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2017 Annual Fire Prevention Report

Public Fire Safety Education—Lt. Lee Mathews

Education Activity*	Students Reached
Elementary School Pre-Visits	13,214
Safety Village Kindergarten Class	7,367
Safety Village 2nd Grade Class	9,968
Safety Village 4th Grade Class	8,659
Safety Village Special Needs Class	191
Total Safety Village Classes	24,645
Corporate Cobb (Drills and Extinguisher Training)	3,426
Senior Safety	195
Senior Blood Pressure Checks	1,043
Special Events	4,252
Car Seat Installed / Inspected	2,922
Smoke Alarms Distributed / Installed	413
Total Citizens / Students Educated	48,872

*--Includes all Cobb County Schools, Marietta City Schools, private schools, and home schools.

Fire Investigations Unit—Chief Fire Investigator Charles Williams

Categories	2016	2017	% Change
Fires in Cobb	1510	1083	-28%
Fires and Incidents Investigated	199	130	-35%
Arrests	4	8	100%
Referral to Juvenile Fire Setters Program	14	3	-79%
Fire Fatalities	3	6	100%
Fires Ruled Accidental	37	38	3%
Fire Ruled Incendiary	37	27	-27%
Fire Ruled Undetermined	101	62	-39%
Outdoor Burning Citations	40	41	3%
Estimated Fire Loss	\$21,262,054	\$18,534,177	-12%

Fire Marshal's Office—Division Chief Jay Westbrook

<i>New Construction Activities</i>	2016 Totals	2017 Totals	% Change
Consultation Meetings	159	94	-41%
Plan Reviews Completed (Fh + filenet/onestop/PLANREVU)	5,090	5,421	7%
Zoning Case Reviews (PZA)	236	210	-11%
Permits Issued (Plans Approved Requiring FS Code Release)	1,753	1,780	2%
Sprinkler Division Inspections Completed	3,142	3,696	18%
Life Safety Releases Requiring Sprinkler Release	933	1,087	17%
New Construction Life Safety Inspections Completed	5,745	6,388	11%
TOTAL New Construction Inspections	8,887	10,084	13%
Total REQUESTED New Construction Inspections	7,812	9,104	17%
Permits Closed (Life Safety Releases Issued)	1,523	1,660	9%
Permit Closure Rate	87%	93%	7%

Existing Building Activities	2016	2017	%
	Totals	Totals	Change
Existing Building Initial Inspections (Non-Re-Inspection)	1,496	1,431	-4%
Existing Building Re-Inspections	1,092	1,072	-2%
Total Existing Building Inspections Completed	2,588	2,503	-3%
Sprinkler Activation Inspections Completed	100	155	55%
Fire Code Complaints Closed	487	489	0%
Legal Warnings and Citations ¹ (Mainly Burn Related)	1,583	1,654	4%

Administrative Specialist Activities	2016	2017	%
	Totals	Totals	Change
Phone Calls Total	11,704	12,526	7%
Phone Calls Average Per Day	48	50	4%
Plan Review Appointments Entered	5,090	5,421	7%
New Const. Inspections Scheduled	8,887	10,084	13%
Permits Entered	1,753	1,780	2%
Code Releases Processed	1,523	1,660	9%
On-line Plan Review Requests	638	2,468	287%
Open Records Requests	401	430	7%
Fines and Fees Collected	\$640,124.05	\$773,865.79	21%

¹—Includes Fire Lane Citations and Outdoor Burning Citations issued by Fire Investigations Unit.