

THE SAFETY DISPATCH

April, 2024

QUARTER 1, 2024 STATISTICS:

Collisions:

<u>Shift</u>	<u>Preventable</u>	<u>Non-Preventable</u>	<u>Totals</u>
A	5	1	6
B	7	3	10
C	9	2	11
D	6	0	6
Vol	2	2	4
			Total: 37

Injuries:

Total:	95 injuries
Most Common Type:	Sprain/Strain (total: 26)
Most Common Body Part Affected:	Lower Back (total: 12)
Most Common Task Being Performed:	EMS Incident (total: 41)
Exposures:	17

GREAT JOB Volunteer crews with only two preventable collisions this quarter!

-It is **EXTREMELY** important that **WHEEL CHOCKS** are used. Please refer to AC Butsch's emails on 2/15 and 3/5 regarding wheel chock use as well as the new [parking brake check-out procedure](#).

-In addition to injuries, MCFRS continues to see new cancer diagnoses. Cancer screenings are becoming more and more common and may be one of the threads by which we can close the gap between cancer and early deaths.

Please screen yourselves for cancer. **Please** wear your SCBA and promptly [decon](#) after every fire. (source: [MCFRS ICHERM](#)) **Please** donate blood/plasma at regular intervals. [NIH Study](#).

Safety-related Notes:

-Please see AC Ogren's email from 3/30/2024 regarding the temporary removal of three additional ambulance parking spots at SGAH. When leaving the hospital, **you MUST use a back-up person!**

-THANK YOU for your continued patience and for exercising care while maneuvering around each other.

-Another note about **WHEEL CHOCKS** – if there is a collision with minor to moderate damage as a result of NOT using a wheel chock, the BARE minimum points you will be assessed are **4** for severity and **6** for preventability. That's a minimum of TEN POINTS. If you run over a wheel chock because you forgot to pick it up, it will be an entirely different story.

-At-fault "mirror slaps" with other vehicles continue to be **FAR** too common in MCFRS. When in doubt, slow down, wait for traffic to clear, or use a spotter.

Did you know?:

-Click [HERE](#) for a quick one-pager about our turnout hoods. Credit to Lt. St John and BC Ramacciotti for the fantastic real-world information.

AC Jones Capt. Weimer Capt. Neal Capt. Henry Capt. Stahley

If you have something you would like to contribute for next quarter, please reach out to one of the Safety Officers.