



NEVILLE ISLAND GENERAL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Quarterly Newsletter

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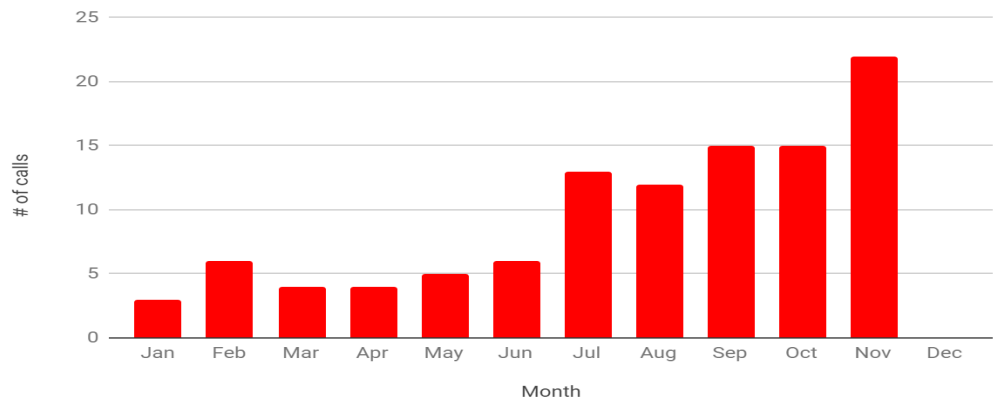
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Fire and River Rescue calls- 2021



CHIEF'S REPORT

As we return to normal and continue to face new variants of the COVID, I urge everyone to be safe and take precautions. Our department continues to function normally in support of our township. I would also like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a merry Christmas and happy new year. As we get into winter be cautious about ice in your driveways and around your house which will cause slippery conditions. As we start to use our gas furnaces in our houses, watch out for the smell of leaking gas and call emergency services if you detect any.

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

Put a **FREEZE** on Winter Holiday Fires

It's fun to decorate for the winter holidays, but holiday decorations can increase your risk for a home fire. As you deck the halls this season, be fire smart.



Half of the home decoration fires in December are started by candles.



More than 1/3 of home decoration fires are started by candles.



Christmas is the peak day for candle fires.



Keep candles at least **12 inches** away from anything that burns.



A dry Christmas tree can burn very hot and very fast.



More than 1 in every 5 Christmas tree fires were caused by a heat source too close to the tree.



Read manufacturer's instructions for the number of light strands to connect.



Make sure your tree is **at least 3 feet away** from heat sources like fireplaces, radiators, space heaters, candles or heat vents. Also, make sure your tree does not block exits.



Get rid of your tree after Christmas or when it is dry.