



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

Agenda Item Number: 3

Agenda Date: April 19, 2022

In Control: Public Safety Committee

DEPARTMENT: San Antonio Fire Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Charles N. Hood, Fire Chief

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Fire Activity within the City

SUMMARY:

Briefing by the San Antonio Fire Department on activity related to structure fires, brush and grass fires, and the Department's wildland fire capabilities.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The City of San Antonio has experienced an increase in fire activity during the first six months of FY 2022 and unfortunately an increase in deaths related to fire. Overall, structure fires for the first six months of FY 2022 (October 2021 to March 2022) totaled 323 which represents an increase of 68 or 27% more than the first six months of FY 2021. The number of fire deaths tragically documented in FY 2022 are 10 for the first six months of FY 2022 with 7 of the 10 deaths since January 1. During the first six months of FY 2021 there were 3 fire related deaths recorded.

Brush and grass fires have seen an increase of 339 in the first six months of FY 2022 or 26% compared to the same period in FY 2021.

The San Antonio Fire Department (SAFD) continues its public education campaign, SCAN, to educate the public on the importance of installing and maintaining working Smoke detectors, avoiding Clutter and hoarding, the importance of having an Action plan in the event of a fire, and checking on Neighbors.

The Fire Department has mutual aid agreements with other municipalities to assist during large fire incidents that occur in neighboring jurisdiction. Additionally, the Fire Department participates in deployments to assist other cities within the State of Texas and in other states. The Public Safety Committee will receive a briefing on the SAFD wildland capabilities.

ISSUE:

Briefing by the San Antonio Fire Department on activity related to structure fires, brush and grass fires, and the Department's wildland fire capabilities. The Department will also provide a briefing on public information outreach efforts.

ALTERNATIVES:

This is a briefing only.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This is a briefing only.

RECOMMENDATION:

This presentation is for informational purposes only.