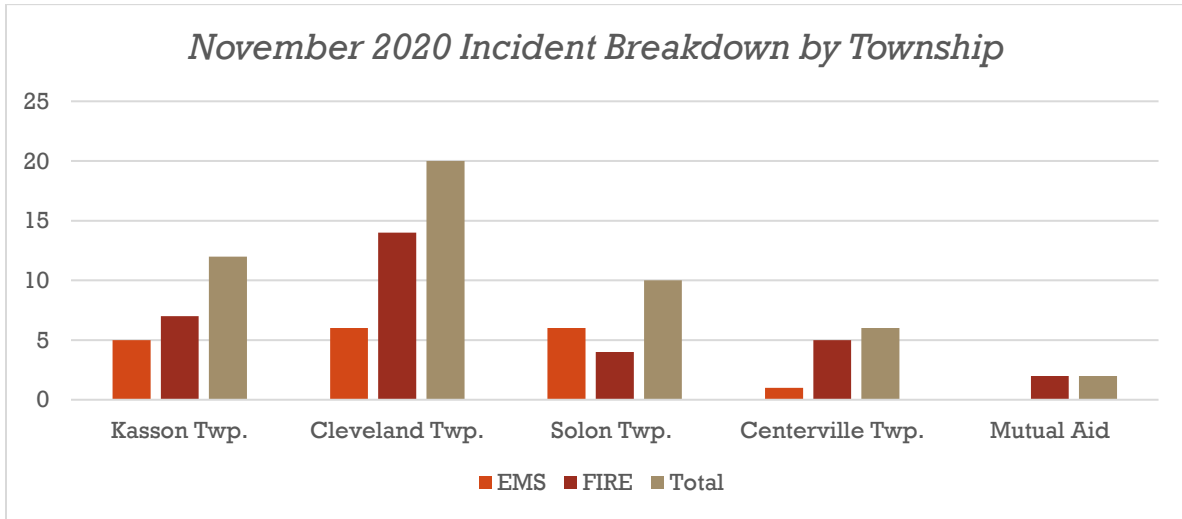


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## Fire & EMS Statistics - 50 total calls for service in November



### Overlapping Incidents:

There were 8 overlapping incidents for November. The majority of the overlapping calls came on one particularly windy Sunday. Off-duty CAFR members came in to help field the calls and Glen Lake assisted with two calls that were on our border while they were returning from other incidents in their area.



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## Apparatus Information:

- **Engine 811:** In-Service
- **Tanker 822:** In-Service – Minor maintenance work being completed now that this apparatus does not have to function as our engine.
- **Brush 841:** In-Service
- **Kubota 882:** In-Service
- **Ambulance 891:** In-Service
- **Ambulance 892:** In-Service

## Training:

CAFR staff completed 98 hours of training last month covering various topics. Development of the 2021 department training plan is nearly finished. Lt. Voiles is now acting as our department training officer and is working closely with Interim Chief Doornbos to create productive, meaningful, training that will support our department goals.

Also, in November, our two newest members began the fire academy at the Northwest Regional Fire Training Center. Zorran VanZandt and Julie Davidson started what is about six months of intensive entry level fire training! Once that has been completed, they will be assigned probationary requirements specifically for our department to help them learn how we do things here at CAFR.

## ALS Updates:

It appears that the mid-summer start date for the paramedic class offered by Munson Healthcare is still on track. Further information will be given as that time nears.

## M.A.B.A.S Division 3701:

No updates from M.A.B.A.S.

## Public Education:

We cannot do much in person public education due to COVID-19 but limited outreach continues through our digital platforms like Facebook.



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## Smoke Alarm Program:

Still on hold due to COVID-19

## Fire-Wise Program:

Still on hold due to Covid-19. Possibly beginning to complete limited, screened, site visits by the spring.

## Summary:

Our run volume has leveled a bit as it usually does this time of year, but we are still on track to have the busiest year ever for Cedar Area Fire & Rescue.

One major change for the month of November is the North Flight / Mobile Medical Response (MMR) changeover. MMR acquired the North Flight ground division from Munson Healthcare and will now be operating solely as MMR. Solon Township and Kasson Township will primarily see the change as North Flight was the primary ALS intercept provider for those townships. There will be no change in level of care with MMR though because they retained many of the North Flight employees we worked with in the past and bring an experienced staff from their statewide service area.

The Interim Fire Chief transition is continuing smoothly and Chief Comeaux continues to educate me on the duties he fulfilled as Chief.

Respectfully Submitted 12/08/2020

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Interim Fire Chief