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MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 7, 2021
 TO: Mayor and Assembly
 FROM: Michael Brown, Borough Manager
 RE: Manager's Weekly Post

4th of July Weekend Emergency Responses: During the 4th of July holiday weekend the Department of Emergency Services responded to four wildland fires, one structure fire, two plane crashes, one drowning incident, and multiple motor vehicle accidents with one resulting in a fire and a fatality.

There was excellent coordination between Mat-Com, Alaska State Troopers, MATSAR Search & Rescue, Department of Forestry, and Alaska Dive Search Rescue & Recovery Team. Very special thanks to all our on-call responders who worked during these emergencies while taking time away from their families over the holiday; many worked long hours on some very challenging emergencies. All departments worked seamlessly together covering each other as needed.

The Emergency Operation Center (EOC) was activated for the first time in its new location. Within 15 minutes, the EOC was staffed and operational; in years past activation could take two to three hours.

Fire / Rescue / EMS Responses

<u>Stations</u>	<u>Fire</u>	<u>Rescue</u>	<u>Total</u>
Sutton	0	1	1
Butte	5	4	9
Central	19	13	32
West Lakes	7	7	14
Talkeetna	2	3	5
Willow	6	5	11
Caswell	3	0	3
Water Rescue	0	1	1
	42	34	76
EMS			82
Total for all Responses*			158

*Multiple departments responded to a few of the same incidents so the total number of calls is slightly less

Number of Foreclosures Reduced: The Borough is beginning the foreclosure process for the delinquent fiscal year 2019 real property tax accounts and the delinquent 2020 local improvement district accounts. In the past, the number of delinquent tax accounts at the beginning of the process was approximately 2,000 – 2,500. COVID delayed the normal start of the process from January. If we had started the action in January, we would have seen almost 1,100 accounts move into foreclosure, which is significantly less than prior years.

The process is now moving forward with only 583 delinquent accounts slated to go into the court petition phase.

Public Affairs Media Flyover:

Hazard Mitigation

- [6 properties destroyed along Matanuska River as part of erosion-threatened buyout](#)

Outdoors

- [Mosquitos in higher numbers this year than usual](#)

Nonprofit

- [Mat-Su Health Foundation elects 3 new board members which includes a former MSB Assembly Member](#)

Natural Resource Development

- [Orutsararmut Native Council challenging Donlin Water Quality Certificate in Court](#)
- [Proposed gravel pit in Meadow lakes a source of concern for some Meadow Lakes residents](#)

Emergency Response

- [Local and state firefighters quick actions stop Lichen Fire from spreading on Independence day](#)

Notable Borough Facebook Posts for June 2021

- [Wildland fire of Lichen Drive on July 4 \(11,723 reached\)](#)
- [Houston High School Ground Breaking \(17K reached\)](#)

Future Events:

- Houston High School Groundbreaking, July 15, 2021 at 11am, 12801 Hawk Lane