February 12, 2020

Dear Pasadena Elementary School Families:

Several of you expressed interest in learning more last week when the county Fire Department released a video of a recent fire set in the Dumpster at our school. I want to thank those of you who responded to the Fire Department’s call for more information.

Today, the Fire Department issued a release indicating that several juveniles have been charged with not only the fires set on our school property, but several others as well. The release, which is attached to this letter, provides the publicly available information with regard to the incidents.

Please know that none of the incidents has disrupted our school operations. I appreciate those of you who have expressed concern about that.

If you have additional information that could assist fire officials in their efforts, please contact them at the numbers on the release.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Quirino
Principal

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Media Release

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Contact: Captain Russ Davies
410-222-8305 (Office)
410-222-8746 (Media Line)

**Motor Vehicle Collision- Pasadena (Fairwood)**

**Date:** Wednesday, February 12, 2020
**Time:** 2:42 a.m.
**Location/Address:** 4400 Mountain Road, Pasadena, MD 21122
**Type of Incident:** Motor vehicle collision
**Injuries or Deaths:** A Maryland State Police medevac helicopter transported a 56-year-old female to the R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center with injuries that were serious but not believed life-threatening.

**Assisting Fire Departments and Agencies:** Maryland State Police Aviation Command

**Additional Information:** Firefighters responded to a reported motor vehicle collision with an occupant trapped in the 4400 block of Mountain Road. Responders located a single-vehicle accident involving a sedan that left the roadway, struck a utility pole and apparently rolled over several times. The 56-year-old female driver and only occupant of the vehicle was trapped until extricated by firefighters in about 30 minutes. A Maryland State Police medevac helicopter landed at the Lake Shore Athletic Complex and flew the patient to the R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center with injuries that were serious but not believed life-threatening.

**(Update) Dumpster Fire- Severna Park**

The Anne Arundel County Fire Department is seeking the public’s help in identifying the persons believed responsible for an arson fire involving a dumpster at the Pasadena Elementary School on January 30th.

On January 30th at approximately 2:40 a.m. firefighters responded to a dumpster fire at the Pasadena Elementary School, located at 401 Pasadena Road. The dumpster was located away from any structures and quickly extinguished.

Firefighters notified members of the Anne Arundel County Fire Department Fire and Explosives Investigation Unit. Through their investigation, they obtained evidence and the video. It is believed that the persons in the video may be responsible for other small, outside fires in the area.
This is an active criminal investigation. Investigators are requesting that anyone with home video recording systems or who may have seen anything unusual in that area that morning or knows the identities of the persons in the video to contact them. They may be contacted at the TIPS line at (410)222-TIPS or by using the online form. Individuals may remain anonymous using either means of contact.

**Update, February 12th**

Fire investigators received an anonymous tip following the release of the video from Pasadena Elementary School. The anonymous tip in combination with physical evidence collected from the scene resulted in three juveniles being charged with arson in relation to several fires in the area:

- February 2- Fire set to the exterior of a church
- February 2 - Gasoline pours set on fire across the Pasadena Elementary basketball court
- January 30- Dumpster Fire Pasadena Elementary
- January 30- Pile of Leaves on the church playground
- January 6- Burned playground equipment at the church playground
- January 4 - Small fire at set at the exterior of a church
- December 12 - Butterfly Box burned at the church playground

The fires caused several thousand dollars worth of damage but there were no injuries.

This remains an active and open investigation. Anyone who has information or is aware of previously unreported fires in the area are encouraged to contact investigators. They may be contacted at the TIPS line at (410)222-TIPS or by using the online form. Individuals may remain anonymous using either means of contact.