

Week of April 13, 2009:

- I was on vacation for part of last week so this is a delayed report.

The following are reports from some of our other departments:

Social Services:

The receptionists logged their **telephone calls** during the month of January, February, and March. The totals and daily averages are listed below.

January 5,038; average 252
February 4,686; average 234
March 4,745; average 216

3 month average 4,823 calls/230 calls a day

The **client numbers** for January, February, and March are as follows:

January 3,478; average 174
February 2,584; average 129
March - 2,793; average 127

3 month average 2,952 clients/141 clients a day

BOARD OF ELECTIONS:

- Work is scheduled to start today to install automatic openers on the front exterior and interior doors leading in and out of the Board of Elections office to make them handicap accessible. We received approval today, Thursday, April 16, 2009, from the State Board of Elections for grant money to help with the cost of the work. Perry Glass will be installing the automatic door openers and Ward & Son will be doing the electrical work.
- The Board members and Staff will be attending a State Elections Conference in Dare County April 19th – 21st. The Elections office will be closed Monday, April 20th and Tuesday, April 21st.
- Janice Browne, Recycling Coordinator, made arrangements to have inmate's assist with the defacing and recycling of over 100,000 old ballots in our office this week.

Clerk to the Board:

The month of March was the best so far for those using the NACo Prescription Drug Discount Card. A total of 286 individuals saved \$13,036.59 on 1,141 prescriptions, an average savings of \$11.43 per prescription off the retail price. This was an increase of \$1,544.35 over the February savings. Since July 2008 when we began participating in the program, Pasquotank County residents have saved a total of \$93,072.05 on 8,566 prescriptions by using the NACo Prescription Drug Discount Card.

Finance Office:

The Finance Office received \$3,504.99 from the North Carolina Department of Revenue's debt setoff program on April 17th. Included in this amount was \$263.37 for delinquent EMS bills. The next notification of debts setoff will be on May 1st.

Central Communications:

Elizabeth City Mayor Atkinson Proclaimed April 12-18 as National Telecommunicator's Week in honor of the men and women whose diligence and professionalism help keep Elizabeth City and its citizens safe. Shift supervisor Bettie Ann Smithson accepted the Proclamation on behalf of the Central Communications Staff.

Ed Conran presented shift supervisor Pam Collins with the 2009 Telecommunicator of the Year Award. Pam's knowledge of the job, her judgment, dependability and cooperation with others is extraordinary.

Crystal Owen received the Emergency Medical Dispatch Award for her overall protocol compliance of 99.41% for the past year. Runner up Amanda Stone had an EMD total compliance score of 97.68%.

Cooperative Extension:

Agriculture

Earth Day events are planned for April 22 via the Extension Center.

Local produce outlets were updated which included 5 area counties.

Fire ant control recommendations are increasing as the weather is changing

Potato variety trials were surveyed during the week.

3 master gardeners gave talks to 44 citizens at a local Presbyterian Church

A pesticide class was conducted for 25 participants.

The corn variety trial was installed at Gray Farms.

A \$2500 grant was received from the NC Soybean Association for GPS documentation of nematodes and field data.

Plans are almost done with the Albe. 4-H Livestock Show and Sale. A final meeting of the board was held on Tuesday.

4-H

13 youth make preparation for 4-H public speaking contests

A team building session was done at Girl's Incorporated

4-H Embryology was initiated at Weeksville and Northside Elementary Schools.

Family and Consumer Sciences

CPR/First Aid class was done where 12 were certified

A Nutrition Program was conducted for 14 seniors at the Senior Center

3 groups were started for youth EFNEP programs

5 groups with 52 youth participated in Eat Smart Move More at day cares.

4 home visits were made with ECSU students.

Volunteer Fire Department Coordinator:

The month of March was mostly the business of preparing for the next Department of Insurance inspection. Providence was re-inspected on March 20, 2009 just over a year from the previous inspection. This was to give them a chance to improve on some parts that rated lower than expected. Everyone made sure all paperwork and equipment were as correct as possible. At the end of the inspection, the inspector said preliminary figures looked very good. Hopefully we'll hear positive final results in about three months.

The other inspection preparation is with Weeksville. We have been filling out paperwork as if the inspection were today. There are still some areas that need improvement and the department will be working on those between now and their re-inspection in July or August. The new Weeksville squad truck is coming along great as you may have seen from pictures in the Weekly Report. The addition of the new squad should help somewhat with their re-inspection. The truck is supposed to be completed around the end of April.

Nixonton is beginning to look over their equipment and figures in preparation for an inspection. They are overdue for one. This will give the department plenty of time to adequately prepare.

We are still working on the Mutual Aid Agreement. The city fire department decided they wanted to make some minor wording changes to prevent the need to make changes as the city grows. We may have the Coast Guard Fire Department making updates to their portion of the agreement. This will cause the completion to be pushed back awhile longer.

I met with Newland Fire Department at their regular monthly meeting.

Here is the summary of the incidents the departments responded to and the training hours for the month of March.

Nixonton:

- 3 Calls cancelled enroute
- 1 Vehicle crash with injuries
- 1 Vehicle fire
- 2 Structure fires
- 34 man hours on incidents
- 17 man hours on training

Weeksville:

- 1 Vehicle accident
- 1 Controlled burn
- 2 Medical assists
- 1 Vehicle fire
- 3 Structure fires
- 103 man hours on incidents
- 182 man hours on training

Providence:

- 2 Vehicle accidents
- 3 Vehicle crashes with injuries
- 2 Calls cancelled enroute
- 1 Good intent call
- 3 Brush fires

1 Service call
1 Detector malfunction
2 Unintentional alarms
83 man hours on incidents
175 man hours on training

Newland:

1 Vehicle accident
1 Vehicle crash with injuries
2 Calls cancelled enroute
3 Medical assists
2 Brush fires
2 Structure fires
1 Illegal burn
3 Unintentional false alarms
62 man hours on incidents
228 man hours on training

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