



FGNWC Board of Directors Meeting

August 9, 2023

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Board Members in Attendance: Evelyne Kornreich – Chair, John Lannamann –Vice Chair, Cyd Riede – Membership, Mike Kapalin – Projects, Dave Stout– Law Enforcement, Susan Tebbe - Director-at-Large, Bob Willis – FGRS Liaison

Guests: - Capt Mark Rosser - Fairfield Glade Police Department; Josephine Cassidy and Ray Kratt – Fairfield Glade Fire Department; Phyllis Betz and Steve Lemke - Coordinators

Absent: Phyllis Molnar - Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 8:00AM by Evelyne Kornreich (Chair).

1. **Welcome and Introductions** – Evelyne welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the August 9, 2023 Board Meeting.
2. **Fairfield Glade Fire Department Update (FGFD)** – The FGFD responded to 19 calls in the month of July: 5 were false alarms, 6 EMS assists and 2 non-fire hazardous. Year to date there have been 95 calls compared to 98 this time last year. The final Pancake Breakfast for the year will be held on Saturday, September 2nd from 6:00-11:00am.

Ray Kratt spoke on recent calls the FGFD has received. A homeowner noticed smoke in the house and called 911. Upon entering the home, after a lengthy search, a firefighter moved a sofa where a 50-foot extension cord was discovered plugged into a window air conditioner. The cord the homeowner was using should have only been used on small appliances such as a leaf blower. The cord had been drawing so much heat it had melted and began smoking. People need to be aware that if they use things such as a window air conditioner or a dehumidifier in a crawl space, they must be sure they use a heavy duty 12 gauge wire extension cord and make sure it is the correct length.

Another call made directly to the fire station was for a ‘chirping’ sound from a carbon monoxide alarm indicating low level carbon monoxide was detected. With the call coming in on a non-emergency line, the call was not received until later in the day. The woman was contacted and informed she needs to call 911. Anything dealing with carbon monoxide needs to have a fire engine respond which carries the equipment needed. Carbon monoxide alarms have a lifespan of 7-10 years. If the alarm begins to chirp and continues to chirp even after the batteries have been changed, a new carbon monoxide alarm is needed. If a resident is unsure of possible carbon monoxide present, they need to call 911.

Smoke detector batteries should be changed at least every November. A weak battery will fail in the coldest part of the night and if your battery is weak the alarm will start chirping. It is recommended that once or twice per year residents should clean around smoke detectors and clear out any dust that could be obstructing the sensors. Many smoke detectors are only good for 10 years, whether battery or hard-wired. If a resident has trouble changing the batteries they can call the FGFD non-emergency number for assistance.

3. **Fairfield Glade Police Department Update (FGPD)** – Capt. Rosser mentioned that the recent heavy straight-line winds caused problems in the Wilshire area with downed power and cell phone lines. The FGPD is continuing to prepare for the CALEA recertification at the end of August. A North Carolina police chief will be coming to Fairfield Glade to perform the 2-to-3-day audit. CALEA recertification happens every four years, but various information is submitted on a yearly basis to prevent a mad dash during the fourth year.

Residents continue to complain that not enough citations are being written. The FGPD monthly report shows 244 citations were written in July compared to 140 last year with year-to-date at 1481 compared to 877 in 2022. That is a 78% increase. The next biggest complaint is that too many citations are being written; sorry, but you can't have it both ways. Arrests are up with 11 compared to 4 last year. Year-to-date arrests are up with 49 last year and 81 this year. Many of these arrests are driving on revoked or suspended licenses.

Reports are way up with 102 compared to 50 at this time last year; 392 year-to-date in 2022 with 540 this year. There has been a slight uptick in contractor fraud with unscrupulous handymen. People need to be aware that there is a state law that a contractor cannot charge you more than one-third up-front, unless you agree to more.

Cyd commented how great it is that the FGPD has their own website since we cannot rely on social media for correct information. If information, as it becomes available, could be added to the website, residents would be able to check the FGPD website for accurate and up-to-date information. Capt. Rosser said a 15-year old run-away is their big issue at this time.

4. **Approval of Minutes** – Mike made a motion to approve the July 12, 2023 Board Meeting minutes and the revision to the June 2023 minutes; John seconded and the motion carried.

5. **Fairfield Glade Resident Services (FGRS)** – Bob Willis reported that FGNWC is not part of their 501c3 status. FGRS could receive a donation and pass it on to Neighborhood Watch, but FGNWC is not under their 501c3 status. Cyd made a motion that we close this topic of applying for a 501c3 and continue down our current path of partnering with FGPD and other organizations. Evelyne seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Evelyne has four individuals who have come forward to work on a Focus group which will meet on August 22nd at FGRS at 9:30 to obtain more information and determine what FGNWC's role might be. Every five or ten years, FGRS sends out a survey to get a feel of what the needs are in the FG community. Based on the results of the recent survey, the Focus group will meet to review and discuss the findings. The four individuals who will participate are Susan, John, Jan Priest and Rose Schoonmaker.

6. **Treasurer's Report** – In Phyllis' absence, Evelyne reported deposits had recently been made from the successful bake sale and will be reflected in the checking account next month.

7. **Membership** – Cyd said every few months she will provide the Board with an updated Coordinator list. She continues to work on trying to find coordinators in areas where a coordinator has had to step down. During the bake sale there were some inquiries about the role of Neighborhood Watch and, hopefully, these individuals will agree to become coordinators for their areas.

9. **Old Business** –

- Scam Workshop – Capt. Rosser was pleased with the Scam event, but had hoped for larger attendance. Last year's event drew approximately 100 people where this year only about 60. The event lasted two hours with many questions being addressed. The number of scams is about the same as last year but the dollar amount involved is smaller. If someone requests you pay with a gift card, it is a scam. If you did not initiate the call, do not give out any personal information. When ever you are in question, call the company directly and verify if the call was legitimate. Evelyne reminded everyone that the scammers will continue to use what works for them. They will tweak their presentation just a little bit – rather than just asking if you received your 'new' Medicare card, now they'll ask if you received your new 'plastic' Medicare card. Just enough to catch you off guard to get your personal information.
- Community Fair – Susan said they spoke with eight couples and have given their information to Cyd for follow up. She said the Fair was not as well attended as in the past in her opinion.
- Bake Sale – Mike thanked everyone for a fantastic event. A huge thank you to all the bakers and Board members/volunteers who made this a success. The event raised over \$2,000.
- Safety Day – Thursday, August 31st. Capt Rosser said a change this year will be no vendors present as this is a drive-through event. CarFit will be held from 10:00am-1:00pm and the shredder truck from 10:00-12:00pm at The Square. Drug take-back will also be involved.
- Gun Safety Workshop with the FGPD – the event will take place possibly in November.
- Annual Meeting – all Board members and coordinators should have received an invitation. Cyd has contacted speakers and said light refreshments will be available.
- Neighborhood Watch signs – Evelyne provided an updated list of where current signs are located and thanked everyone for helping to update the information. Evelyne will check with ACC to see if by chance, extra signs were previously purchased and may be stored there.
- Election Committee – Dave will run the election portion of the meeting. At this time, we have someone interested in each position and we will wait to see if anyone else comes forward to run.

10. **New Business** –

- Veterans Memorial Park Benches - Mike has been in contact with Phil Smith who is on the board of the Memorial Park project. They discussed the park, what they currently have and items they are looking to add. One item they would like to add to the park are benches. Mike provided pictures of possible choices. The benches would need to be weather-proof and would be anchored down. Mike asked if Neighborhood Watch would commit to \$800 to help pay for the benches. The question was raised is if this project would be safety related and would fit into our mission statement. Cyd suggested this project be brought up to the coordinators during the Annual Meeting to obtain their comments.
- Elks Veterans – Steve Lemke explained how this committee helps veterans in need of furniture, clothing, etc. This is not in the scope of Neighborhood Watch, but If anyone has items they would like

to donate they can contact Steve Lemke. Monetary donations are accepted (checks addressed to: Cumberland County Elks Lodge 751, with Veterans Committee written on the memo line.)

- Sponsorship – Evelyne asked that the discussion of sponsorships be closed as it is necessary to be a non-profit organization to receive donations from sponsors and FGNWC is not a registered non-profit. Susan seconded and the motion carried.

The next Board meeting will be held on September 13, 2023, 8:00AM, at the FG Police Department. FGNWC Board Meetings are open to all residents.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40AM.

Respectfully submitted: Phyllis Molnar, Secretary

Attachments:

FGFD Major Incident Report

FGPD Monthly Comparison Stats

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Fairfield Glade Police Department Monthly Comparison Stats

		July	July		2022	2023	
		2022	2023		YTD	YTD	
Total Activity/Incidents		2,866	2,639	-8%	20,066	17,900	-11%
EMS Emergency Calls		17	13	-24%	79	64	-19.00%
Residents Assistance		23	19	-17%	195	107	-45%
Home Security Checks		2,570	2,201	-14%	18,018	15,139	-16%
Radar Hours		62	49	-21%	456	488	7%
Traffic Citations Issued		140	244	78%	877	1481	69%
• Speeding		95	123	29%	580	743	28%
• Seat Belt		1	9	800%	8	71	788%
• Suspended/Revoked License		1	4	300%	19	28	43%
• No Insurance		10	16	60%	43	84	95%
• Other		33	92	179%	227	500	120%
Arrests		4	11	175%	49	81	65%
• Domestic Violence		0	1	100%	5	9	80%
• Outstanding Warrants		1	2	100%	11	16	45%
• Theft/Burglary		1	2	100%	1	2	100%
• Suspended/Revoked License		0	2	200%	4	20	400%
• Driving Under the Influence		0	0	0%	10	10	0%
• Other		2	4	100%	18	22	-73%
Reports		50	102	104%	392	540	38%
Other Felony Charges		0	3	300%	4	4	0%
• Burglary Reports		1	0	-100%	10	1	-90%
• Vandalism Reports		0	3	300%	5	8	60%
• Theft Reports		0	3	300%	21	23	10%
• Vehicle Collisions		3	3	0%	22	36	64%
• Alarm Calls		10	39	290%	117	151	29%
• ACC Pet Nuisance Violation		0	0	0%	4	8	100%
Contractor Fraud		0	1	100%	1	4	300%
Asst. the County		1	7	600%	8	65	713%

• Other			35	43	23%	200	240	20%
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Fairfield Glade Fire Department

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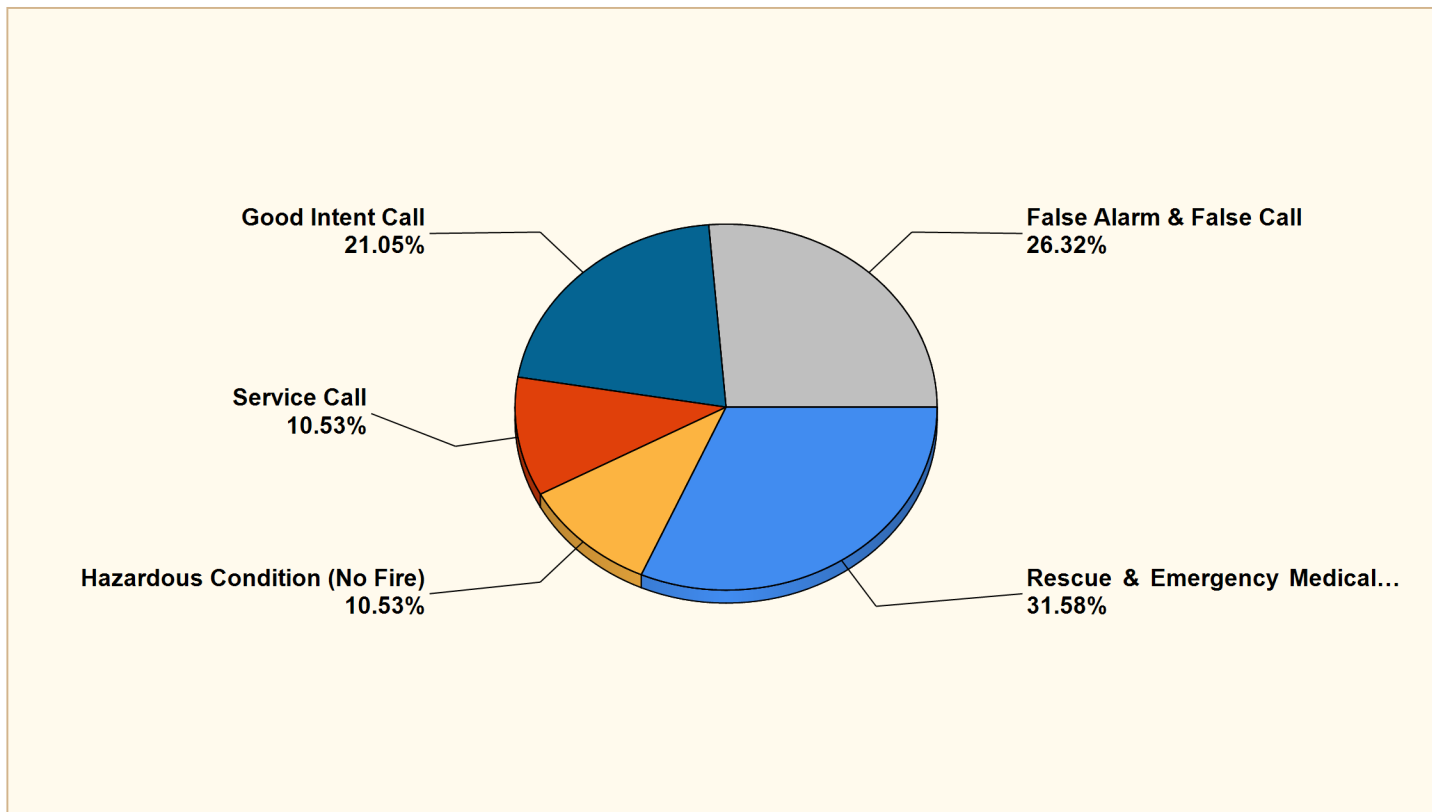
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Fairfield Glade



Breakdown by Major Incident Types for Date Range

Zone(s): All Zones | Start Date: 07/01/2023 | End Date: 07/31/2023



MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	6	31.58%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	2	10.53%
Service Call	2	10.53%
Good Intent Call	4	21.05%
False Alarm & False Call	5	26.32%
TOTAL	19	100%

Only REVIEWED and/or LOCKED IMPORTED incidents are included. Summary results for a major incident type are not displayed if the count is zero.



Detailed Breakdown by Incident Type

INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew	3	15.79%
324 - Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.	1	5.26%
340 - Search for lost person, other	2	10.53%
412 - Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	1	5.26%
441 - Heat from short circuit (wiring), defective/worn	1	5.26%
550 - Public service assistance, other	2	10.53%
611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	4	21.05%
733 - Smoke detector activation due to malfunction	1	5.26%
736 - CO detector activation due to malfunction	1	5.26%
744 - Detector activation, no fire - unintentional	1	5.26%
745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	2	10.53%
TOTAL INCIDENTS:	19	100%

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