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HFD informs residents about hydrant regulations

Hinesville, GA— The Hinesville Fire Department has noticed increased obstruction to fire hydrants during its semi-annual fire hydrant testing period and several fire-related incidents. Fire hydrants should be accessible at all times to gain immediate access to firefighters in case of emergency but officials are having issues with residents blocking hydrants.

“It is extremely important to maintain at least a 3-foot clearing around the circumference of the hydrants,” Capt. Andra Hart said. “This allows fire fighting operations to be conducted quickly and efficiently by hooking the water supply to the hydrants during structure fires without inference. Shrubs, trees or anything else that could create an obstruction cause delays in our efforts to begin firefighting operations as quickly as possible which can result in loss of life or major structural damage to the property.”

According to the International Fire Code 2012 Edition 507.5.4, unobstructed access to fire hydrants shall be maintained at all times. A fire department shall not be deterred or hindered from gaining immediate access to fire protection equipment or fire hydrants. A 3 foot clear space shall be maintained around the circumference of fire hydrants. It also prohibits planting flowers, shrubs, trees or anything else that may cause an obstruction around the fire hydrants and cause a delay in fire ground operations.

With the cooperation of residents in the community, HFD will be able to continue to uphold its commitment to safeguarding lives, property and the environment through preparedness, prevention and response to emergency incident. To learn more about fire education, visit the department’s webpage at www.cityofhinesville.org/fire or call (912) 876-4143.

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Obstructed fire hydrant causes a delay to efforts to begin fire fighting operations as quickly as possible which can result to loss of life or major structural damage to the property.



Before and after photos of a fire hydrant that was blockaded at a residence in Hinesville.

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