

**ACTIVITY SUMMARY  
MARCH 2008**

**BELOW IS A LIST OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2008.**

**CALLS FOR SERVICE: THE RICHLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONDED TO 19 CALLS FOR SERVICE DURING THIS TIME PERIOD. THIS BRINGS THE TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE TO 79 FOR 2008; THIS IS 6 CALLS MORE THAN THIS TIME LAST YEAR. THE CALLS FOR SERVICE WERE AS FOLLOWS.**

- 9 - MEDICAL CALLS**
- 4- PI ACCIDENTS**
- 2 - STRUCTURE FIRES**
- 3- ASSISTS TO OTHER DEPTS.**
- 1-VEHICLE FIRE**

**4 OF THE 19 CALLS FOR SERVICE WERE IN THE VILLAGE OF RICHLAND. THIS INCLUDED 3 MEDICAL CALLS, AND 1 PI ACCIDENT.**

**SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: ONE OF THE PI ACCIDENTS INVOLVED THE ENTRAPMENT OF THE DRIVER. THIS WAS A PARCHMENT RESIDENT. HE DIED AT THE HOSPITAL AS A RESULT OF INJURIES SUSTAINED IN THAT CRASH. DURING THE EXTRICATION OF THIS DRIVER, THE "CUTTERS" ON THE JAWS BROKE. THE CUTTER WAS SENT IN FOR REPAIR AND LOANER SET WAS OBTAINED BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.**

**ONE WEEK LATER, A SUBJECT ROLLED OVER THEIR SUV. THE DRIVER WAS PINNED IN. HER HEAD WAS TRAPPED BETWEEN THE GROUND AND THE VEHICLE'S ROOF. EVERY PIECE OF RESCUE EQUIPMENT (INCLUDING THE CUTTERS) WAS USED ON THIS RESCUE. THE DRIVER WAS SUCCESSFULLY EXTRICATED WITHOUT SERIOUS INJURY.**

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**DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH I WAS ASKED TO VERIFY UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS FOR TWO DIFFERENT SITES IN RICHLAND TOWNSHIP. BOTH OF THESE SITES ARE BEING CONSIDERED FOR USE AS COMMUNICATIONS TOWER SITES. I WOULD ASK THE TOWNSHIP BOARD CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE THAT WOULD REQUIRE THAT WHEN A COMMUNICATIONS TOWER IS INSTALLED IN RICHLAND TOWNSHIP THAT A RENT FREE, USABLE, SPOT BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS.**

**THE TOWNSHIP CLERK AND I WENT OVER THE SHORT FALLS IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET FOR 2006 -2007. WE FOUND THAT SEVERAL ITEMS CAUSED THE DEPARTMENT'S BUDGET TO NEED ADJUSTING. ENOUGH MONEY WAS NOT BUDGETED FOR WAGES. ADDITIONALLY, A FIRE TRUCK DROVE THROUGH AN OVER HEAD DOOR WHILE IT WAS COMING DOWN. ALSO, THE DEPARTMENT'S GENERATOR QUIT WORKING. THE GARAGE DOOR AND GENERATOR REPAIRS WERE NOT BUDGETED FOR. THE NUMBER OF CALL HOURS RESULTING IN INCREASED PAYROLL WAS ALSO UNFORESEEN.**

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