



NEVILLE ISLAND GENERAL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Quarterly Newsletter

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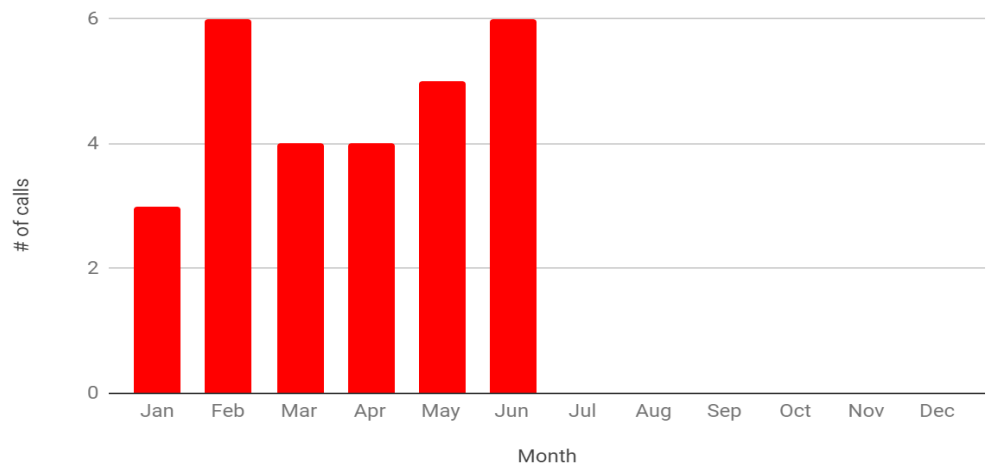
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Fire and River Rescue calls- 2021



CHIEF's REPORT

As more of us get vaccinated and get back to normal, I hope this summer brings some normalcy to everyone. As summer activities increase, please keep in mind safety with respect to safe boat operations, safety in the river and while using grill and other cooking equipment. This might also be a good time to check you smoke detectors and CO detectors to ensure that they functioning properly. I wish everyone a happy July 4th and please practice safety when handling fireworks.

NEW MEMBERS

If you would like to become a member of the Fire department, please use this form to apply and send it to the mailing address or email us:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Requirements:

- You have to have a completed 1 year as a resident of Neville Island
- Pass a background check

Qualified applicants will be provided training at the Allegheny County Fire Academy

Fireworks Safety



FIREWORKS are often used to mark special events and holidays. The only safe way to view fireworks is to attend a professional show. With many professional firework shows being canceled this year, it is important to know that **fireworks are not safe in the hands of consumers**. Fireworks cause thousands of injuries each year.

A few ideas to get into the patriotic spirit, without fireworks:

1. Use glow sticks, they glow in the dark and are a safe alternative to a sparkler. Fun for all ages.
2. Loud and proud. Noise makers are sure to make a statement. They can be found at local party supply stores or make your own.
3. Outdoor movie night. Set up a screen and projector. Don't forget the bug spray!
4. Red, white and blue silly string...fun for all ages.
5. Make a patriotic craft with the family.
6. Throw a birthday party for the USA, and don't forget the cake.



FACTS

- ! More than 19,500 reported fires are started by fireworks annually.
- ! Burns account for 44% of the 9,100 injuries treated in emergency rooms seen in the month around July 4.
- ! Half of the fireworks injuries seen at emergency rooms were extremities: hand, finger, or leg. One-third were to the eye or other parts of the head.
- ! Children ages 10–14 had the highest rate of fireworks injury, with more than one-third (36%) of the victims of fireworks injuries under age 15.
- ! Sparklers account for roughly one-quarter of emergency room fireworks injuries.

Source: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) 2018 Fireworks Annual Report



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