

THE SAFETY DISPATCH

July, 2024

QUARTER 2, 2024 STATISTICS:

Collisions:

Shift	Preventable	Non-Preventable	Totals
A	8	1	9
B	7	4	11
C	9	4	13
D	5	1	6
Vol	5	1	6
			Total: 45

Injuries:

Total:	102 injuries
Most Common Type:	Sprain Strain (total: 47)
Most Common Body Part Affected:	Shoulder (total: 14)
Most Common Task Being Performed:	EMS Incident (total: 18)
Exposures:	3

GREAT JOB Dayworkers and Volunteers!

-Again – PLEASE remember to use your wheel chocks. This continues to be a 100% preventable potential scenario that MCFRS encounters hundreds of times per day.

-In the wake of MFF Wu's death, it is important to address the cancer prevention things that we CAN do at this point. There is a large push for PFAS free gear, and this is very important. BUT – *how can anyone push for PFAS free gear, wear it to a fire, and then NOT be on air when they should, or NOT properly decon afterwards?* What about 100% compliance with Plym-O-Vents? These are KNOWN ways to expose our bodies to carcinogens. Let's start worrying about all the other important steps, too.

Safety-related Notes:

-Hearing protection. When is the last time you used the hearing protection that is now available on the ambulances? FROMS has noticed more hearing-related issues and MCFRS issues hearing protection. Use it.

-Proper EMS PPE. FROMS has noticed an uptick in exposures on EMS calls. Yes, COVID is 'over', but that doesn't negate the possibility of transmission of COVID and other transmissible diseases from spreading. There have also been more needle-sticks than usual. Please make sure to properly dispose of used needles on EMS units.

-See AC Carrigan's email regarding welfare checks with the police. We do not need to be giving them a full crash course on "Fire Department Forcible Entry: Appropriate Selection and Use of Left-handed Halligan Bars". We can, however, easily provide them with a hydra-ram and give a brief intro on how it works, or just give them a sledge hammer/axe and let them figure it out. Use your best judgement – MCFRS trusts you to do so.

-Crocs and Hey Shoes. Be smart please.

Did you know?:

- [LOOK AT THIS](#) picture of used N95's after overhaul from a battalion 2 fire back in April. Do you want to be breathing that stuff in and exposing your respiratory system to all of that?

- The garden hose in the red decon bucket has a MUCH more appropriate flow for decon than a 1 ½" handline!

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If you have something you would like to contribute for next quarter, please reach out to one of the Safety Officers.