



# Monthly Newsletter

## February 2013

### What happened?

Here is a breakdown of the hours I spent with Marion County Fire Rescue, Ocala Fire Rescue and Fire Rescue Support last month...

<b>January</b>	
Accidents	5.5
Ceremonies	1.5
CISD	12.0
Counseling	5.5
Fires	3.0
Funeral related	0.0
Hospital visits	3.0
Office	0.0
Incidents	2.0
Meetings	16.5
Station Visits	5.5
Training	2.5
Wedding related	8.0
<b>Monthly total</b>	<b>65.0</b>



**On Scene**

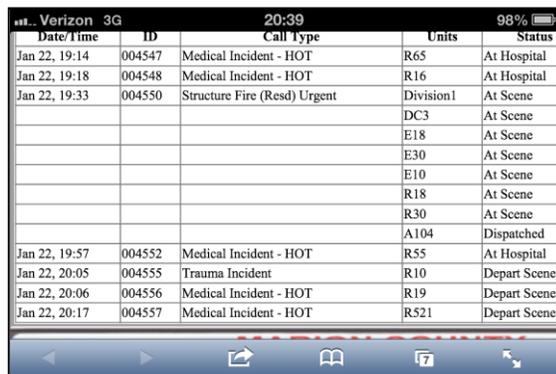
### Call of the Month

The month of January was full of tragedy involving some of the littlest ones among us. On five separate occasions I was called out to follow up with our crews after they dealt with pediatric fatalities.

There is nothing that impacts our personnel more than calls involving children. The stress they are impacted with is significant. Fire rescue personnel are dads and moms; aunts and uncles; grandpas and grandmas. They feel the pain of loss deeply.

Pray for those that serve us. Pray that God would guard their hearts and their minds.

## What's happening now?



Date/Time	ID	Call Type	Units	Status
Jan 22, 19:14	004547	Medical Incident - HOT	R65	At Hospital
Jan 22, 19:18	004548	Medical Incident - HOT	R16	At Hospital
Jan 22, 19:33	004550	Structure Fire (Resd) Urgent	Division1	At Scene
			DC3	At Scene
			E18	At Scene
			E30	At Scene
			E10	At Scene
			R18	At Scene
			R30	At Scene
			A104	Dispatched
Jan 22, 19:57	004552	Medical Incident - HOT	R55	At Hospital
Jan 22, 20:05	004555	Trauma Incident	R10	Depart Scene
Jan 22, 20:06	004556	Medical Incident - HOT	R19	Depart Scene
Jan 22, 20:17	004557	Medical Incident - HOT	R521	Depart Scene

### A-104 on scene

While I spend a good amount of time visiting personnel at station, I also respond to calls when I know our personnel will be there for an extended time. These are the times when the chaplain's role is providing a ministry of presence. As you can see on the screenshot to the left, my radio identifier with Marion County Fire Rescue is A-104. With the City of Ocala, I'm simply Ocala Chaplain.

## What's coming up?

One of my great passions is teaching. I love the opportunity to communicate truth in a way that makes a difference in the lives of others. My usual forum for teaching these days is at Church @ The Springs where I serve as Associate Pastor.

It is my desire to teach in the fire service as well. Specifically, I want to teach current and prospective chaplains how to be more effective with what they do. I also want to teach fire rescue crews about stress management, dealing with grief, how to help their families be successful and leadership.

For this reason, I am taking the necessary steps to become certified as a Florida Fire Instructor. I am currently working with the Bureau of Fire Standards and Training. We will be reviewing my college transcripts to see if my credentials line up with their requirements. I look forward to taking my background in education and laying it alongside of my love for the world of fire rescue.

## Thank you!

Thanks for your interest in and support of Fire Rescue Support. We exist to support fire rescue personnel before, during and after the call. Visit [www.firerescuesupport.com](http://www.firerescuesupport.com) for more information or find us on Facebook. You can click on the images below.

